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For Emergencies Only Contact: Fr. Emmanuel Quagraine - 709 730 3887

Confessions - Saturdays 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm - any other time upon request

First Sunday of Advent, December, 2, 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)

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Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers: On **Tuesday, December 4th** 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.

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 at Sacred Heart, Marystown and at St. Patrick's, Burin, on **Saturday, December 15th**, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

CHANGE IN THE MASS SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart Parish : 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 Monday's.

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - December 3 - 9

St. Patrick's Parish, Burin

Tuesday, 12:10 pm Mass - Deceased members of Grant, Power & Tremblett families, George, Hannah, Edward & Mary J. Corcoran, William, Isabelle Brushett & dfm.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm Mass - William Farrell, Veronica Dimmer, Evangeline Duffney

Thursday, 7:00 pm Mass - Adelaide Antle, Margaret Gaulton, Teresa Marshall

Saturday, 6:00 pm Mass - John Patrick & Emily Antle, Philip Picco, Eugene Lundrigan

The Holy Rosary will be recited at 6:40 pm before weekday masses. (Theresa)

A Holy Hour, Adoration and Benediction will be held on the first Friday of each month at 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish, Marystown

Monday, 7:00 pm Mass, Tuesday, 7:00 pm Mass, Wednesday, 12:10 pm Mass,

Thursday, 12:10 pm Mass, Friday, 7:00 pm Mass, Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass

(Marystown), Sunday, 9:00 am Mass (Frenchman's Cove), Sunday, 11:00 am Mass

(Marystown), 2:30 pm Mass (Fortune)

Ecumenical Christmas Carol Singalong: Wednesday, December 5th, 7:00 pm at Calvary Pentecostal Church. You are invited!

Fr. Emmanuel is available for "Sick Calls" in the parish. If you would like to be visited, please contact the parish office to submit your name.

Vocation 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 (709)781-1696 or Father Philip Melvin at (709)754-1195 or email: vocations@rcsj.org

PARISH MINISTRIES - Saturday, December 8

Lectors: Roberta Mayo, Margaret Brenton, **Offertory:** Erica Drake + 2 Children,

Hospitality-Collectors: Mike Brown, Dennis Brown, Bella Keating, **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Grace Antle - H, Rita Grant - C, Gertie Pearson - C

WEEKLY COLLECTION - Offertory: \$698.00, **Loose:** \$14.80, **Dues:** \$25.00, **Advent:** \$55.00, **Christmas:** \$10.00, **Mission:** \$10.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to the parish.

Annual Dues: Parishioners are encouraged to make a special effort to contribute to their annual dues collection. The financial contribution is a great support for the parish to pay cost of insurance for the building and other related expenses, especially heat and light, snow clearing and other expenses during the winter. We encourage parishioners to contribute and give according to their financial ability.

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.

Baptismal Preparation - Please note that parents and godparents as well as witnesses are required to complete a baptism preparation course, which is offered at 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 Baptism Preparation Course if they were baptized outside the Parish. Before your child can be baptized, the parish office must have a copy of your child's birth certificate. To register call 891-1730. Baptisms take place at the Saturday Mass or in special circumstances at a weekday Mass. **A Church Fee of \$25.00 is applicable for Baptisms. (Goodwill offering for Priest to be paid separately).** Next preparations are **Monday, December 10th at 7:00 pm.** (Team - Bride & Margaret)

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.

Ministry of Sacristan: We are presently seeking individuals who would like to volunteer their services as a sacristan. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, please contact the parish office - 891 1730.

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

Christmas Hamper Applications: Applications are available at the parish office. Deadline to apply is **Friday, December 7, 2018.**

Christmas Flowers: Parishioners are invited to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one to help purchase flowers for the Church for Christmas. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "**Flowers for Christmas**" and place in collection. Please provide your name and envelope number.

Help Needed! If you are interested in helping with snowclearing of the church entrance for Saturday evening Mass please call the parish office. Your help would be appreciated!

Marriage Preparation Courses 2019: There will be a Marriage Preparation Course offered on **January 11th and 12th**, at Mary Queen of the World Parish in Mount Pearl. After this course, another course will not be offered until March 2019 (dates and venue to be determined). If couples are looking to take part in this course they can call Stephanie Curran, at the Archdiocese of St. John's, 726-3660.

Family Aid - Food & Personal Items Collection: Saturday, December 29th you are invited to drop items to the church. Personal items to be donated are toiletries items, personal hygiene, paper towels, toilet tissue, etc. **Please consider giving to this cause ... Thank You!**

"Monthly Recyclables Day" - Saturday, January 5th ... thank you to all who continue to donate recyclables. **Please remember to remove all caps from items** - this will greatly assist our volunteers when preparing recyclables for depot. A sincere thank you to all volunteers.

PARISH BINGO: Escalating Jackpot - \$2,500+ ... No Bingo on Sunday, December 9th. Sunday, December 16th - BINGO GROUP: Nora & Irene
Bingo Gift Certificates are available at bingo or the parish office; a great gift for the Christmas Season.

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.

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 goodwill offering will be gratefully accepted.

AWAY IN A MANGER EXHIBIT December 2-23, 2018, BASILICA MUSEUM

Once again, this year, the "**Away in a Manger**" exhibit will be open in the Basilica Museum throughout Advent (**December 2 through December 23**), Wednesday through Sunday. We will have over 150 Nativity sets from around the world on display. It is a great way to prepare your heart for Christmas, and to get in the spirit to welcome the Christ child.

Hours will be: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and by appointment.

As usual, we invite visitors, if they can, to bring a Christmas gift for a child, or a monetary contribution that will be added to the food hampers distributed through Emmaus House at Christmas. This is completely voluntary. Admission to the exhibit is free.

"WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS & HAVE A GREAT WEEK"