

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

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT , MARCH 14, 2021

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Weekend Masses: During Alert Level 4: 9:00AM Sundays Live streamed and posted on you tube

Weekday Masses: During Lock down: 9:00 AM each day, Live streamed and posted on you tube

Wednesday, March 17- St. Patrick; March 18th- St. Cyril;

Friday, March 19th St. Joseph-Patron of Canada and the Universal Church

BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 15TH FROM 11AM UNTIL 1PM, THE BASILICA WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER, MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE GATHERING IS 10, YOU CAN SIGN IN AT THE RAMP DOOR.

Music Rehearsals: All on ZOOM

Reconciliation (Confessions) : By Appointment -HELD NOW IN THE SACRISTY.

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



From March 19th, 2021 the Feast of St. Joseph until June, 25th, 2022, the Vatican has announced that this Year will be dedicated to the Family and a year of reflection on “AMORIS LAETITIA” (THE JOY OF LOVE) the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis on Love and the Family. The year will end with the 10th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES HOSTED IN ROME, JUNE 25th, 2022.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH-

December 8, 2020 until December 8, 2021 will be dedicate to St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of Canada.

On Friday, March 19, and live streamed from the Basilica, Archbishop Peter Hundt will celebrate a special Mass at 9AM at which there will be the Act of Consecration to St. Joseph.

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.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL



You can drop off your envelopes in the mail slot at the Parish Office or drop it off to the secretary OR NOW IN PERSON AT THE CHURCH FROM 11-1PM DAILY.

During the lock down we have continued to offer the services of daily Masses online and other pastoral services as needed. You can also donate online at our Parish website.: (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.

The 2020 Tax receipts have been sent out. Thank you for your donations to the operation of the Basilica.

Collections For March 7th- 2,485.00

Donations online : \$1450.00 other; heat and Light-25, donation 620.00;

assessment- 185.00

Acknowledged with many thanks.

Your continued support of the Basilica Parish is greatly appreciated.

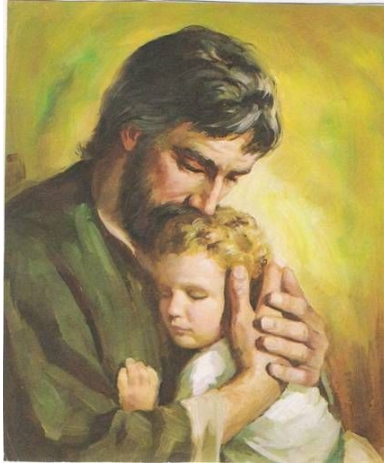
It takes on the average about \$10,103.00 per week to operate the Basilica-Cathedral Parish, please consider making an extra donation in your envelopes in the weeks ahead.

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.

Prayer to St. Joseph by Pope Francis

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
FEAST DAY -MARCH 19TH**

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.

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

<https://rcsj.org/ruah-counselling-centre>

