

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Aug. 25	9:30 a.m.	Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Ralph Lahey; Paul Murphy; Brian, Regina & the Hickey Family
Wednesday, Aug. 26	9:30 a.m.	Ed, Melissa & Lisa Hurley; Mark Potter; Philip & Mary Sinnott
Thursday, Aug. 27	9:30 a.m.	Martin Ryan; Margaret & Clune Snow; Kitty & Mary Hunt
Friday, Aug. 28	9:00 a.m.	Lester Yetman; Margaret Wade; Lena Cahill
Saturday, Aug. 29	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Saturday, Aug. 29	5:00 p.m.	Vince, Mac & Janet Murphy; Kevin Kent; Linda Pipher; Ethel Burford; Gerald Conway; Gordon Power; Fr. Edward Purcell
Sunday, Aug. 30	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Welcome: New Members of Our Parish: We would like to welcome into our Parish Jaya Melissa Shea, Alyssa Frances Smith and Adrian James Sheppard who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish. We wish them and their families many joys and God's blessings and offer them our continued support

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

AUGUST 16, 2009

Offertory (104 Envelopes)	\$1,232.31
Dues (1 Envelopes)	5.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, AUG. 29 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, AUG. 30 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Cathy Tulk Harriett Taylor	Jean Williams Ros Fitzgerald
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Jasmine Brazil Raymond Whelan Rosemary O'Keefe Lydia Brazil	Shirley Murphy George Jackman
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Shirley Murphy George Jackman	Tom Cole Family
USHERS:	George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien

THE BELL ISLAND FOODBANK: We are asking for **donations** of canned and boxed goods such as: beans, peanut butter and pasta (macaroni, spaghetti, sauce, etc.) to help with our cause. If you wish to donate, a box can be found at the back of the church. We are also looking for **volunteers** to help at the Foodbank, either with daily operations or to join the members of the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact Lori Hann (3250) or Joe Somerton (2811). Thank you!

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB: Is holding a **Special Bingo Night on August 27th!** Come join us for a chance to win the **\$500.00 jackpot!** Game starts at 8:15pm with an early bird draw at 8:00pm. **All children present will receive free school supplies!**

HOLY SHOW CONCERT – AUGUST 25, 2009 – 7 PM: We are delighted and privileged to have the “Holy Show” come to our community. Performers are 14 priests from our Archdiocese with Archbishop Martin Currie as Emcee. This show has received rave reviews and has been sold out wherever they have performed. For only \$20, it will be money well spent! **Reserved seating is available.** For tickets contact: Ros Hurley at 488-3809 and Ursula Lahey at 488-3015.

***Transportation provided to the Holy Show from the 5:30pm ferry!**

CALL TO SERVICE: “Choose this day whom you will serve.” Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the vocations office: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Music by
Liam Lawton

Presider: Let us pro-claim the mys-te-ry of faith.

All: When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,

We pro-claim your death, we pro-claim your death, Lord Je-sus.

When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,

We pro-claim your death Lord, un-til you come in glo-ry.

175TH ANNIVERSARY: This year marks the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the first four Presentation Sisters in Newfoundland. We invite parishioners throughout the Diocese, former students, our families, employees, former members and friends to join with us as we celebrate in gratitude for their generosity and commitment. We conclude this Jubilee Year with a Diocesan Celebration on **Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 pm** in the **Basilica of St. John the Baptist**. Mass will be presided by Archbishop Martin Currie followed by a reception for all in the Lantern on Barnes Road.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S DOUBLE HOME LOTTERY: DEADLINE AUGUST 30, 2009. Time is rapidly running out. **\$100.00 per ticket. Two draws—Two Grand Prize Homes (\$1 million value).** Each ticket is eligible for **BOTH** draws. Telephone: (709) 738-3253 or Toll Free: 1-866-995-3253 or on the Web at www.doublehomelottery.com. Look for the coloured brochure at the back of the Church. Tickets are also available at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center – Basilica Museum Entrance, 7 Days a week.



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

They have taken possession of the Promised Land, and at last there is peace. Before he dies, Joshua urges them to make a decision. Will they continue to serve the Lord? Or will they follow other gods? "As for me and my household" he says in the memorable phrase, "we will serve the Lord". The people also commit themselves to be faithful to God's covenant.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:32-5.2, 21-32

This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the Church.

The reading from the Ephesians is one of the most difficult for contemporary Christians to hear. The shorter version, which emphasizes the mutuality of marriage, is probably a good choice. Paul says, "I speak in reference to Christ and the church". For Paul, marriage is a great metaphor for Christ's relationship with the Church, his bride.

GOSPEL: John 6:53, 60-69

Lord, to whom can we go? You have the word of eternal life.

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" they ask. Jesus tells them that acceptance of this statement is a matter of grace. Jesus asks the Twelve whether, they too, wish to leave him. Peter speaks up, as Joshua did, with a profession on faith. He does not say he understands anymore than the others, but he knows that this is where he belongs. There are other teachers, but only one has the "words of eternal life".