



Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2022

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ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The next course is scheduled for March 25, 2023 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 200 Military Rd, St. John's. Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](#).

PRE-BAPTISM COURSE: To register please call the parish office 521-2206.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION available before all Masses

VISITATION TO THE SICK AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if you would like Father Ken to visit you at home or in the hospital.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Wednesday December 28	2:00 pm	Riverhead	Funeral Prayer Service Cecilia Bowen
Thursday December 29	1:30 pm	St. Joseph's	Funeral Mass Elizabeth (Betty) Power
New Years Eve	5:00 pm	St. Mary's	Harold & Jean Bishop & deceased family members George & Bridgie Halleran Mona Fleming
New Years Day	10:30 am	St. Joseph's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Jack & Mary Grace & deceased children Patrick & Margaret Hunt & deceased of the Hunt & Casey families; Dick & Kathleen Fowler & deceased of the Fowler & Hawco families
Ministry List	5:00 pm	New Years Eve St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Len Ryan Candle & Gift Bearers: Denise White & family Reader: Uriel Kielly Collectors: Des Yetman, Roy Fleming Eucharistic Minister: Pat Tobin
Ministry List	10:30 am	New Years Day St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Richard Fowler Candle & Gift Bearers: Martin & Augusta Gough Reader: Joan Downey Collectors: Gord Gambin, Ken Dalton Eucharistic Minister: Rosalind Philpott

Dear Parishioners

The church properties in Good Shepherd are listed for sale on the MLS (realtor.ca) system.

Below are the list prices that have been approved by the Monitor and Rep Counsel.

Sacred Heart Church – North Harbour - \$65,000

Queen of Holy Rosary Church - \$75,000

Sacred Heart Church - St. Vincent's - \$85,000

Parish Hall - St. Mary's - \$100,000 (re-listed)

Parish Hall - St. Vincent's - \$100,000 (sold)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church - \$90,000 (sold)

St. Joseph's Church - \$95,000 (sold)

Rectory and Parish Office - St. Joseph's - \$150,000 (sold)

Parish Hall – St. Joseph's - \$100,000 (sold)

Our Lady of Assumption Church - \$90,000 (sold)

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTION (Dec 25 - 31: In memory of Ricky & Hilary Gibbons

In memory of Mona Fleming

FINANCES WITH SINCERE THANKS

Dec 18: Weekly Offering: \$1146.35

Church Dues: \$400.00

St. Vincent's Hall Heat/Light: \$302.84 – Pond View Seniors

Online Memoriam (Phonse Duggan): \$500.00

Christmas Offering: \$25.00

Sunday Missals: \$26.00

Advent Offering: \$60.00

Certificate: \$7.00

Online Donations: \$15.00

Parish Monthly Financial Report for November Posted on the Church Bulletin Boards

Please take time to review. If you have any questions or concerns contact the parish office or Mr. Howard Power, Finance Council Chairperson 521-2431

GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS FOR DECEMBER

1st Prize \$1,000.00

Ticket #00082 Winner: Des Yetman.

Draw at the Parish Office Dec 22 by Gerry Ryan. Witness: Benny Furey & Howard Power

2nd Prize: \$1000.00

Ticket #0082 Winner: Des Yetman.

Draw at the Parish Office by Benny Furey. Witness: Gerry Ryan & Howard Power.

Congratulations! Des. Thank you, Gerry, Benny and Howard.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED from each community where there is a Church, Hall or other Building to conduct a Vacancy Inspection once every three days after January 1st as per request from RCEC Vacant/Unused Buildings. We also need volunteers to drain water pipes etc. in each of the buildings prior to January 1st if possible.

Vacant/Property Insurance Requirements: Re – Correspondence received from RCEC Business Office

As we have earlier indicated, buildings unused after 1 January will have their “holding” costs covered through the RCECSJ. Vacant buildings should be “winterized” (i.e., water turned off/pipes drained, heat off or minimized) and will be listed with our insurers as vacant buildings.

We would like for each Parish to arrange for a volunteer(s) to check on these buildings on a regular basis (every 3 days) and maintain a visitation log (sample attached). Arrangements should also be made to ensure that a “fire route” around the building be kept clear of snow – the cost of this snow clearing will be paid by the RCECSJ. Please direct applicable invoices to my attention here at this office.

I would also like to have the contact information of whoever will keep the keys providing access to the property, in the event that entry is required.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

We are incredibly disappointed to report that, due to circumstances beyond our control, we must delay our operational transition from the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's (RCECSJ) to St. John's Archdiocese Inc. (SJA). The transition will **not** come into effect on January 1, 2023 as planned. Instead, it will be a few months later.

Frank Stevens

Finance Administrator



Archbishop's 2022 Christmas Message

Dear People of the Archdiocese of St. John's:

***The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone***
(Isaiah 9:2)

This is the opening line of the first reading of the Mass "During the Night" on Christmas Eve. Through it the prophet Isaiah speaks to us of a God who wishes to be with his people in a positive and life-giving way.

Christmas can be at time of great joy and peace and happiness, but it can also be a time of great sadness, loneliness and despair. So much depends, not only on our current situation, but also on our openness to the "great light" of God's love in our lives, and to the many ways, large and small, that this love is made manifest.

We recall that the "first Christmas" was not an easy one for Mary and Joseph, alone in an unfamiliar place, without shelter or support. Despite their hardships they had each other, they had a new, healthy, baby boy, they had the visit of the shepherds, and they had a faith so deep and strong that they were able to see and trust God's presence in all of it.

For many in the Archdiocese, 2022 has not been an easy year. Personal losses and challenges, the continuing worries and restrictions of the Covid pandemic, the amalgamation of parishes and sale of churches are a few of the things that have weighed heavily on people's hearts and minds. However, if we look at the year with the eyes of faith, enlightened by the love of our Lord, we can see in it many gifts and blessings for which to give Him thanks.

In her Christmas reflection in the 2022 "Living with Christ" missalette, Teresa Whalen Lux notes:

God doesn't wait for the perfect conditions to come to us. Rather, God is with us now in the messiest and darkest of situations: broken relationships, financial hardships, family tensions, grief over lost loved ones. At Christmas, we celebrate the God who comes to us as a light in our darkness.

In celebrating Christmas, we celebrate a God who has come among us as one of us; a God who has shared our human condition and all the joys and sorrows, hopes and fears that are so much a part of it. Christmas is a time for us to bask in the light of His love and to recommit ourselves to sharing this love with others, especially those who seem to be "walking in darkness", living through a time of sadness, hopelessness and fear.

Praying that the light of God's love will shine brightly in your hearts during this Christmas season and through-out the year ahead, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

+Peter Hundt
Archbishop of St. John's.

