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“AWAY IN A MANGER”, the annual exhibit of nativities from around the world, opens this Sunday, November 24 at the Basilica Cathedral Museum in St. John's from 1:30-4:00 PM. Explore the meaning of Christmas by walking through a lovely old room filled with over 100 nativity sets. Come join us Where? Mullock Library – Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John's (right next to the Basilica of St. John's the Baptist). It is open Saturdays from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm during the **four weekends of Advent**. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. For more information or to arrange a group visit please call (709)726-3660.

COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES

1. Ruah Counselling Centre also provides individual, couple, and family counselling. Please contact Samantha Lake at 579-0168 for more information.

2. CENTRE FOR LIFE

- Computers for Seniors is open for registration for fall classes. If you are interested in registering or want more information please call 579-1500.
- Counselling and support services are available for post-abortive women and any woman in an unexpected pregnancy. Professional confidential counselling services are available by contacting 709-579-3818, or by email counsellors@centreforlife.ca
- There is no fee for the services provided by the Centre for Life.



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CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. The Basilica Choir of St. John the Baptist presents: **A Little Child Will Lead Them**, the 23rd Annual Advent Festival of Carols and Scripture on December 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm. This ecumenical celebration, with scripture readings and beautiful Advent music, highlights the young people in our local and global communities working to make our world a better place. Hear the beautiful script by Patty Fowler and Mickie Pitcher, animated by Jacinta Mackey-Graham and Rick Fowler, with conductor Kiera Galway, organist/pianist Patty Fowler and guest musicians. Admission is free, but freewill donations to support Emmaus House are gratefully accepted. Reception to follow in the ambulatories.

2. MESSAGER of the SACRED HEART

If you're thinking of a gift for a grandparent or other relative or friend this year, or even getting a gift for yourself, the little Messenger of the Sacred Heart would be a good choice. This magazine will be sent to your address each month for a full year at a very reasonable price. You would be giving a monthly gift as well as spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart. For more info please call 738-3236

3. MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH INC. supporting a school and orphanage in Kenya, we are now requesting donations for our Christmas project, this year we are supplying all of our little children with a new 3-piece school uniform (Sweater, Shirt, skirt/pants) the suggested donation is \$25.00, how ever any amount would be greatly appreciated. Call Margie Stead 746-6492 or Doreen Stone 834-4164.

4. IF YOU ATTEND OR WORK AT MUN and are a KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS, please contact Father Joe Mroz. jmroz@mun.ca

5. COUPLES FOR CHRIST

presents "**Christmas Is In The Air**" - **Saturday December 14, 2019 @ 7:30 pm**
A Benefit Concert for the Gathering Place - ST. TERESA'S PARISH HALL -120 Mundy Pond Rd., St. John's, **\$5 – Admission.** For inquiries: 709- 699-7012; 709 765-1786.

6. ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Sunday December 8th 12 Noon to 4:00 PM

Monsignor James J. Doody Parish Social Room

Turkeys, Hams, Christmas Cakes, & Cash Spins

Soup, roll & sweet treat - \$5.00; Hotdog & Juice - \$3.00

Games for Kids and Visit from Santa! You can get your ticket at the door.



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7. DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

OFFERED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE

Are you interested in learning more about your faith and growing in understanding of it? The Archdiocese of St. John's offers a two-year Diploma in Theology and Ministry through Queen's College. One weekend each month for two years, you will gather with a group of believers who are curious and committed to explore many areas of theology under with the help of qualified, committed, faithful facilitators. For more information, contact Anne Walsh at (709) 579-0065, ext. 227, OR amfwalsh@gmail.com

8. Candle Light Vigil: To remember those who died by suicide.

This annual community vigil is held to remember those who died by suicide and to support survivors of suicide loss. Gather in music, poems, prayers and candle lighting. You are invited to bring a framed photograph of your loved one to be displayed during the vigil. Music by Shelley Neville, Peter Halley, Judy Brazil, Dan Dillon & Shannon Power. Please feel free to bring along sandwiches/cookies for tea following the vigil. This vigil is open to everyone regardless of faith! All are welcome.

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2019 **Time:** 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Location & Parking: St. Mark's Church, 203 Logy Bay Road, St. John's

RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

1. **An Advent Day of Recollection** will take place on Saturday, December 7th from 9am to 2pm in the Marian Chapel of the Basilica. The day will begin with Holy Mass, followed by an hour of adoration, and two spiritual talks. The day of recollection is organized by the Legion of Mary and will be led by Fr. James Fleming and Fr. Jeff Kolonel. Lunch and refreshments provided. There is no cost and all are welcome. So we can prepare accordingly for food, please notify Angelo Casanas if you plan to attend (angelo.casanas@gmail.com or 416 893-9161).

2. BASILICA PARISH

23RD ANNUAL ADVENT FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND SCRIPTURE

SUNDAY, DEC 1ST @ 7:00 PM.

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3. **MUN** will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mon. Dec 2 @ 6:30 pm in UC2001. All welcome. Our last Sunday Mass will be Dec. 8 @ 6:30 pm in the Chapel, and our last weekday Mass will be Fri. Dec. 13 @ 12:15, UC3006. We start again on Sunday Jan. 5. Sincerely, Fr Joe Mroz SJ



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4. REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION TIME IN ADVENT

On **Saturday, December 14th** at the **Basilica**, there will be Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. The reflection time after the 5PM Mass will feature a time of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, and confessions will be available. This will be a time of quiet reflection in Advent as we await the celebration of the Birth of Christ. So, in the midst of a busy pre-Christmas Season, come to the Basilica for a quiet time of reflection.... ALL ARE WELCOME!!!