

The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

200 Military Road, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, A1C 2E8



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT , FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Weekend Masses: During Lockdown: 9:00AM Sundays Live streamed and posted on youtube

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Monday, Feb 22- The Chair of Peter, Tuesday: Feb 23- St. Polycarp

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: During Lockdown 11AM-12PM daily Live Streamed.

Music Rehearsals: All on ZOOM

Reconciliation: By Appointment (During Lockdown Confessions will be held in the Parking Lot-Phone ahead)

Sacrament of Baptism: Preparation Course is to be completed before the Sacrament is celebrated.

Sacrament of Marriage: At least six months notice must be given.

Mass at Bonaventure Retirement Home: Third Thursday of each month

Prayer...we ask that you remember the sick of our parish: ***Clementine Atkins, Peggy Reid, Peggy Walsh, Kevin Dormody, Jim Foley, Chris Gulliver, Mary Rice, David Fleming, Theresa Bruce, Imelda Windsor, Mary Aylward, Donald Randy Sparkes, Margaret Parsley***

Lord, comfort them in their time of sickness and bless those who care for them.

If you would like to have a friend / family member named in the Bulletin & remembered at our Eucharistic celebrations please ask their permission and call the Parish Office @ 754-3170) or email basilica@rcsj.org by Wednesday noon.

Message of Pope Francis for Lent, 2021

2021 <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2021/02/12/210212a.html>

Parish Team

Archbishop of St. John's:
Most Reverend Peter J. Hundt
Rector, Parish Priest:
Father Cecil Critch, P.P., V.G.

Secretary: Anne Carew
Music Director: Patty Fowler
Custodian: Brian Penney

Welcome to St. John the Baptist Parish

We welcome all newcomers to worship with us. If you would like to register with our parish, please complete the census forms at the back of the Church and place them in the collection next weekend, or drop them off at the parish office.

Parish Office

Tel: 754-2170 | Fax: 754-5608
Open Monday – Friday
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m.
E-mail: basilica@rcsj.org
www.thebasilica.ca

Prayer to Know My Vocation

... Lord, I want to be happy in this life and spend eternity with You in the life to come. From the first moment of my existence, You knew my vocation. Please help me discover Your plan for my life. Help me to know myself. Help me to overcome my fears. Help me to want what You want. Help me to trust You completely. Send Your Holy Spirit into my mind and heart so, I can see the gifts You have given me and hear Your call to serve the Church. Increase my desire to bring others to You and to help them reach heaven. Mary, Most Holy Mother of God, pray for me, that I can discover my vocation and have the courage to respond in faith. AMEN

"Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for."

If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father James Fleming at jjfleming@gmail.com.

The Encounter Program is NOW ONLINE at the Basilica: Encounter IS OPEN TO ANY PARISHIONER 18 AND OVER..THE ADULT FAITH PROGRAM: is made up of two separate programs you have the option of experiencing:

ALPHA- a video series with small group discussion and faith sharing. **The discussion time is an opportunity for people to respond to the talk, hear from others, and contribute their own perspective in an honest, friendly, and open environment. Alpha is a safe space to encounter God and to develop, share and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. It will be a 10-week long program.**

DISCOVERY- A small-group faith sharing experience for those who have completed Alpha. It is a safe space to share and deepen your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ. It will be a 7-week long program. **MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION:**

encounterbasilica.wildapricot.org or encounter.basilica@gmail.com

OUR LENTEN MISSION FROM THE BASILICA ONLINE AT thebasilica.ca or thebasilica.net

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S LENTEN MISSION- "Led Through the Desert" will be held at the Basilica from February 21-24. It will be led by the RAFT (Redemptorist Adult Faith Team-Fr. Tony Bidgood; Fr. David Louch and Dr. Anne Walsh. Mission Talks each night at 7PM. It will be live streamed at thebasilica.net, or thebasilica.ca. Adoration will take place virtually on Tuesday night Feb. 23 after the mission talk. The Mission Mass will be held on Wed. Feb 24th at 7PM. Collection for Gathering Place will take place online (thebasilica.ca). Please be generous in your alms giving. Thank you!!

Experiencing Prayer and Spiritual Conversations- This six-session on-line Lenten series will guide participants to encounter Jesus and deepen our baptismal commitment through the use of Ignatian spiritual prayer practices. The sessions will involve meeting the Lord Jesus in familiar scripture passage made fresh and relevant through reading, reflecting, Ignatian imaginative prayer, contemplation, and sharing. The sessions will be led by Fr. Earl Smith SJ and Fr. Charlie Pottie, SJ., both seasoned Jesuits and Ignatian spiritual guides. The sessions will be on Thursdays in Lent: February 18, 25, March 04, 11, 18, & 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. NST. Matthew 17:1-9 *Transfiguration*; John 4:5-42. The Samaritan Woman at the Well, John 9: 1-41-The man born blind; John 11: 1-45- The Raising of Lazarus from the dead.; Matthew 21: 1-11-Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.If you are interested, send a note to our dedicated e-mail address experiencingprayer@queenscollegenl.ca There is no charge. This is a collaboration between Queen's College and the Jesuit Community in NL.

DURING THE LOCKDOWN, THE BASILICA STILL HAS TO BE MAINTAINED. WE OFFER MASS ON LINE EACH DAY AT 9:00AM. YOU CAN DONATE TO THE PARISH ONLINE (thebasilica.ca) by credit card. You can make a one time donation or a recurring donation each week. Or: You can also have your donation done by direct deposit. (There is a form to fill out for direct deposit.) You will receive a tax receipt for all online donations. You can also attach your donation to an envelope number and get a tax receipt for each donation. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH. YOUR DONATIONS GO SOLELY FOR THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE PARISH-HEAT, LIGHT, SALARIES, ETC.

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR AN INTENTION- SEE thebasilica.ca
You can also request a candle to be lit at the Basilica for your intention.

Collections for SUNDAY, February 14th

Sunday Offertory ... \$1,095.00; Ash Wed- 30.00; Votive Candles ... \$16. 45

*Acknowledged with many thanks.
Your continued support of the Basilica Parish is greatly appreciated.*

It takes on the average about \$10,103.00 per week to operate the Basilica-Cathedral Parish, please consider making an extra donation in your envelopes in the weeks ahead.

DID YOU KNOW? ... If you attend weekend Mass at a church other than your own Parish Church and use your parish envelope for your weekly offering, will be returned to your own Parish.

Consider using pre-authorized payment (direct deposit). If you would like to use that method, complete the necessary form available at the entrances to the church. Thank you.

Weekly Reflection

Baptism makes us adopted children of God and sharers in the divine nature.

Heavenly Father, give us the grace of our Baptism. By being prophet, priest and king, help us to be transformed within and respond to your grace in us as we transform the world around us.

Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. It was created by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1967.

Become a Member or renew your membership

Development and Peace is a democratic social movement that supports partners in the Global South. Development and Peace builds awareness in Canada about the causes of poverty in the world and invites Canadians to participate in actions that bring about change.

Membership Means:

- ⌋ being part of an international movement for social justice
- ⌋ adding your voice to those who work for justice and peace.
- ⌋ being invited to participate in local education and fundraising initiatives
- ⌋ participating and voting at regional assemblies.

You can sign up on our website, www.devp.org or contact our local animator, Patricia Walsh Warren – pwalsh@devp.org

This year's SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN theme is: SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT. DONATE: (devp.org/sharelent)

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY 2021 IS MARCH 21.

FORMED.ORG (NETFLIX FOR CATHOLICS) -You can still access FORMED from your computer. It is free. You can see the best in Catholic movies, and children's programming, as well as learning about your Catholic Faith. There are Bible Studies, sacramental preparation resources, documentaries, lives of the saints, talks from leading Catholic experts..HOW TO ACCESS FORMED:- 1. GO to formed.org, 2. Press Sign Up 3. choose Sign up as a parishioner 4. Put in The Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and then follow the directions to put in your email...etc... enjoy for free

Chalice is a Canadian Catholic Charity which sponsors children in poorer countries. It has been named a top charity in International Aid and Development by both Maclean's and Moneysense for 2020 as well as previous years. Chalice works in impoverished communities to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. Education is the first and most important step in breaking the cycle. Too often, children must skip class or drop out of school to carry water, care for siblings, or earn money for their families. Sponsorship gives children the support needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and stay in school, and allows families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion. Education gives every child the opportunity to shine. www.chalice.ca 1800 776 6855 (centre for Chalice is located in Nova Scotia. **CHECK OUT CHALICE AND SPONSOR A CHILD IN NEED.**

Good activity sites for children for Ash Wednesday and Lent

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2015/02/ash-wednesday-liturgy-prayers-and-craft.html>

<https://www.catholicicing.com/>

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DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY & MINISTRY OFFERED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE

Are you interested in learning more about your faith and growing in understanding of it? The Archdiocese of St. John's offers a two-year Diploma in Theology and Ministry through Queen's College. One weekend each month for two years, you will gather with a group of believers who are curious and committed to explore many areas of theology under with the help of qualified, committed, faithful facilitators. For more information, contact Anne Walsh at (709) 579-0065, ext 227, or amfwalsh@gmail.com

THE CENTRE FOR LIFE offers free, confidential, professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling. Please email counsellors@centreforlife.ca (709) 579-3818, Linda Holden (709) 579-1500 for more information.

RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE offers individual, couple & family counselling. Group offerings: For more information on the services available please call 579-0168, or go to www.rcsj.org

Repent and Believe the Good News.



