



Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's Bulletin Announcements 8 March 2020

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Second Sunday of Lent -- March 8, 2020

For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION

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“God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace.” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation 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.

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 25th**, 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 Parish (110 Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl)

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

2) Finding God in Spiritual Reading

"Remember you are dust; remember Lot's wife." Think and talk about this statement from the writings of Abbott Erik Varden, OCSO. *Tuesday, March 10, 10:15 - 11:15 am* at *St. Pius X Church, Smithville Cres*, with Fr. Wayne Bolton, SJ.

3) Lenten Prayer: You are God's Beloved

Our *Lenten Prayer: You are God's Beloved*, continues, reminding us that God loves us through all the seasons of our life, and calls us to a deeper relationship. This series starts on *Saturday March 14, 10:15 - 11:15 am* at *St. Pius X Church, Smithville Cres*, Fr. Earl Smith SJ.

4) 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.



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2. 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.

3. 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.

4. "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

5. 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

6. 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!



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7. 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

8. Week 2: March 8 – International Women's Day

Yesica: a voice that reverberates from the Amazon to the Synod



Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru's Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, "*We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples.*" Development and Peace's partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected.

On this **International Women's Day**, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people.

Watch Yesica's testimony at devp.org/campaign/yesica.

9. On-Line Auction- L'Arche Avalon Mar 2 - 9:00 am - March 12 - 9:00 PM

We invite you to participate in an online auction, browse and place bids on over 100 items such as: artwork, NL crafts, gift cards from local businesses, skin and hair products, household items, a Seniors' Basket and a Boredom Box.

Using the search bar at the top of your Facebook page, type "L'Arche Avalon," scroll down to "L'Arche Avalon Online Auction 2020" and click to join. On March 2 you can view items and place your bids by "commenting" on individual pictures. All proceeds go to L'Arche Avalon for the construction of the first L'Arche home in this province.