

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

Welcome to Our Parish!



Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

The Holy Rosary is recited 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

Confession Times

Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. to noon.

Confessions available Monday to Thursday by appointment.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Saturday: Immediately following 9 a.m. Mass until 12 noon in the Marian Chapel.

Vocations

Father James Fleming: jjfleming@gmail.com

All Masses are live-streamed on

www.basilicafoundation.ca,

or on our parish website: www.thebasilica.church

Please, contact us at:

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LET US KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prayers for the Sick:

Theresa Bruce, Madge McDonald, Patricia Quigley,
Mary Rice, Donna Power, Charlie Conway,
Florence Earle, Mary Ann Lewis, Isabella Dye,
Catherine Butler, Madonna Wheeler, Isabel Goodridge,
Patrick Redmond, Debbie Lucas,
Rick Cooper, Faith Nuna, Christopher Anthony,
Father Philip Melvin, John O'Dea, Sister Margie Taylor, Gerald
Murphy, Rosemary Butt, Esther Lane,
Yvonne Steiner, Denise Carter, Norma Saunders,
Cathy Melee, Tony Skinner, Robert Redmond,
Betty Redmond, Sister Roisin Gannon, Brenda Skanes,
Malcolm & Mary White, Larry Whitten,
Donald O'Neill, Agnes Hewitt, Anne Lilly,
John & Edward, Margie Lawlor, John Aylward,
Harold Saunders, Terry Williams, Mary Kelly,
Margaret Ryan, Albert Williams, Gerard Quigley,
Karen Bearns, Nicole Cutler, Sister Elizabeth Davis,
Mary O'Neill, Jason Walsh, Inez Marche, Glen Benson, Harold
Hancock, Gary Daley, Martha Ward,
Mary McCarthy, Sister Lorraine Power, Bob Melee,
Ed O'Leary, Don Rolfe, Jamie Halleran, Albert Rosariu,
Rose Barrett, Judy Oliver, Julia Nash, Jenita Norman, Devin
Johnson, Mary Margaret Hanrahan,
Josephine Woodfine, A. Kenny, Rita Parsons,
Nicolas Alacoque, Blanche Wells,
Joe Baker, Robert Pitcher, Mary McCarthy,
Bridget Hughes, Dean Abbott,
Paula Squires, Rose Barrett, Rose Mackey, Susan Cooper
Gerald Tilley, Mary O'Neil, Joe Barry, Donny Kielly

Parish Team

Archbishop of St. John's

Most Reverend Peter J. Hundt

Rector, Parish Priest

Very Reverend Cecil Critch, P.P., V.G.

Music Director: Ms. Patty Fowler

THIS COMING WEEK IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

(DFM-deceased family members)

Monday

9:00 a.m. Mass for: Margaret Roach, members of the Musculino and Charette families, Thomas and Margaret Butland

Tuesday –

9:00 a.m. Mass for: Fred Tulk, Sr., Stephen, Carmel and John Handrigan, Raymond Murphy

ASH Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Mass for: 9AM- Robert and Margaret Drake, Reuben Warren, Catherine Smart

11am with St. Bonaventure’s College School Community (all welcome)

7pm -Peggy and Ernie Reid, Seamous O’Reagan, Sr., Bradley and Adam Cheeseman

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Marie Gregory, Sarah and Dennis Gregory, Ray Nichol,

Friday

9:00 a.m. Martin Boland, Geraldine Bouzane, Irene Baird

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Saturday -

9:00 a.m. Cherry Greene, Gerry Bishop, Ralph Gough

5:00 p.m. , Fabian O’Dea, Molly Donovan, Robert Jordan

Sunday – First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Marie Whelan, Andrew Macdonald, Bernice Caule

11:00 a.m. Mass for the intentions of all parishioners

7:00 p.m. Mass for: Jim Foley, Brendan Dutton and deceased family members, Yvonne Goodland



P A R I S H E X P E N S E S

	Per Year	Per Month
Rent (including utilities)	\$360,000.00	\$30,000.00
Salaries & Benefits, Staff	\$180,000.00	\$15,000.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$102,195.72	\$ 8,516.31
Insurance (tenants, liabilities)	\$ 63,962.40	\$ 5,330.20
Office & Church Supplies	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$766,158.12	\$63,846.51
Total Needed Per Week	\$ 14,733.81	Collections-5478.00 other: 2702.00 online donations- 2646.61
Collections This Week:	---	
Other Income This Week:	-	
Electronic Donations Electronic	-	
Total This Week:	10,826.61 (-3,907.20)	

The continuing operation of the Cathedral Basilica Parish is dependent on all of our parishioners remembering to donate towards the daily operations of our Parish. The MAIN source of revenue is from the collections/donations of EVERYONE who attends Masses, *as well as our online viewers*. All collections for the Parish go **directly to our daily operating costs**. We have tap machines, parish envelopes, on-line donations, automatic deposits, as well as collection baskets. **Another very convenient option for your donation is by E-TRANSFER (basilicafinance@rcsj.org)**. *If you would like to receive a box of offertory envelopes, please feel free to drop in to the Parish Office. Also, please know that your donation (large or small) makes a significant difference to us.*

Please support our Advertisers (listed on the last page of this bulletin).

Also, please support **Cowan Plaza BINGO**

They regularly support our Parish, as well as the following:

Emmaus House Food Bank, **Cystic Fibrosis Canada**, **Our Lady Queen of Families Parish**,
Health Care Foundation, Cancer Care Foundation, and Holy Trinity Parish.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS THE BEGINNING OF THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the Liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery (the death and resurrection of Jesus) by the various stages of Christian initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance for the greatest feast of the year, Easter. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through 40 days of closer attention to God's Word and of fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. The Church encourages

*penitential practices that are external and social. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the central practices of Lent. Ashes are the central symbol for Ash Wednesday. During Ash Wednesday services, a priest or minister applies ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of worshipers, often while reciting the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" or Repent and believe in the Gospel. The ashes, typically made from the burned palm branches of the previous year's Palm Sunday, symbolize grief over sin, humility before God, and the hope found in Christ's sacrifice on the cross. **Basilica Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday: 9AM, 11AM, and 7PM; Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7PM.***

SPECIAL SEMINARIAN STUDIES COLLECTION: February 14th – 15th 2026: We are blessed to have a young man, **Evan Chafe**, studying for the Priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, and to have several other men seeking to discern whether God may be calling them to a priestly vocation. The annual academic costs paid by the Archdiocese for each seminarian studying in a seminary is in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). To assist in covering seminary education costs, a special "**Seminarian Studies Collection**" is being taken up in all the parishes of the Archdiocese on the **weekend of February 14th – 15th**. Envelopes marked "Seminarian Studies Collection" will be distributed to each parish for use in this collection. Donations can also be made online at www.rcsj.org (click on the "donate" header and in completing the donation form, indicate that your donation is to "Seminarian Studies"). Your financial assistance in paying the costs of preparing men for the priesthood in our Archdiocese is greatly appreciated.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The St. John's Diocesan Council of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada warmly invites you and members of your parish to participate in our upcoming **Share Lent Workshop**, *On Track for Justice*.

This regional gathering is open to **members of DPCC and all those interested in social justice**. Participants will hear from **Anne Catherine Kennedy and Normand Comte**, Program Officers for Latin America, who will share insights from their work with partner organizations featured in our recent campaign, *Turn Debt into Hope*, as well as our upcoming campaign, *On Track for Justice*. This workshop offers an opportunity to deepen your understanding of global justice issues, engage with Development and Peace's mission, and connect with others committed to faith-based social action. Saturday, **February 7, 2026** from **9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **In person** at **Our Lady Queen of Families Parish**, Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl. **Virtually** via Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/ShareLentnl> **Registration and information:** To register or for more information, please contact **Patricia Walsh Warren**, Regional Animator for Newfoundland and Labrador, pwalsh@devp.org. The workshop will be hosted in person by the members of the St. John's Diocesan Council with members from the Corner Brook and Labrador and Grand Falls Dioceses joining virtually. It will be an opportunity to share knowledge with and draw strength from others in our movement. Please, if at all possible, have a member of your parish pastoral council participate in our workshop so they can bring their experience back to your parishioners to share. It would also be greatly appreciated if the information about the workshop could be shared in your parish bulletin and social media.

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SAVE THE DATES:

The Basilica will again this year host a Women's and Men's Lent Mission Retreat. Men's Lent Retreat- Friday Night and Saturday , March 20th and March 21st , 2026 Women's Len Retreat- Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th details about registration and speakers in next week's bulletin



Basilica Parish St. Patrick's Day 50/50 Fundraiser

We have begun our 50/50 ticket Winter fundraiser. The prize is 20,000 -2 draws of \$10,000 each (if we sell all the tickets.) Please buy a ticket or sign out some tickets and sell them to your family or friends and at work. (seller's Prize 2 @ \$250.00) Return the money and the stubs to the parish volunteers. The draw date is St Patrick's Day (March 17th, 2026).

Please help make this fundraiser a success.

JOB OPPORTUNITY* *Cleaning Services Needed – Cathedral Basilica Foundation NL

The Cathedral Basilica is seeking a reliable individual, or company, to provide regular cleaning services. We are looking for someone with strong attention to detail and pride in their work. This is a paid opportunity in a large and active heritage building.

Staff Change: Job Opportunity

As part of the Archdiocese's ongoing restructuring, the separate Receptionist and Financial Accountant positions at the Cathedral Basilica Parish have been eliminated. The Receptionist position was held by Geraldine Boland, and we sincerely thank her for her service to the Parish. The Financial Accountant position has been vacant for a number of months.

A new, singular, Office Administrator position has been created to better support the Parish's administrative and financial needs moving forward. During the transition, Basilica Parish office hours will be Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

The job posting for the Office Administrator position is available on the Archdiocesan website www.rcsj.org (Employment Opportunities) and on Career Beacon.

Charitable Tax Receipts

We are working hard to get your 2025 charitable tax receipts ready! However, receipts will not be available until the end of February/first week of March. If you have given to our parish through our website, you have already received your receipt via email – please check your inbox for email from *Canada Helps*. Many thanks for your continued support!



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