

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday April 7th	7:30 p.m.	Mass of Chrism, Basilica, St. John the Baptist St. John's
Wednesday April 8th	7:00 p.m.	Danny Jackman; Kevin Hynes; Gordon Power
Holy Thursday April 9th	7:00 p.m. 11:30 pm.	Philip & Mary Delaney; Edward Ryan; Michael & Bridget Ryan Evening Prayer
Good Friday April 10th	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	The Passion and Death of Our Lord Stations of The Cross
Holy Saturday April 11th	8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Ron & Ricky Brown; James & Agatha Galway; Evelyn & Des Galway; Mary & John Littlejohn; Phonse, John & Patty Littlejohn; William & Sarah Curnew; Charles & Rita O'Brien; James & Maria Kelly; John & Derm Luffman;
Easter Sunday April 12th	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Ministries for Holy Triduum: A complete list of those who participate in the many ministries for the Holy Triduum are listed on a special insert in this week's bulletin. Please ensure that you are faithful to your ministry for the time you are scheduled.

Collection for Week of March 28th & March 29th, 2009	
Offertory- 114 Envelopes -----	\$1,299.50
Dues- 35 Envelopes -----	457.50
Development & Peace - 12 Envelopes -----	138.00
Lenten Folders – 2 Adult -----	80.00
Lenten Folders – 1 Child -----	2.00
Easter Flowers in Memory -----	152.00
Thank –You for your Financial Support	

Good Friday Collection April 10, For the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land:

During this day of universal fasting and abstinence all Catholics are urged to make a contribution which will be shared by the Church in the Holy Land (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, etc.), Peter's Pence (Vatican Operations) and the Catholic Church Extension Society (a registered charity) which solicits funds from all Canadian Dioceses' and reallocates to needy causes and projects.

During Holy Week: In Canada, a funeral Mass may be celebrated any day except Sunday, Holy days of obligation, Holy Thursday, and during the Easter triduum (from the Mass of the Lord's supper through Easter Sunday inclusively.) On these days the funeral may be celebrated without Mass, using only the rites for the reception of the body, the liturgy of the word and the final commendation, as given in the ritual.

World Day of Youth April 5th, 2009: Instituted by Pope John Paul II at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with the World Youth Day gatherings. In presenting the World Youth Day Cross to the Toronto pilgrims (2001), the Pope said: "With creativity and enthusiasm, may you find new ways to lead the young people of the world...to a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ.

Paschal Fast: The Paschal fast should be observed everywhere on **Good Friday** and continued, where possible, on Holy Saturday. This means no eating of meat and no eating between meals. Those **14** and over are bound to abstain from meat while those **18 to 59** years of age are bound by the laws of fasting. In this way the people of God will receive the joys of the Lord's resurrection with uplifted and responsive hearts.

The Marriage Course (7wks): **The Marriage Course** is every practical, giving any **Married Couple** the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. Topics include: communications, conflict resolution, forgiveness, parents and in-laws, good sex, making time for each other, etc. **Facilitators:** Nick and Doreen Westera. Each meeting is done in the context of a candlelight setting with seven **fabulous desserts** and coffee. **Begins, Wednesday, April 22, 7-9:30- p.m. To register call Sr. Loretta Walsh at 579-0168.**

R.T.L. – The Annual Good Friday Vigil: will be held on **April 10th, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** at the Health Science complex parking Lot. Join the Right to Life Association and show your support against abortion. Call 579-1500 for further details.

The Bell Island Foodbank: Is seeking your assistance with their operations. Over the past number of months, the number of people looking for help has increased quite a bit. We are asking for donations of peanut butter or pasta (macaroni, spaghetti, etc) to help with our cause. A box has been placed at the back of the church, if you are interested in making a donation. We are also looking for volunteers to help at the Foodbank, either in the daily operations or to be a member of the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact Lori Hann (3250) or Joe Somerton (2811). Thank you....

St. John's And Area Council of Chuches: Annual dinner and general meeting- time:6:00 pm- Friday, April 17th - place- Salvation Army Citadel, Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl - COST \$15.00. Special guest speaker for this meeting is Sister Elizabeth M. Davis, RSM, a leader in the field of Health Care in Canada.

Holy Show Concerts: The dates and places for “The Holy Show” for the following year are as follows:

June 10th – Marystown Arena (In aid of several Burin Peninsula Parishes)

June 15th – Holy Heart of Mary Auditorium (In aid of St. Paul’s, St. Patrick’s and Holy Rosary Parishes.)

Aug. 25th – Bell Island Arena (In aid of St. Michael’s Parish.)

Sept. 9th – Southern Shore Arena (In aid of Holy Family & Our Lady Star of the Sea Parishes)

Nov. 12th – Holy Heart of Mary Auditorium (In aid of St. Bonaventure’s College & St. Patrick’s Mercy Home.

Information for Bell Island Show will be updated in our bulletin for the sale of tickets.

MASS OF CHRISM: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Basilica on **Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30 pm.** At this time Archbishop Currie will bless and consecrate the oils which will be used throughout the year in the celebration of the Sacraments, and our priests will renew their commitment to priestly service. Following the celebration there will be “a cup of tea and a sandwich”. All are invited to attend.

Special Mass and Healing Service: There will be a special Mass followed by a healing service held on **Wednesday, April 22nd** at Mary Queen of Peace Church on Torbay Road at **7:00 p.m.** Rev. Dr. Peter Coughlin is currently the pastor of St. Andrew parish in Oakville, Ontario and serves the renewal of the Church through the Charismatic Renewal and the ministry of healing. Bishop Richard Grecco is the senior Vicar General and the Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. All are welcome to attend.

Book Sale Announcement: There will be a sale of more than 11,000 Used Books, plus over 700 NL books at the Arts and Culture Centre, St. John’s **from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on April 24th. and from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on April 25th.** Proceeds help fund 12 Memorial, Marine Institute & CONA Scholarships, the educational of three children in Kenya, a large Campus Food Bank donation, & NL Art posters in our schools. Sponsor: Canadian Federation of University Women, St. John’s, (CFUW). To donate books contact 368-5062 or apr24252009@gmail.com

25th Anniversary to the Priesthood: On April 25, 2009, Father Patrick Power will celebrate his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. The Parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea and Sts. Peter & Paul will celebrate this special event on Friday, May 1st, 2009 with Mass in St. Patrick’s Church, Witless Bay at 7:30 pm. And a social to follow at Kinsmen Centre, Witless Bay. Music by Ronnie & Johnny. Everyone welcome.

Sanctuary Candle: In Loving Memory of Frank Pendergast Sr. & Jr.



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Palm Sunday - Passion of Our Lord
April 5th, 2009

Reflection:

Gospel: Mark 11: 1-10

Blesses is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 50” 4-7

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord helps me, therefore, I have not been disgraced.

The Third Servant Song of Second Isaiah introduces the idea that the Servant is to suffer. He experiences the lot of the prophets. God’s Word encompasses him whether he is well or weary, sleeping or awake. His message from God is met with rejection, and treated with insult. But God is as his side; he can stand firm.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.

This beautiful hymn is a signature tune of Holy Week. It summarizes not just the divine mysteries of this week, but also the whole question ‘Who is Christ?’ Paul inserted this hymn to call to mind the humble attitude needed for any true unity among Christians. It must be based on Christ’s humble, free submission. What constituted Christ’s humiliation? Is it the incarnation itself, or the assuming of the particular humanity he did in fact accept? In the present liturgical context, it is the identity with human suffering which was the true humiliation. This supreme obedience was the cause of his exaltation as Lord of all creation.

Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15.47

The Passion of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Jesus is alone as Suffering Servant. He gives himself up for all men. He claims unequivocally the highest prerogatives, when he is solemnly questioned about himself by the High Priest. Even Peter and the others desert him. There is irony in every verse ‘He saved others! He cannot save himself! Judgment comes upon the old covenant for its final disbelief, and the gentiles in the mouth of the centurion now come to accept its saviour. Mark’s narrative conveys the mystery of belief and unbelief, of humility and the highest of achievements.