



Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's

BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 17

VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2017

“The One who calls you is faithful.” Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest or consecrated religious,

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

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION

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That men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of His Word as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will zealously proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

REMINDER

Archbishop Currie wishes to announce, because of concern expressed by a number of people who would not be able to attend the mass on Saturday night, Archbishop Currie will be celebrating a mass on Sunday December 24, the fourth Sunday of Advent at the Basilica Cathedral at 8:30 am. Thank you.

RENEWAL PLAN UPDATE

The implementation of the Archdiocesan Renewal Plan, “A Promise of New Life...Courage to Renew” has begun. We have hired a full-time Coordinator, Mr. Peter Whittle and a new Implementation Committee, with Monsignor Francis Puddister as Chair and Dr. Rick Singleton as Co-chair, in moving the challenging process forward. Discussions in the first Zone - St. John's East (St. Pius X, Mary Queen of Peace, St. Paul's and St. Francis of Assisi) are going very well. We will begin work with the Mount Pearl – Gould's- Petty Harbour and CBS zones in January. Your support of this process will ensure the renewal of pastoral life in our Archdiocese. We pray for the courage and guidance of the Holy Spirit and thank all of those involved in the planning and implementation process for their dedication. For more information and further updates go to www.rcsj.org



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CURRENT EVENTS

1. 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

2. 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

3. CORPUS CHRISTI PEWTER CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

To commemorate their 100th year as a parish, Corpus Christi has commissioned a pewter ornament that would make a beautiful gift this Christmas. They are now available for purchase at a cost of \$15.00

They can be picked up at the parish office, 260 Waterford Bridge Road, or by calling the parish office (709) 368 – 9751

4. 25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

Come join the Quintessential Vocal Ensemble choirs. Enjoy traditional Christmas favorites as well as contemporary works by Kim Andre Arnesen, Daniel Elder, Z. Randall Stroope and Eric Whitacre. "O Holy Night" special guest soloist is mezzo-soprano Sonya Gosse.

Date: Sunday, December 17th, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Mary Queen of Peace Church, 135 Torbay Road, St. John's, NL

Tickets: \$25.00 Adult, \$20.00 Student/Senior and Children under 10 get in free!

Tickets available through Holy Heart Box Office, Choir Members, and at the door.

5. HOLY CROSS, OUR OWN DEAR SCHOOL

Br. Darcy's latest book depicting the history of Holy Cross School, would make a great Christmas present. It is available at The Basilica Book Store, The Basilica Parish Office and Twin Cities Imaging on 6 Campbell Ave.



COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICE

6. 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 14th
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

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

7. THE CENTRE FOR LIFE

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

Please email 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

8. 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, (709) 726 – 3660, ext. 223 or email: restrada@rcsj.org or Anne Walsh, (709) 726 – 3660, ext. 233, or e-mail awalsh@rcsj.org

9. ADVENT PENANCE

- **St. Patrick's Parish & Corpus Christi Parish** – well be having combined Advent Penance celebration.

Date: December 19th, 7:00 pm

Location: St. Patrick's Church, 6 Patrick Street, St. John's, NL

- **St. Teresa's Parish** is having extended time for Advent Penance

Date: Saturday, December 23rd, 1:00 pm – 4:45 p.m.

Location: 120 Mundy Road, St. John's, NL



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10. 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 17th, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.,

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

11. 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 back of the church for St. Francis starting the weekend of October 28th. Envelopes can be left with Carol in the parish office or placed in the collection. Hope to see you there

St. Francis of Assisi

Date: December 17th, 2017

Location: 49 Outer Cove Road, Outer Cove, NL



12. 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

13. 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PATRICK'S MERCY HOME

The Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy and St. Patrick's Mercy Home invite you to celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy to commemorate this special occasion.

Date: January 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Pius X Church, 16 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL

Reception to follow at St. Pius X Parish Hall

RSVP Lana Morgan, (709) 752 – 8732 or email lane.morgan@easternhealth.ca



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

14. 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

15. 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

16. 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 31st, 2018 and winners will be announced on February 28th, 2018.

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

Any questions please email info@centreforlife.ca