



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

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#### **Paschal Fast**

The Church fasts on Good Friday and where possible through Holy Saturday. This is called the Paschal Fast and has a special place in the Holy Time. Fasting is, for example, eating less food.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of some food as penance in order:

- 1) to be more open to prayer
- 2) to share more in the suffering of those who are starving
- 3) to save some money to give to the poor.

The law of fasting applies to all between the age of 18 and 59. Good Friday is also a day of abstinence from meat. This applies to all who are 14 and older.

#### **AN EVENING WITH THE ARCHBISHOP DINNER & AUCTION**

On Wednesday, April 18th, 2018, we will be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner & Auction. Our theme this year is Milestones as we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, 10 years of Archbishop Currie in this Archdiocese along with his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Last year's event was a great success and allowed the Archdiocese to continue and improve its many Outreach Programs.

We need your support to make this year's event the most successful ever!

We are currently seeking dessert donations:

Please contact Janet Stead (709) 726 – 3660 – ext. 230

If you would like to make a donation for silent and live auctions:

Please contact Anne Marie Curran at (709) 726 –3660 – ext. 227

**Thank you for your support!**



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#### **VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 11, 2018**

For those called to serve as priests, deacons or in consecrated life, that amazed at the authority with which He speaks His invitation, they will be faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

#### **VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 11, 2018**

“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Jeff Kolonel (709) 745 – 8183; Fr. Ray Earle (709) 488 – 2525 or email: [vocations@rcsj.org](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org)

#### **CURRENT EVENTS**

##### **1. THE CHRISM MASS**

Holy Oils and the Sacred Chrism will be blessed by the Archbishop and distributed to the parishes for sacramental use during the coming year.

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

**Date:** Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**All are Invited**



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#### **2. 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COUGAR FLIGHT 491 MEMORIAL SERVICE**

At 9:48 a.m. March 12, 2009, the accident of Cougar Flight 491 off the coast of St. John's, NL, resulted in the loss of life of 17 people. This year marks the ninth anniversary of this loss of life.

On **Monday, March 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, EZRA Chaplaincy will join families, friends and co-workers of those lost for an annual Memorial Service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Location:** St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Craigmillar Avenue, St. John's, NL.

For further information contact, The Reverend Christopher Fowler, Lead Chaplain and Executive Officer, EZRA Chaplaincy (709) 699 – 2481 or email: [ezrachaplaincy@icloud.com](mailto:ezrachaplaincy@icloud.com)

#### **3. THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY**

The Canadian Bible Society is looking for a Representative from each Parish to train as a congregational representative.

If you currently are a Church Representative or wish to be one please contact Gerry Donahue by:

**Email:** [gdonahue@crosbiejob.com](mailto:gdonahue@crosbiejob.com) or **Cell Phone:** (709) 727 – 4513

#### **4. MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH**

We are Hosting St. Paddy's day Afternoon Tea to Support an Orphanage and School in Kenya. There will be Tea, Coffee, Cookie's, Juice for the kids, Entertainment and Give-a-Ways.

**Tickets:** \$5.00 each. Each ticket enters your name in a draw for \$500 in Gift Cards. If you cannot attend, you can still buy a ticket to have your name entered in the Draw! For More Information contact Margie Stead (709) 746 – 6492

**Date:** Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Corpus Christi Center, 206 Waterford Bridge Rd., St. John's, NL

All Ages Welcome!!!



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#### **COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES**

##### **5. 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 for more information

Seniors computer outreach is ongoing please call (709) 579 – 1500 for more information

##### **6. CENTRE FOR LIFE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM**

Will be held on Mondays beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> for seniors.

Please call (709) 579 – 1500 for more information and to make an appointment

##### **7. RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE**

We provide individual, couple and family counselling.

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

Winter Group Offerings:

➤ ***Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce (8 Weeks)***

**Facilitator:** Nicole Cooper, MSW, RSW

**Dates:** January 31 – March 28, 2018 (8 Weeks)

Wednesday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Please note there will be no session on Valentine's Day, February 14th

**Fee:** \$120.00

➤ ***Self-Empowerment for Women (8 Weeks)***

**Facilitator:** Robyn Hamlyn, MC, CCC

**Dates:** February 01 – March 22, 2018 (8 Weeks)

Thursday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$120.00

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

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

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#### **RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

##### **8. SEASON OF LENT – EASTER**

This 90-day season, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday, is one of renewal for each person and the whole church. At the heart of the season is the paschal mystery of Jesus. Lent prepares for it and Easter celebrates it for fifty days.

Can a dialogue between this Paschal Mystery and the Universe Story yield new insights for living our faith today?

We invite you to come to Presentation Sisters Virginia Waters Retreat House for an hour of contemplation, reflection and dialogue

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

**Date:** February 18<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Facilitators:** Phil Lewis, Gerard Whitty

Please call (709) 754-1582 to register

##### **9. 24 HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

You are invited to spend an hour with JESUS from 9:30 a.m., March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 10:00 a.m., March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

We pray for all those in authority, especially our spiritual and political leaders, that they be filled and guided by the Holy Spirit in their decision making.

**Location:** Mary Queen of the World Parish, 777 Topsail Road, Mount Pearl, NL

##### **10. 12 HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

St. Kevin's Parish is planning to have a 12 Hour Adoration which begins with 9:30 a.m. mass on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and concludes with Musical Adoration and Benediction from 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

**Location:** St. Kevin's Parish, 454 Main Rd, Goulds, NL



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#### **11. THE LEGION OF MARY**

will hold their annual Acies Ceremony for all active and auxiliary members.

**Date:** Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** St. Teresa's Church, 120 Mundy Pond Road, St. John's, NL

#### **12. GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE**

The Centre for Life invites the community to gather in a spiritual fellowship of prayer for all human life, especially the most vulnerable members of our society.

**Date:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** St. David's Church, 98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL

For information please call (709) 579 – 1500

#### **13. THE ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK**

Please join us for this witness to the value of all human life, from conception to natural death.

**Date:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Health Science Centre, 300 Prince Philip Dr., St. John's, NL

For information, call Colette (709) 690 – 8503, Carol (709) 727 – 2172

#### **14. CATHOLIC RENEWAL SERVICES**

Presents seven sessions of Catholic scriptural teachings on the Gospel of Luke by scriptural scholar Frances Hogan of Ireland.

**First Session Begins:** May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** St. Teresa's Parish Hall, 120 Mundy Pond Road, St. John's, NL

For information call Gerry @ 727-4513



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#### **15. GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

The Archdiocese of St. John's invite you to come and celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on the special occasion of Archbishop Currie's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

**Date:** Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

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

Reception to follow at The Gathering Place  
All are welcome!

#### **16. CELEBRATE FAMILY CONFERENCE**

Celebrate is a lively Catholic, faith-filled weekend for the whole family. Inspiring talks, children age appropriate streams, Mass, drama, worship, workshops. Fun for the whole family.

**Date:** July 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Location:** Corner Brook, NL

More information will follow, but mark these dates in your calendar.

### **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)



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

"If you're going to MUN this winter, 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)

Fr Joseph Mroz SJ, Catholic Chaplain, MUN

#### **19. CCO ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DINNER is Saturday, March 24, 2018**

Please join us for CCO's annual fundraising dinner. We will hear from CCO Foundress Angèle Regnier and from students who have been impacted by God through their involvement with CCO. This is a highlight for many of our friends and supporters - don't miss it!

**Date:** Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Knights of Columbus Hall, 49 St. Clare Ave., St. John's, NL

**Register:** [cco.ca/stjohnsgala](http://cco.ca/stjohnsgala). **Email:** [eric.filion@cco.ca](mailto:eric.filion@cco.ca) with any questions

For details and to register please go to [cco.ca/stjohnsgala](http://cco.ca/stjohnsgala)

#### **20. STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC - REVEALED**

The Steubenville series of conferences are held across North America each year. They seek to invite teens into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, empowering them to live as His disciples. These conferences are high energy events featuring inspiring talks, amazing music and worship, and opportunities for encounter with Jesus through the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Each year, young people from our Archdiocese travel to Halifax, NS to attend the "Atlantic" conference. This year, it will be held from July 6-8 at Dalhousie University. Youth between the ages 14-21 are encouraged to join us!

For more information on this conference, please contact Sara at [sbroderick@rcsj.org](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org)





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#### **21. 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)

#### **22. NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT**

Join over 3000 Catholics across Canada and the USA at this premier conference for the new evangelization. It will feature 6 world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization including Curtis Martin, Sr. Anne Shields, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Christy Dupuis and Michael Dopp.

The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. We are incredibly excited to be a host site for the NES. The conference will be webcasted from Ottawa, ON to St. Peter's Parish, Mount Pearl, NL. Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics.

**Where:** St. Peter's Parish, 110 Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl, NL

**When:** Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Registration Cost:** \$40.00 per person; Lunch will not be provided.

Register now at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

For more information, please contact [catholicnl@gmail.com](mailto:catholicnl@gmail.com)