

"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here."  
Mark 16: 1-7

Unlocking the music

He was a software engineer by profession - but music was his passion. An accomplished pianist, he composed marvelous pieces. He wrote his first song to impress a girl in his class. And she was impressed. They were 15. They married five years later and have been together 46 years.

Then one day he sat down at the piano to play. He started a song, but stopped. How did it go? He couldn't remember. It happened again and again. It was the first sign that he had Alzheimer's disease.

All those years, he never wrote or recorded any of his songs. Every note and phrase and chord progression were in his head. And soon it would be lost forever. Another piece of this husband and dad would be lost.

One day, his daughter confided to her best friend what was happening to her father. Her friend was an extraordinary musician and pianist: she possessed the rare gift of being able to hear a piece of music once and play it. She offered to work with her friend's father to reconstruct his music. After much prodding, the father agreed.

Each time they met, he would play whatever notes he could remember and she would play them back; she would suggest various paths and would begin reconstructing the piece. She immediately understood his music - she found hints of themes, counter themes, harmonies and rhythms. She found his music beautiful - and worth saving.

For two years they worked together every other week. With the help of some of her musician friends, they recorded a CD of his music. She also convinced him to compose one last song. With her help, he composed a piece called "Melancholy Flower." The Oregon Repertory Singers included it in their 2016 Christmas concert. For the first time, one of his songs would be performed in public. Despite all that Alzheimer's had taken from him, the music of his soul would live on.

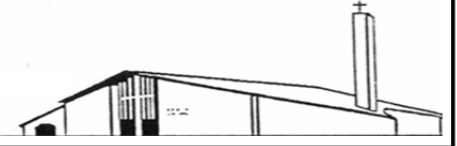
[CBS Sunday Morning, August 13, 2017.]

**The compassion and dedication of a young musician helps preserve the music locked in the brain of its composer suffering from Alzheimer's. Her work is the work of Easter: to open tombs; to restore life to the lost, the despairing, the forgotten; to free the dead from the shackles of hopelessness. The empty tomb of Easter morning is God's vindication of his Son's life among us: that no tomb can contain the mercy and hope of God. May we be about the work of Easter: to unlock the music of God's peace in our lives that has for too long been entombed by fear, anger and hurt.**  
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# St. Stephen's Parish

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**St. Anne's Guild** - President Laura Rouzes

**ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE**

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| <p><b>SUNDAY MASSES</b><br/>Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M.<br/>Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.</p>                           | <p><b>ROSARY</b><br/>Saturdays from 1:30 pm until 2:30 pm.<br/><b>RECONCILIATION</b><br/>Saturdays at 3:00 P.M.; anytime by request</p>  |
| <p><b>MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY MASSES</b><br/>Saturday - 4:30 P.M.<br/>Sunday - 9:00 A.M.</p> | <p><b>REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES</b><br/>Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.<br/>Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 A.M.<br/>Thursday Adoration 10 A.M. - 12 NOON<br/>1st Friday - Acadian Village - 2:00 P.M.<br/>3rd Friday - Silverwood Manor - 2:30 P.M.</p> |

**MARRIAGES.** Six months notice is required; a year's notice is recommended.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION.** Next Session - *April 23rd, 2018 - Please call to register*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.** The 3rd Sunday of the month beginning at 2:00 P.M. and ending with benediction at 4:00 P.M

**PRAYER MEETINGS.**

St. Stephen's Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.  
Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne's Hall.

**OFFICE HOURS:** MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,  
FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM      **CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS MAR. 24-25:**

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| Sunday Collection   | \$ 2,655.90 |
| Development & Peace | \$ 229.00   |
| Initial Offering    | \$ 12.00    |
| Good Friday         | \$ 65.00    |

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** For the Late Ricky Benoit as requested by Martina Cormier.

**PASTORAL DUES RECEIVED WITH**

**THANKS:** From Irene Chaulk, Joseph & Dolorosa Dollard, Lucy Gear, Maurice & Cecilia Hynes, Terry & Queenie Lavalley and Margaret O'Quinn.

**SCENT-FREE :** Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

**COMMUNION IN THE PEWS:** The Holy Communion will be served to those who are unable to go to the altar at the end of Communion.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Just a reminder to please put your name and amount on your envelope before you pass it in. Thank you!

**CELEBRATE:** Is a dynamic Catholic faith-filled weekend for the whole family or for individuals. Inspiring talks, children's age appropriate streams, Mass, worship, and a variety of workshops. Fun and faith for the whole family. To be held at All Hallows Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary School on Humber Road in Corner Brook. The Celebrate Weekend is July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and the theme is *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*. Celebrate Conferences originated in the UK and have been running successfully there for many years. Speakers are Jenny Baker from UK and Fr. James Fleming. For information please call Margaret 681-2353, or (after April 15<sup>th</sup> Amelia at 388-1048). [www.celebratenl.ca](http://www.celebratenl.ca)

**THANK YOU!:** To those who helped to clean the Church on Wednesday, March 27th, for Easter!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**St. Stephen's - Parish Meeting Room**

Kindergarten, Thursday, **April 12** at 6:00 pm  
Year 1 (Group A), Monday, **April 9** at 6:00 pm  
Year 1 (Group B), Tuesday, **April 10** at 6:00 pm

Year 2 (Group A), Monday, **April 16** at 6:00 pm  
Year 2 (Group B), Tuesday, **April 17** at 6:00 pm  
Year 3 (Group A) Monday, **April 23** at 6:00 pm  
Year 4, Thursday, **April 19** at 6:00 pm  
Yrs 5 & 6, Thursday, **April 26** at 6:00 pm

Yr. 7 Pre-Confirmation, Sunday, **April 15** at 6:00 pm  
Yr. 8 Confirmation, Tuesday, **April 24** at 6:00 pm

Yr. 9 & 10 Confirmation, Wednesday, **April 11** at 6:00 pm at St. Anne's Hall

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:** One of the recommended Responsorial Psalms on this glorious Easter Sunday is Psalm 118, including this from verse 24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." In truth Easter is all about rejoicing. It is the day of Resurrection which provides hope to all of us. Throughout our diocese thousands of people are at Mass today who may not normally attend. Recent studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of those who do not regularly attend may not have been at Mass since Christmas. That is another reason for us to rejoice and say "Welcome home." We miss you and we love you. Christ's love for us is at the foundation of our celebration today. St. Augustine once wrote, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." We ask God's blessings on all those who have passed our amazing religion to you. Clearly you do remember your devotion and are here to honor it. Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history -when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

**HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL:**

**Symbols of Easter Vigil and their Sacramental, Spiritual and Social Significance:**

**FIRE:** New Fire; hearts burning within us; fire of the Holy Spirit; tongues of fire; Pillar of God's protection; burning bush; inner fire of God's love, inspiration; fire of hatred; fire of anger; Ecological fire, etc.

**WATER:** New life; purification; Baptism; life in the Spirit; quenching thirst; sharing of water; life of grace; participation in the paschal mystery of Christ; no class or gender discrimination; scarcity of water in some parts of the world; wasting and polluting of water in other places; not sharing water and natural resources

**OIL:** Healing; harmony; reconciliation; anointing with authority; anointing for a mission; healing in the family; herbal healing; natural medicine among the indigenous people; etc. Globalization of medicine; multinationals swallowing the simple, less expensive herbal and natural cure; destruction of herbs; etc.

**LIGHT:** Good works (Mt. 5.16); light of the world; walking in the light; works of the spirit; Jesus the light of the world; values of Jesus and of the Kingdom; etc. Values of the world; wrong attachments; works of darkness, etc.

**BAPTISM: WHITE CLOTH:** Purity; Cleanliness; gift of the Spirit; peace; gratuitous gift; clothing the naked; clothing Jesus himself; human dignity; etc. Affront to human dignity; making humans into commodity and commercializing them; affluence and silk on one side, tattered and torn clothes and nakedness on the other; etc. "Do you want to honour Jesus Body with silk and fine materials; honour him in the naked" - St John Chrysostom.

**NEW CHRISTIANS:** Colossians 3.1-17; Galatians 3.27-28 I make all things new: New creation; New heaven and new earth Disciples of Christ: to love and to serve God and humanity.

**THE WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE SERIES:** The theme of this session on April 4<sup>th</sup> is **The Spirit's Freedom**. Synopsis: The Holy Spirit brings freedom from fear, anger, and the past. So often Christians find themselves bound by so many things and are not aware that the Holy Spirit wants to bring the freedom of God to them. Many are slaves to anger, envy, jealousy, comparisons, and addictions. Christians do not have to live life like that. In this segment, we will discuss how the Holy Spirit can bring greater freedom.

**ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:**

**CHASE THE ACE:** As Sunday, April 8th is Easter Sunday, Chase the Ace will not take place on that day. It will resume on Sunday, April 8th at the usual time.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR GRADE 8-12 STUDENTS:**

The Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus is again this year sponsoring an essay writing contest. All Catholic students from Grade 8 to 12 are eligible to make entries. First Prize - \$200.00; Second Prize - \$100.00; Third Prize - \$50.00. The prizewinners will be announced at the State convention in April. This year's essay theme is: "Going to the Peripheries". Essays are to discuss the role of the Catholic Church in going to the peripheries and to describe the work of one widely known current or historical Catholic, or of someone personally known to the writer, who has helped alleviate human suffering. Essays are to be the writer's original work, 500 to 700 words in length and to be typed one sided, double spaced with one inch margins on 8 1/2" x 11" paper with the writer's name appearing only on the cover page. Essays must be submitted by April 15, 2018 to: Mr. Gordon Lannon, 3 Spruce Street, Pasadena, NL A0L 1K0

**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!**