



## Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's

**BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

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### **VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION**

**Solemnity of Christ the King – November 26, 2017**

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at:

Fr. Jeff Kolonel (709) 745 – 8183; Fr. Ray Earle (709) 488 – 2525 or email:  
[vocations@rcsj.org](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org)

### **VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Solemnity of Christ the King – November 26, 2017**

For a deepening understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.

### **CURRENT EVENTS**

#### **1. CHASE THE ACE**

Come out and support the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. This Sunday's Jackpot is **\$27, 101.00**, 50/50 also available.

**Date:** Sunday, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Topsail Road, CBS

#### **2. EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN TO HELP ROHINGYA REFUGEES**

In light of Tuesday's announcement that the Canadian government is launching the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund: <https://www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2017/comm2017-11-01>

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada has announced an emergency campaign to help Rohingya refugees. A new section has been added to the website for the emergency campaign, which provides information about the crisis, latest news, and resources to assist animators and parishes in mobilizing our supporters:

<https://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/banladesh>.

Anyone wishing to make a donation that will be matched with funds by the Government of Canada should contribute directly to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace; you may also place a donation in the collection plate in an envelope, marked with your envelope number.

**The Parish will forward donations received to Development and Peace.**

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### **3. ALUMNI/ALUMNAE GROUP**

Did you attend a Jesuit school, college or university other than St Bon's or Gonzaga? We're hoping to start an alumni/alumnae group for you.

If interested, please email Fr Joe Mroz SJ [ej\\_mroz@yahoo.ca](mailto:ej_mroz@yahoo.ca) for more information.

### **4. IRISH SACRED HEART MESSENGER**

Anyone who is interested in ordering the Irish Sacred Heart Messenger magazine. This is a great magazine and would be a wonderful Christmas gift for your friends or your loved ones!

Contact (709) 685 – 2208 for more information

### **5. MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH INC. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

Supporting Gideon's orphanage and school in Kenya. Help us put a smile on a child's face this Christmas. Suggested donation \$25.00.

For more information or to donate please contact Margie Stead: (709)746 – 6492

### **6. THE DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE**

Will be open for Saturdays for your Christmas shopping convenience. For cards, ornaments, books and nativities, we have what you need to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas.

**Date:** November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** 9 Kings Bridge Rd, St. John's, NL

### **7. CHRISTMAS DINNER SPONSORED BY SPIRITUAL INNER HEALING MINISTRY**

A great evening to prepare yourself for the true meaning of Christmas. For tickets call Yvonne, (709) 368 – 9313 or call Jackie, (709) 747 – 0698 after 5:30 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$20.00 each. Deadline for Tickets is Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

**Date:** Friday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Wesley Church Auditorium, 101 Patrick St., St. John's, NL



**COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICE**

**8. RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE**

We provide Individual, couple and family counselling.

Located at The Lantern – 35 Barnes Road, St. John's, NL

Winter Group Offerings:

- **When You See Red – For Men (8 weeks)**  
**Facilitator:** Jeff Pardy, BA, MA, B.Ed., M.Ed. (Couns. Psych)  
**Dates:** January 16 – March 06, 2018 (8 Weeks)  
Tuesday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$120.00
  
- **Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce (8 weeks)**  
**Facilitator:** Nicole Cooper, MSW, RSW  
**Dates:** January 17 – March 14, 2018  
Wednesday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Please note there will be no session on Valentine's Day Holiday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Fee:** \$120.00
  
- **Self-Empowerment for Women (8 weeks)**  
**Facilitator:** Robyn Hamlyn, MC, CCC  
**Dates:** January 18 – March 08, 2018 (8 Weeks)  
Thursday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$120.00

For further details, visit <http://rcsj.org/ruah-counselling-centre> or call (709) 579 – 0168 or email: [ruah@rcsj.org](mailto:ruah@rcsj.org)

To register, visit: <http://rcsj.org/ruah-counselling-centre/group-registration>

**9. THE CENTRE FOR LIFE**

The Centre offers free, confidential professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling.

Please email [counsellors@centreforlife.ca](mailto:counsellors@centreforlife.ca) or call (709) 579 – 3818

Registration for the fall senior's computer classes is ongoing over the summer. Please call (709) 579 –1500 for more information.



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### **RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

#### **10. AWAY IN A MANGER – NATIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**Location:** The Basilica Museum, 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL  
(Immediately west of the Basilica)

**Date:** December 3 – 23, 2017

**Hours:** The exhibit is open every day from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and evenings by request.

**Admission:** A Gift for a Needy Child (You can leave gifts under our tree)

Please call to book a visit if you are bringing a large group

#### **For More Information:**

Call Rene Estrada at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, (709) 726 – 3660, ext. 223 or email: [restrada@rcsj.org](mailto:restrada@rcsj.org) or Anne Walsh, (709) 726 – 3660, ext. 233, or e-mail [awalsh@rcsj.org](mailto:awalsh@rcsj.org)

#### **11. MISSION**

You are invited to attend the Mission of St. Edwards & St. Thomas of Villanova Parishes. To be conducted by Redemptorist Fr. Eugene O'Reilly. Join us and allow Jesus Christ through the richness of His Word, to love you into fullness of life and a deep sense of personal well-being. It will run from Sunday until Wednesday night.

#### **St. Edward's Parish:**

**Date:** 7:30 p.m., November 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **St. Thomas of Villanova Parish:**

**Date:** 7:30 p.m., November 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **12. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Come and hear Brian Whelan and Sharon White in Concert. They will present a repertoire of Sacred and Secular music. Brian and Sharon are known for their music ministries in and around St. John's for the last 30 years. This D&P effort is in aid of the Rohingya Myanmar refugees fleeing to Bangladesh. We are also celebrating our 50 anniversary

Admission is a free will offering at the event.

Please call (709) 753 – 2607 to register. Only limited space is available.

**Date:** 7:30 p.m., November 28, 2017

**Location:** The Lantern – 35 Barnes Road, St. John's, NL

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### **13. 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & SCRIPTURE**

Listen! Soon the great gift of the Incarnation will be here. To retreat for a brief time from the Christmas hype - as exciting and engaging as that is, Please take a couple of hours to enjoy the advent time of preparation. This is an ecumenical service. Donations gratefully accepted.

**Date:** The First Sunday of Advent, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Basilica of St. John the Baptist, 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL

### **14. INVITATION TO ADVENT REFLECTION**

All are welcome to come join us for Advent Sunday Reflections

**Theme:** Who do people say I am? Who do we say Jesus is? What new insights are emerging for us today to reflect on and contemplate?

To register please call: (709) 754 – 1582

**Facilitators:** Gerard Whitty and Philip Lewis.

**Date:** December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.,

**Location:** Presentation Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's, NL

### **15. CHRISTMAS CAROLING & SOCIAL REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES**

In the spirit of the season and in an endeavor to build our Parish community spirit, we will be having a Christmas Carol sing and social. Put the stress of holiday preparations aside and come and relax and enjoy beautiful music to reflect the true meaning of Christmas, followed by a social.

Carols may be requested in honor of a loved one (living or deceased) for a \$5.00 donation per name. All names will be entered into a Christmas Caroling book to be kept in the Church during the holiday season. Sign-up sheets and pledge envelopes to request carols for loved ones will be available on the table in the foyer at St. Paul's and the back of the church for St. Francis starting the weekend of October 28<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes can be left with Carol in the parish office or placed in the collection. Hope to see you there

#### **St. Paul's**

**Date:** December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Location:** 340 – A Newfoundland Drive, St. John's, NL

#### **St. Francis of Assisi**

**Date:** December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Location:** 49 Outer Cove Road, Outer Cove, NL



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### **16. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE**

A major relic of St. Francis Xavier is coming to Canada from Rome. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist.

#### **Who was St. Francis Xavier?**

St. Francis Xavier was a famous Jesuit missionary to India and Japan, bringing hundreds of thousands of people to faith. It is said that he was the greatest missionary since St. Paul the Apostle. The major relic that will be venerated during the pilgrimage is his right arm, usually venerated at the Church of the Gesù in Rome. It is rare that this relic leaves its usual home, and so this is a unique opportunity to venerate and to thank God for the work of this great missionary, and for the gift of faith.

#### **Schedule of Events:**

- Friday, January 5th 12:10 p.m. = Mass, with the relic present
- All afternoon = Veneration open to the public
- 7:00 p.m. = Archdiocesan celebration of Prayer Service, Confessions and Veneration of the Relic.

**Location:** 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL

## **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

### **17. YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES**

There are many opportunities in our Archdiocese for youth to get involved with the church, learn more about their faith and meet other young people. Youth groups, youth conferences, evenings of prayer, bible studies, catechesis, social events like movies, bowling, games, and opportunities to volunteer - just to name a few!

There are currently activities for youth from grade 6-12, and this year we will be adding some events specifically for youth in grades 4-6, as well as adults who are interested in getting involved with youth ministry.

If you would like to be added to our upcoming event mailing list, or if you would like to get involved, please contact Sara at [sbroderick@rcsj.org](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org)

### **18. WORLD YOUTH DAY – PANAMA**

The next World Youth Day will be held in January 2019 in Panama. This pilgrimage is for young adults, aged 18 – 35 and the theme will be “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38).

If you would like more information on this pilgrimage, please contact Sara at [sbroderick@rcsj.org](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org)



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### **19. VIDEO GAME CONTEST**

Are you between the ages of 12 – 18 years of age? Do you like playing video games? The Centre for Life is looking for your ideas to create a video game: WHAT CARING FOR HUMAN LIFE LOOKS LIKE.

**First Prize:** Your choice of either \$100.00 Steam or iTunes card

**Second Prize:** \$50.00 Steam or iTunes

**Third Prize:** \$25.00 Steam or iTunes card.

Top prize winner claims their name on opening screen of video game.

Contest closes January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and winners will be announced on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

See contest details on line at <http://www.centreforlife.ca/lifecontest>

Any questions please email [info@centreforlife.ca](mailto:info@centreforlife.ca)

### **20. MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND CHAPLAINCY**

"If you're going to MUN this fall, be sure to check out the Catholic Chaplaincy.

My office is at UC 3006 (we're right beside the "ASK" desk in the UC - this will make sense when you get there).

We have a Facebook page at MUN Catholic Community and my email is [ej\\_mroz@yahoo.ca](mailto:ej_mroz@yahoo.ca)

Hope to see you there!

Fr Joseph Mroz SJ, Catholic Chaplain, MUN