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

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

As a mother, I remember well those first fleeting taps that signaled the kicks of my growing baby and knowing that one day, soon, the baby would arrive. After all the preparation and waiting, we would welcome an everyday miracle into a home that would perhaps never be truly ready enough.

This Advent, we hear once more how Elizabeth greeted Mary, and we feel the Christ child move, already within us through the grace of baptism. Christ quickens within us in anticipation as we clean, shop, bake, write cards or emails, practise for the pageant and wrap gifts. But sometimes we feel like the child is not leaping with joy but rather lagging a little. We miss loved ones and are burdened by imperfect relationships. We can feel that no matter how hard we work, something is lacking. It is so easy to become caught up in the material aspects of the season. We forget that all we need to do is be ready.

This Sunday, we are so close to the fulfillment of the promise contained in today's readings. What does fulfillment mean for us? For Elizabeth, it meant she was assured of God's blessing. This Christmas, let us, with Elizabeth, lay claim to that promise and may we all find some small moments to leap for joy. (Maureen Wicken)

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NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve
7:00 pm. Marystown

New Year's Day
9:45 am. Burin
11:15 am. Marystown

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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 pm Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Everyone is welcome!

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - December 24 - 30

St. Patrick's Parish, Burin

Monday, 9:00 pm (Christmas Eve Mass) - Intention of Parishioners
Wednesday, 7:00 pm Mass - Colin Antle, Lester Sr. & Veronica Myles, Bert, Kitty Antle & dfm., Jim Greene, Margaret & George Saint
Thursday, 7:00 pm Mass - Alfred Rose, William J., Mary E., Thomas & Ben Power, Eugene Butler, Teresa Marshall
Saturday, 6:00 pm Mass - Theresa Antle, James & Helen Penny & deceased members of Kavanagh families, Hugo Dimmer, Charlene Doody, Marie Cheeke, Edward & Bridget Brenton & dfm.

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - December 31 - January 6

St. Patrick's Parish, Burin

Tuesday, 9:45 am (New Year's Day Mass) - Intention of Parishioners
Wednesday, 7:00 pm Mass - Kevin Kennedy, Evangeline Duffney, John J. Drake
Thursday, 7:00 pm Mass - Josephine Kelly, Veronica Dimmer, Margaret Gaulton
Saturday, 6:00 pm Mass - John Patrick, Gordon, Emily, & Leonard Antle, Frank Edwards, Teresa Marshall

PARISH MINISTRIES - CHRISTMAS EVE

Lectors: Nora Power, Roberta Mayo, **Offertory:** Chad, Sherry Billard & family, **Hospitality-Collectors:** Dennis Brown, Patrick Antle, Martin O'Keefe, Ethel O'Keefe, **Eucharistic Ministers:** Gladys Kavanagh, Bride Green, Rita Grant, Grace Antle, Rita Lundrigan

PARISH MINISTRIES - Saturday, December 29

Lectors: Rita Lundrigan, Jeannette Lundrigan, **Offertory:** Mary Brushett + 2 Children, **Hospitality-Collectors:** Austin Antle, Patrick Antle, Bernice Hollett, **Eucharistic Ministers:** Rita Grant, Bride Green, Marilyn Donahue

PARISH MINISTRIES - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Lectors: Margaret Brenton, Bernice Brenton, **Offertory:** Mary Brushett + 2 Children, **Hospitality-Collectors:** Austin Antle, Rita Grant, **Eucharistic Ministers:** Nora Antle, Gladys Kavanagh, Margaret Brenton

PARISH MINISTRIES - Saturday, January 5

Lectors: Nora Power, Bride Green, **Offertory:** Sarah Butler + 2 Children, **Hospitality-Collectors:** Mike Brown, Dennis Brown, Bella Keating, **Eucharistic Ministers:** Marilyn Donahue, Gertie Pearson, Rita Grant

WEEKLY COLLECTION - Offertory: \$1,342.55, **Loose:** \$30.35, **Dues:** \$260.00, **Advent:** \$20.00, **Christmas:** \$185.00

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

The Holy Rosary will be recited at 6:40 pm before weekday masses. (Margaret) (Gertie)
A Holy Hour, Adoration and Benediction will be held on the first Friday of each month at 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Liturgy Schedule - December 24 - 30, Sacred Heart Parish, Marystown

Monday, 4:00 pm - **Christmas Eve Mass (Fortune)**, 7:00 pm (**Marystown**), 11:00 pm (**Marystown**),
Tuesday, 9:00 am **Christmas Day Mass (Frenchman's Cove)**, 11:00 am (**Marystown**),
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**)

Liturgy Schedule - December 31 - January 6, Sacred Heart Parish, Marystown

Monday, 7:00 pm (**New Year's Eve Mass**), **Tuesday**, 11:15 am (**New Year's Day**), **Wednesday**,
12:10 pm Mass, **Thursday**, 7:00 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**)

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: "It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, 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

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.

NOTE OF THANKS: Thank you so much to Father Emmanuel, the Parish Council, and the parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's Parishes for the beautiful celebration on December 12th marking my Golden Jubilee. The date was significant as it marked the beginning of the Mercy Congregation on the same date in 1831. The Mass was beautiful; thanks to the choirs, to the Mercy Associates for coordinating the Liturgy, and you, the parishioners for your participation and ongoing prayer. Thanks too for the "comfortable cup of tea" following the Liturgy, especially to Donna Mary for spearheading that event. Thanks to all of you for your presence, your greetings, cards, well wishes, Mass offerings, prayers, food donations and monetary gifts. In reflecting on my appreciation, I am reminded of Pope Francis' statement: "The works of mercy affect a person's entire life." I believe this to be true for all of us as we are all about these Works of Mercy. Blessings on us all. Sister Dorothy.

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, January 14th at 7:00 pm.** (Team - Evelyn & Marilyn)

Church Envelope Packages for 2019 are now available at the Church foyer. If you are not using envelopes and would like a package, please contact the office.

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+ ... Next Bingo: Sunday, January 6th, 2019 - BINGO GROUP: Roberta Mayo
Bingo Gift Certificates are available at bingo or the parish office.

Annual Old Christmas Day Gathering for the singing of gospel songs will be held at St. Patrick's Church on **Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 2:00 pm.** Admission: A goodwill offering. A lunch will follow. Come bring a friend and enjoy the evening!

THANK YOU: The Ways & Means Committee would like to thank all those who helped with events in the Social Centre during 2018. To those who prepared desserts or gave of their time, thank you for making our catering events very successful. To the Bingo Committee members and our Bingo players - Thank You. To those who helped with all ticket sales and Chase the Ace event - Thank You. With the help of our volunteers we look forward to another successful year!

THANK YOU: St. Patrick's Parish Family Aid Committee would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for donations of Food and Personal items collected each month. Also, a sincere thank you for all monetary donations throughout the year and to all other denominational churches and organizations in the area for their contributions.

The Centre for Life extends Christmas greetings at this joyous time of year in the celebration of the gift of love bestowed upon the world with the birth of the Christ child. Thank you to everyone for your support over the past year. Visit our new website at www.centreforlife.ca.

This is a two week bulletin, please keep for future reference.

The parish office will be open on December 27th, 28th & 31st.

"WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS" — "MERRY CHRISTMAS"