



**PHILOMENA CHAFE MEMORIAL PILGRIMAGES TO STE ANNE DE BEAUPRE:** With visits also to St. Joseph's Oratory and Cap de la Madeleine. Group 1: June 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Group 2: August 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> (20th Memorial Pilgrimage). Please contact: Joanne Chafe 579-7924. Also, in memory of Philomena Chafe, organized by her son Frank Chafe; visits to Cape de la Madeleine and St. Joseph's Oratory; from St. John's to and from Montreal via Air Canada, August 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact 364-4944 or 579-6130.

**APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>-SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB (6 WEEKS):** "The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully" by Joan Chittister. "In a world that glorifies youth and degrades old age, the words of Joan Chittister about aging are a precious gift". The Gift of Years looks at the many dimensions of aging, the purposes and concerns, struggles and surprises, the potential and joys. Facilitator: Sr. Mae Kierans, C.S.J. (Clinical Psychologist). Begins: Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am.- noon. The Gift of Years Book is available for purchase at the Archdiocesan Office from 9:00am.- noon or 1:00pm.-4:30pm. Space is limited to 15. To register, call Sr. Loretta Walsh or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168.

**OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS:** Weekly Mass held Sunday Evenings at 6:00 pm. Mass is celebrated at St. John's College Chapel (School of Social Work building). Spread the word to the students in your life who may not be aware of this. All are Welcome!

**THE ARCHBISHOPS DINNER & AUCTION:** Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at R. Gushue Hall, MUN. Tickets are \$150.00 each with a \$100.00 tax receipt issued. We are seeking donations for the live and silent auction. All donations are greatly appreciated! Please contact your parish office or Anne Marie or Linda at 726-3660.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** There will be services at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist and St. Francis of Assisi in Outer Cove on Divine Mercy Sunday - April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. All are welcome!

**FAMILY LIFE BUREAU – COUNSELLING SERVICES:** Individual, couple, and family counselling available upon request. For more information call: Sr. Loretta Walsh or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168 or email: [flb@nf.aibn.com](mailto:flb@nf.aibn.com). For a listing of all our programs refer to our Website: [www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb](http://www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb).

**ANNUAL GIGANTIC USED BOOK SALE:** Held at The Arts and Culture Centre, St. John's, Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (10am-9pm) and Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (10am-2pm). Over 20,000 books! Sponsored by the Canadian Federation of University Women of St. John's. This sale helps fund 18 post-secondary scholarships, NL Posters in Schools and other educational projects. For information or pre-sale purchase of vols. 4 & 5 of Encyclopedia of NL at \$20 each, call 570-7596 or email: [cfuwstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:cfuwstjohns@gmail.com).



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### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

#### **REFLECTION:**

#### **FIRST READING:** Acts 5: 12-16

*More than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women.*

As the Holy Spirit filled the apostles with ever deepening faith in the power of Jesus' Resurrection, Jesus' ministry of healing comes to life in them. As the crowds once flocked to Jesus to experience the power of God's healing mercy, they now flock to the apostles, for their touch bestows a share in Christ's healing power. As believers, we are enlivened by the Resurrection to be instruments of God's grace and healing.

#### **SECOND READING:** Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

*I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.*

In the book of Revelation, John shares a powerful encounter with the risen Christ, who invites him to put aside all fear and to know Christ as the living one. The Lord has conquered sin and death and desires to share his victory with us. Christ's victory is the central message of all that John will be invited to record in this book.

#### **GOSPEL:** John 20: 19-31

*A week later Jesus came and stood among them.*

Thomas' demand to probe with his hands what the others have already had the grace to see with their eyes might not strike us as unreasonable. Jesus' appearance to Thomas and his invitation to probe his wounds might suggest to us that the risen Lord did not deem it unreasonable either. Yet, the Lord invites us to a more demanding faith, a faith that believes without seeing. However, we are called to this faith not as isolated individuals – we are not without the witness of the community of faith, struggling to live the mystery of the Resurrection.