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VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Third Sunday of Lent -- March 15, 2020

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION

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“But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or 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

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Upcoming Marriage Preparation Course dates in **St. John's for 2020** are: **April 17 & 18; May 22 & 23; June 12 & 13.** To register for a course please complete the registration form on the Archdiocesan **website** rcsj.org. Select Chancery/Marriage Tribunal and then Marriage Preparation. Anyone requiring additional info call Theresa Whiffen at (709)726-3660 Ext 236 or email twhiffen@rcsj.org.

2020 MASS OF CHRISM

The **Mass of Chrism** celebration will be at **7:00 pm** on **Monday of Holy Week, April 6, 2020 at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist.** After the celebration of Eucharist and the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils, a reception will be held in the ambulatories of the Church. Music ministers from throughout the Archdiocese are invited to be part of a massed Archdiocesan choir, which will practice in the Bellamy Choir Room at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 6, 2020. All we welcome to attend.

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.

CENTRE FOR LIFE

- Registration for Computers for Seniors has resumed for the winter session. To register or for information please call Centre for Life 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
- Centre for Life under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be offering tax preparation for seniors starting on Monday, March 2 - April 27th by appointment only. Please call 579-1500 -for more information or to book an appointment.



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RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

1) New Evangelization Summit -- April 25, 2020 -- SAVE THE DATE!

On **Saturday, April 25**, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the USA. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Michael Dopp, Barbara Mason, Sherry Wedell, and Brett Powell. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. St. Peter's Parish (110 Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl) is incredibly excited to be a host site for NES. This year, the Summit is FREE for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at www.newevangelization.ca Where/Location: St. Peter's Par. (110 Ashford Drive, Mt Pearl)

When: April 25, 2020 - Cost: FREE Contact: youthsaintppmaryqueen@gmail.com or call Heather- St. Peter's Parish (364-8606).

2) Finding God in the Dark

Everyone is invited to watch the movie, **Mary Magdalene** (2018 film), on *Sunday, March 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm* at *St. Pius X Church, Smithville Cres.* This movie is a biblical drama depicting Mary Magdalene as a person who finds refuge and a sense of purpose in following Jesus. She undergoes a profound spiritual awakening while challenging patriarchal traditions. Come along and bring a friend. Free admission.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

1. WAY OF THE CROSS, FOR OUR COMMON HOME – Basilica of St. John the Baptist, **Friday, March 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm.** Join us as we reflect on the crisis in the Amazon in the light of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, and to hear the cry of the forest and of the Indigenous and traditional communities protecting it. Hosted by the Basilica Parish Development and Peace Committee as part of the Share Lent Campaign.

2. The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will hold their Annual Acies Ceremony for all active and auxiliary members on **Sunday, March 22, at 3:30 pm.** at Corpus Christi.

3. PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE- October 21-31, 2020 with Fr. Cecil Critch.

Highlights - Paris, Shrine of Miraculous Medal, Parish Churches and other sites, Church of St. Joan of Arc in Rouen, Shrine of St. Theresa of Lisieux, Our Lady of Chartres, St. Bernadette at Nevers, St. Jean Vianney, La Salette, Avignon, and ending in Lourdes. If interested, please call Colleen Williams at Carson Wagonlit, Harvey's Travel Mt. Pearl, NL 747-5018.



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4. BASILICA 24 HOURS OF ADORATION

March 20-21... 24 Hours of Adoration will be held at the Basilica beginning **Friday, March 20** at **5PM** and ending **Saturday at 5PM**. The Basilica will be open for adoration for these 24 hours. Confessions, and Praise and Worship Music, will take place on Friday Night from 8:30PM -10:30PM and on Saturday, March 21 from 1:30PM-4:30PM. All are welcome. Security will be in place for the 24 hours.

5. LENTEN MISSION RETREAT at the Basilica March 29-31-Mission talk each night at 7PM

The Basilica Alpha Program invites everyone to a Lenten Mission given by Angele Renier, Mother and Grandmother, Co-founder of CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach), which trains and provides young Catholic Missionaries for University Campuses across the country. The topic of the three night mission retreat is "**FORGIVENESS IS THE KEY.**"

6. CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) Annual Founders' Dinner is Saturday March 28

For details, and to register please go to cco.ca/stjohnsgala Please join us for CCO's annual fundraising dinner. We will hear from CCO's Founder Angele Regnier and we will also hear from students involved with CCO who have been impacted by God through their involvement. This is a highlight for many of our friends and supporters - don't miss it! This event will take place at Columbus Hall, 49 St. Clair Ave. in St. John's. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Register at cco.ca/stjohnsgala. Email: maryclaire.hoffman@cco.ca with any questions.

7. "Diary of a Prison Chaplain: Stories of Hope from Inside and Outside the Walls."

(A TALK BY GERRY PHELAN - ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN AT HER MAJESTY'S PENITENTIARY). On **Thursday, March 19th at 7 PM** the **Fellowship of Christian Police Officers (FCPO)** will be hosting a guest speaker at the Basilica. For the last 5 years Gerry Phelan has been the Chaplain at Her Majesty's Penitentiary in St. John's. He has agreed to share his experiences in a talk entitled: "Diary of a Prison Chaplain: Stories of Hope from Inside and Outside the Walls." After the talk there will be time for a conversation with Gerry and some light refreshments. The FCPO invites you to join them for this evening of fellowship. Please contact Cst. Daniel Morrissey via Email to RSVP: nl.fcpo@gmail.com

8. 2020 Knights of Columbus State Essay Contest

This year's theme: *In what way is the Christian faith relevant in this 21st Century?* The first place winners will receive \$200, and two runners-ups will receive \$100 and \$50 respectively.

Eligibility – The Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students — in public or private school — in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 during the current school year.

Guidelines

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the published deadline.
- Essays must be the student's original work.
- Essays must be typed on 8 ½" X 11" paper, one sided, double spaced, with one-inch margins.
- Essays must be between 500 and 750 words long.
- The student's name should appear only on the cover

Deadline for receipt of entries is **April 15, 2020**. Entries are to be submitted by mail:

Mr. John Thoms, 174 Main St., Bishop's Falls, NL A0H 1C0

or by email at: jojn.thoms@nf.sympatico.ca



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9. **MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH INC.** will be holding their annual St. Patrick's Day afternoon tea on **March 15th 2- 4pm** at Corpus Christi Centre tickets are \$5.00 each, each ticket will enter your name into a draw for \$500 in gift cards. If you cannot attend please consider buying a few tickets. Please Contact Margie Stead 746-6492!

10. **ST BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE** will be hosting an Open House on **Sunday, March 29th** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Interested parents and students are invited to meet Faculty members, from various academic departments, discuss what makes our music & athletics programs unique and learn about innovations in curriculum supporting students learning in S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) To continue to provide affordable access to St. Bon's for all families, St. Bon's has a bursary program which provides financial aid towards the cost of tuition.

11. **LENT: A Time to Act With God's Love for all Creation**

We live in a world where floods and droughts are a reality. Come on this World Water Day and be informed with stories from those who have experienced droughts and floods and see what we, in our small place, can do for Planet Earth and its people.

Place: The Lantern, Barnes Rd; When: Sunday, March 22, 2020; Time: 7- 8:30 pm

Sponsored by Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice - Registration is free but please call or email to register as snacks will be provided. Email: rsmtee@gmail.com or phone 722-0082

12. **THINKfast** – Sunday, March 29, 2020, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Monsignor Doody Social Room of St. Patrick's Parish. THINKfast is a fast for youths who are passionate about social justice and rethinking the world. Junior High and High School Students are welcome to register to participate. Learn about the root causes of poverty, build community and develop leadership skills. To register or for more information email pwalsh@devp.org



13. **The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash**

For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil's Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace's partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively.

"On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians. We are very happy to have your support. It helps us in our struggle to have our rights and our land respected." — Jeremias Oliveira, representative of the Mura community, Brazil Watch the Mura's testimony at devp.org/campaign/mura.