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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

Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018

Lately I've been feeling that a lot of things are off track in the world. Despite our having enough food to feed the planet, millions are starving. Even in Canada, a land of plenty, countless families rely on food banks. We know we need to care for the Earth, our common home, but we buy too much stuff and fill our world with garbage and pollution. Despite seeing the damage conflict causes, we think peace is out of our reach.

Baruch and John the Baptist speak of the Lord making the crooked straight and the rough ways smooth; this gives me hope that we can find some balance. John the Baptist invites the people of his day, and us, to turn back to God and prepare the way of the Lord - not only during Advent, but all year long.

As followers of Christ, we are meant to live in ways that make the crooked straight. Of course, it's not always easy. It means doing things differently. We may even need to spend some time in the wilderness - disconnected from social media, the Internet, malls and TV - to adjust our attitudes and rediscover what's important. But when we do, we will truly understand that, as today's psalm tells us, "The Lord has done great things for us," and we will be "filled with joy." (Anne Louise Mahoney)

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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.

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!**

CHANGE IN THE MASS SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart Parish: Please be advised that effective January 1st there will be no 7:00 p.m. mass on Monday's.

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - December 10 - 16

St. Patrick's Parish, Burin

Tuesday, 12:10 pm Mass - Robert & Elizabeth Lundrigan, John & Susan Walsh, Mary Lundrigan (H)
Thursday, 7:00 pm Mass - Anne Marie Grant, Ben Francis, Josephine Kelly
Saturday, 6:00 pm Mass - Colin Antle, Robert Burke, Don Grant

PARISH MINISTRIES - Saturday, December 15

Lectors: Margaret Manning, Vic Lundrigan, **Offertory:** Roberta Mayo + 2 Children, **Hospitality-Collectors:** Martin O'Keefe, Ethel O'Keefe, Mary Francis, **Eucharistic Ministers:** Marilyn Donahue - C, Gladys Kavanagh - H, Evelyn Brenton - C

WEEKLY COLLECTION - Offertory: \$808.00, **Loose:** \$45.60, **Dues:** \$230.00, **Advent:** \$60.00 **Thank you for your generosity and continued support to the parish.**

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

Tuesday, 7:00 pm Mass, **Wednesday**, 6:30 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**)

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: "Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in 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

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

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.

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

(December 2, 2018) **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.

(December 2, 2018) **Archbishop Currie** presented the award of **Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great** to **Mr. Pat Thompson.** The honor 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.

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.

EUROPE TRIP: Would you be interested in a trip to Europe in the spring of 2020? This 12 day coach-tour will travel from Greece to Croatia.....beginning in Athens and finishing in Dubrovnik. It begins on April 27th and finishes on May 8th. Registrations are taking place now and spaces being booked. If you are interested please contact Fr. Jeff Kolonel at St. Kevin's Parish Office, Goulds.....phone 745-8183, or Brian Bursey, tour organizer, at 576-4551 or e-mail bbbbursey@hotmail.com. A full, detailed TOUR INFORMATION PACKAGE is available.

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 - **This is the final bingo for 2018. Next Bingo: Sunday, January 6th, 2019 - BINGO GROUP:** Roberta Mayo **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 good-will offering will be gratefully accepted.

"WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS & HAVE A GREAT WEEK"