

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.

GRAND IN THE HAND: Monthly Ticket Draw - Sacred Heart Church - WIN \$1,000.00 every month - Only 200 Tickets sold each month. Tickets are \$10.00 each. To purchase a ticket, contact the parish office, the religious articles store in the Church, Bern Farrell's Clover Farms or Fewer's Salon, Marystown Mall. Congratulations to Mildred Gaulton, winner of the November draw; ticket number 2079.

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. 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 10599 MARYSTOWN MEETINGS: The General Membership Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room.

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.

BENEMERENTI MEDAL: On December 2nd, Archbishop Currie presented the Benemerenti Medal to **Ms. Joanne Thompson**. The Benemerenti Medal is an honour awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Roman Catholic Church. Ms. Thompson's work with the community, especially her creative and diligent work with the *Gathering Place* is very much recognized, valued and appreciated.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT: On December 2nd, Archbishop Currie presented the award of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great to **Mr. Pat Thompson**. The honour is bestowed upon Roman Catholics in recognition of their personal service to the Holy See and to the Church, through examples made in their communities and their countries. Mr. Thompson's work with the Basilica Historical and Museum Committees is very much recognized, valued and appreciated.

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

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

2nd Sunday of Advent December 9th, 2018

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8th)

A Feast dedicated to Mary's conception first appeared in the 7th century and by the 12th century it was firmly established in England. In the 13th century, great thinkers such as St. Bernard and St. Thomas Aquinas debated whether Mary could have been born without original sin if, as St. Paul says, all persons are born in sin (Romans 5.12). By the 19th century, the theological debate was resolved and in 1854 Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. In 1846, the Catholic Church of the United States declared this to be its patronal feast.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th)

This memorial commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. Our Lady appeared four times, twice to aboriginal convert Juan Diego, with whom she left orders to build a church and an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak, an object of great veneration, is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centres of North America. Devotion to Our Lady under this title has grown over the centuries and in 1946 Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S cordially invites you to a farewell Mass and Reception in honour of Archbishop Martin W. Currie on Monday, January 7th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's. Everyone is welcome!

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 10

MASS CANCELLED - Due to Funeral

Mass at 10:30 a.m. - Mass Intentions for today have been rescheduled.

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.

Florence O'Keefe

Joseph Brake

Thomas & Lillian Walsh & Thomas Farrell

Wednesday, December 12, 1:00 p.m.

Pro-Life Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.

Mercy Foundation Day

Richard Kelly

Calvin Hillier

Jim Pad, Mae, Fintan & Sr. Mary Kelly

Thursday, December 13, 12:10 p.m.

John & Andrew Smith

Betty Brenton

Alex & Emma Tobin

Friday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Allan Coady

Gerald Letiec

Joseph Whelan

Saturday, December 15, 4:00 p.m.

Confessions - 3:15 p.m.

Intention of Parishioners

Sunday, December 16, 9:00 a.m.

St. Joan of Arc, Frenchman's Cove

Bertha Withers

Sarah & Francis Cluett

Tony Gaulton

Sunday, December 16, 11:00 a.m.

Howard & Norman Walsh & Madeline Gaulton

Patrick & Susanna Power

Ronnie & Charlie Lomond

Sunday, December 16, 2:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Fortune

George L. Hillier

Hedley Hillier

Fred Caines

Burin Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Candle: Cyril, Mary Ann & Patrick Drake & Eddy Fitzpatrick

Vocations Bulletin Reflection:

Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Jeff Kolonel at (709) 745-8183 or Father Ray Earle at (709) 781-1696 or Father Philip Melvin at (709) 754-1195 or email: vocations@rcsj.org.

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.

MINISTRIES:

Saturday, December 15, 4:00 p.m.

Hospitality / Collectors: Patrick Power, Gerald Power, Rick Kavanagh, Alphonsus Ward, Dean Kelly, Terry Mallay Jr., Peter Murphy

1st Reader: Nellie Collins

2nd Reader: Mary Poulain

Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Coady, Ray Baker, Ron Broderick, Peter Fitzpatrick, Arch Spencer

Gifts: Anna & Charlie Hannam

Sunday, December 16, 9:00 a.m., Frenchman's Cove

Collection: Nancy Drake

Readers: Sarah Walters & Lynn Antle

Gifts: John & Rowena Coady

Sunday, December 16, 11:00 a.m., Marystown

Hospitality / Collectors: Bernard Dober, Lenora Dober, Debbie Farrell, Rohan Planke, Isaac Drake, R.J. Dober Drake

1st Reader: Teresa Evans

2nd Reader: Juliette Farrell

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Short, Sister Dorothy Willcott, Rick Hunt, George Farrell, Margie Hynes

Gifts: Erica & Xavier Jackman

The totals stated here represent collections for December 2nd, 2018:

OFFERTORY (M):	3395.05	OFFERTORY (FC):	299.00
OFFERTORY (F):	231.50	ADVENT FOLDERS (F):	50.00
CHRISTMAS DAY (M):	10.00	CHRISTMAS DAY (F):	55.00
ECCL. STUDENTS (M):	10.00	DUES (M):	185.00
VIGIL LIGHTS (M):	288.25	VIGIL LIGHTS (FC):	10.00
FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS (M):	105.00		

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. Dinner & Show – St. Gabriel’s Hall, Wednesday, December 12th, 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve

- 4:00 p.m. Fortune
- 7:00 p.m. Marystown
- 9:00 p.m. Burin
- 11:00 p.m. Marystown

Christmas Day

- 9:00 a.m. Frenchman’s Cove
- 11:00 a.m. Marystown