

Baptism Preparation: A Fee is applicable for a Baptism and must be paid at the Parish Office before the Baptism takes place. Parents and godparents are required to complete a baptism preparation course, which is offered on the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Parish Church. For Baptism, at least one sponsor (godparent) must be a baptized, confirmed and practicing Roman Catholic. **Godparents must submit a copy of their Baptism Certificate at the Baptism Preparation Course.** Before your child can be baptized, the parish office must have a copy of your child's birth certificate. To register, contact the parish office at 279-1625.

50TH ANNIVERSARY; On behalf of all parishioners we would like to extend our congratulations to Sister Dorothy Willcott on celebrating 50 years of service to God and to the people of God. On Wednesday, December 12th, Mercy Foundation Day, we will celebrate this very special occasion with a Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the downstairs meeting room at Sacred Heart Church. We thank Sister Dorothy for her presence among us and ask God to continue to bless her with good health and joy in her ministry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS; Last chance to attend the Annual Knights Christmas Party that will take place on December 8th at the Little Bay Heritage Center, \$20 double. RSVP must be made and paid in advance by contacting Terry Mallay Jr. At 279-3931 or 277-0855, or tmallay@aim.com, or, by contacting Patrick Power.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 10599 MARYSTOWN MEETINGS; The Executive Meeting will take place on Monday, December 3rd, after Mass (7:50 p.m.) in the downstairs meeting room. The General Membership Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room.

CHANGE IN THE MASS SCHEDULE; Please be advised that the 8:00 a.m. mass on Tuesday mornings will be changed to 7:00 p.m., effective December 4th. Effective January 1st there will be no 7:00 p.m. mass on Mondays. Masses that have been scheduled for Mondays in 2019 will be moved to the next available day.

SCREENING; Please note that this is the final reminder for volunteers to get the screening completed before the end of December 2018.

MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS; On December 4th, 2018, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church there will be a meeting of all Eucharistic Ministers for Marystown and Burin. All are encouraged to attend to go over some significant changes.

FALL FAIR; We would like to thank the Fall Fair Committee and all the volunteers for the preparation of the Hot Roast Beef Dinner, held on Sunday, November 25th. Special thanks to parishioners who purchased dinners and supported the sale of works. The net proceeds for the Fall Fair Sale of Work and Ticket Draw was \$7,740.37, plus \$1,048.41 from the sale of dinners; plus \$80 in donations for a total of \$8,868.78. We are grateful to Mr. Bern Farrell for his donation again this year and to Mr. Roche Hannam for donating the boat. Thank you again for your continued support to the parish.

Fr. Emmanuel is available for sick calls. If you would like to be added to the list, please call the parish office at 279-1625.

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Confessions ½ hour before Mass Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and any other time upon request

1st Sunday of Advent December 2nd, 2018

Today we begin the new liturgical year. We will spend the year, like every liturgical year, following the life of Jesus from the time of John the Baptist's preaching to the great salvific events of Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and giving of the Holy Spirit. Each liturgical season helps us meditate upon and pray over the life of Jesus, whom we strive to imitate as disciples.

Today's Gospel paints a frightening picture of huge natural calamities heralding the end. We pray not to have to live through such events. Similarly, as Advent progresses we will hear the call of John the Baptist to repent and amend our ways. Being honest with our sinfulness in the face of such preaching can be depressing.

But do not stop at the frightening side of these modes of preparing ourselves. Realize that we are being called to look beyond them to see the light, the beauty of God's promise. "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Our Redeemer is coming: indeed, he is in our midst. Regardless of what we must go through, whether it be disaster or the slavery of sin, our merciful and loving God is waiting to wrap warm and tender arms around us, the in-God's-only-Son Beloved.

(Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR)

PENANCE CELEBRATIONS: There will be a Penance Celebration on Sunday, December 9th for the children in the Sacramental Preparation Program following the 11:00 a.m. Mass and at St. Patrick's, Burin, on Saturday, December 15th, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sacred Heart Parish will host a Christmas Concert highlighting the talent of our local communities, on Wednesday, December 19th, at 6:30 p.m. A good-will offering will be gratefully accepted.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Holy Hour before Mass 1st Friday of each month.

Daily mass will be cancelled in case of a funeral until further notice.

Monday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Ernest Farrell
Margaret Gaulton
William B. Farrell

Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.

Roger Power
Ann Maclean
Annie & Francis Coady

Wednesday, December 5, 12:10 p.m.

Carol Myers
Annie Mae Brushett
William & Madonna Molloy, Alphonsus & Mary Power

Wednesday, December 5, 1:00 p.m.

Pro-Life Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Sing-a-long - Calvary Pentecostal Church

Thursday, December 6, 12:10 p.m.

Terry Power
Margaret Hanrahan
Cornelius, Alice, Patrick & Noreen Farrell

Friday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Louise Power, Marion Power Dagenais & DFM
Jerome Farrell
Matthew Murphy

Sanctuary Candle: Kevin & Albertha Power

Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Bernard Ducey
Blaine Lambe
Veronica Dimmer

Saturday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.

Confessions - 3:15 p.m.

Raymond & Gladys Baker
Sylvester Stapleton
Vincent Brake

Sunday, December 9, 9:00 a.m.

St. Joan of Arc, Frenchman's Cove

Intention of Parishioners

Sunday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.

Frank, Catherine & Steve Stapleton
Lena & Alphonsus Collins
Ron Aylward

Sunday, December 9, 2:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Fortune

John & Bridget Stacey
Arch Matthews
William Miller

Burin Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	6:00 p.m.

Vocations Bulletin Reflection:

"Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Call Father Jeff Kolonel at (709) 745-8183 or Father Ray Earle at (709) 488-2525 or Father Philip Melvin at (709) 754-1195 or email: vocations@rcsj.org.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPLICATIONS are available at the Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at the Family Aid Center. Deadline for applications is December 7th, 2018.

MINISTRIES:

Saturday, December 8 , 4:00 p.m.

Hospitality / Collectors: Bernadette Winsor, Arch Dober, Rosemary Farrell, Rita Power, Amy Farrell, Theresa Smith, Mary Fitzpatrick

1st Reader: Sharon Walsh **2nd Reader:** Sister Dorothy Willcott

Eucharistic Ministers: **Alphonsus Ward**, Carmelita Holley, Debbie Farrell, Eileen Mitchell, Mary Beth Farrell, Ray Baker, Mary Curtis

Gifts: Gladys A. Murray & Gladys E. Murray

Sunday, December 9, 9:00 a.m., Frenchman's Cove

Collection: John Power **Readers:** Phonse Stacey & Sharon Deveau

Gifts: Ida Devereaux & Hannah Mullins

Sunday, December 9, 11:00 a.m., Marystown

Hospitality / Collectors: Ed Russell, Mary Russell, Vince Antle, Lou Ryan, Jim Power, John McCarthy, Vince Power, Ian, Charlene & Ava Smith, Jack & Ben Baril, Liam Hunt

1st Reader: Russ Murphy **2nd Reader:** Mary Lou Short

Eucharistic Ministers: **Bernice Baker**, Margie Hynes, Nora Gaulton, Arch Spencer
Cathy Bailey, Joanie Farrell, Eric Short

Gifts: Nicole & Mackenzie Keating

The totals stated here represent collections for November 25th, 2018:

OFFERTORY (M):	2,840.70	OFFERTORY (FC):	300.00
OFFERTORY (F):	155.00	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (M):	5.00
DUES (M):	780.00	VIGIL LIGHTS	355.20
FLOWERS (M):	60.00	DONATIONS - FALL FAIR (M):	80.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to the parish

A TIME IN THE OLD HALL: SONGS & RECITATIONS OF THE SEASON: Featuring Sherman Downey and From Stage to Stage. The Christmas variety concert has long been a highly recommended event on the social calendar of communities both large and small. For generations, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians of all ages have been gathering in community halls to take the stage to sing of the season or "say their piece". In this great tradition, one of our finest songwriters comes together with a group that has helped keep Newfoundland recitation a part of our lives – Sherman Downey, along with From Stage to Stage's Dave Paddon, Harry Ingram, Dave Penny and Hubert Furey, will bring a repertoire of seasonal material to stages across the province. Dinner & Show – St. Gabriel's Hall, Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Doors open at 6:30 pm; dinner and show at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$35 single. Call Nora at 277-3752 or Jeff at 277-2827 to book tickets. It's a great way to get together with co-workers and friends as you prepare for Christmas.

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS: A reminder to all parishioners that in order to be able to issue donation receipts for the 2018 calendar year, all monetary donations (offertory, dues, etc.) must be made (cheques dated and delivered) by December 31, 2018, as per the Canada Revenue Agency Rules and Regulations.