

December 27th, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Due to the COVID-19 social distancing measures in place, you need to call to register for our New Year's Masses.

To register, you can call Debbie Wilton at 649-1958.

Our New Year's Mass schedule is as follows:

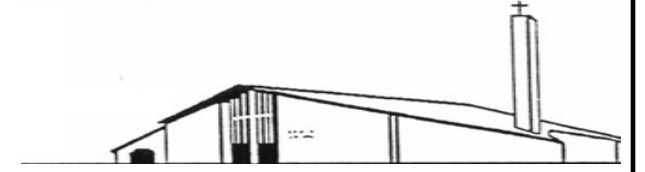
New Year's Eve
Thursday, December 31st
6:00 p.m.

New Year's Day,
Friday, January 1st
10:30 a.m.



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BISHOP OF CORNER BROOK & LABRADOR: Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen

Administrator: Fr. Krishnarao Mekala (Kris)

Associate Priest: Fr. Vanathuraj Rayappan (Ray)

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debbie Wilton

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St. Anne's Guild

SECRETARY

President, Millicent Penton

Carolyn O'Quinn

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Theresa Dollimont

LITURGY COORDINATOR: Bernice Maddock

Knights of Columbus - Grand Knight Clyde Russell

4th Degree Assembly - Faithful Navigator Bob Miller

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION- *Please call to register.*

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Online Daily Due to COVID-19

MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 P.M.
Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

ROSARY

Saturdays at 11:00 am
RECONCILIATION
By Appointment

PRAYER MEETINGS:

St. Stephen's Prayer Group and Word & Spirit Prayer Group Meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

December 13th - \$2985.05

December 20th - \$2786.00



SCENT-FREE

Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28th

For the late John Hann

For the late Robert & Isabelle Foley

For the late Robert Shaw

Tuesday, December 29th

For the late Agnes Mary Joy

For the late Pat Ryan

Wednesday, December 30th

For the late Raymond L. Hynes

For the late Marjorie Shelley

Thursday, December 31st

For the deceased members of the J.V. & Mary Ellen O'Quinn Family

For the deceased families of John & Dorothy Pike

For the deceased family of Philip Caul Jr.

Friday, January 1st

NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of Fr. Ray and I, I would like to thank all who took the time to drop off cards and gifts. It is greatly appreciated. We would also like to extend our thanks to Dr. Ian Marche for the generosity he has shown our Parish. Thanks to Dr. Marche, we are able to return to the main church for our Masses beginning in January.

4 YOUTH

On the first Sunday after Christmas, the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family is a model for us of how a family should live together - with respect, compassion, love and faith. How do you show your love and respect for the other members of your family? What can you do to

bring the qualities of the Holy Family more fully into your family's life?

A STORY

St. Teresa of Calcutta told the story of a little girl she found on the street. She took the child into the Missionaries of Charity children's home and gave her clean clothes, good food, and a nice place to stay. The sisters tried hard to make the girl happy. After a few hours, she ran away, and it was a few days before Mother Teresa found her again. She brought her back to the home, but the little girl ran away again. The sister who followed her discovered that the little girl was fleeing back to her mother, who was so poor that she lived on the street under a tree and had meager food. When asked why she ran away, the girl replied: "I could not live without my mother. She loves me." The whole time the child was with the Missionaries, she did not smile. But with her mother, she was smiling. Why? Because they were family (by Mother Teresa: No Greater Love).(Franciscan Media, Sunday Homily Helps: Holy Family Sunday, December 27th , Annual Readings Lectionary #17)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Genesis 15: 1-6; 17: 3b-5, 15-16; 21:1-7

(1) **Mother Teresa's story is a good example of the parent/child relationship described in our first reading.** (a) Children are a gift from God. (b) God created Adam and Eve in His image, demonstrating His unique bond with them. Because of this bond, He allowed Adam and Eve to have children, who were also created in the divine image. (c) The mother and daughter in Mother Teresa's story show how strong this bond can be. (d) Parents should recognize that, just as they are created in the image of God, so also are their children.



(2) **Parents are gifts from God** (a) Children should hold their parents in high regard because they are God's gift to them. It was not

a random action but rather a purposeful decision. (b) Jesus exemplified this. Although He is God, He honoured His human parents according to God's wonderful design. (c) There is no age limit for honouring one's parents. We must honor and revere them even in their old age. (d) Families in which parents value their children and children revere their parents will be abundantly blessed by God. (Franciscan Media, Sunday Homily Helps, December 27th , Annual Readings, Lectionary #17)

REFLECTION

Your children are not your children. They come through you but not from you. And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to be make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. (By Kahil Gibran). (Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & New Day Liturgies: Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999,p48)

PRAYER AT THE END OF THE YEAR

All praise and glory are yours, Father of Heaven and Earth, Lord of all ages: You have brought us to the end of another year in Your service. We praise You for the gifts You have given us and for the ways we have been led to them. Forgive us Father, for our failing to listen to Your Spirit. As we begin a new year in Your Service, let Your Son be our leader. Help us to work for Your Honor and Glory and for the salvation of all Your People. Praise and honor and glory are Yours, Father, through Your Son, our Lord and brother, in the love and unity of Your Spirit now and ever more.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSED

St. Stephen's Parish office will be closed from December 24th - December 28th and will reopen December 29th at 1:00 p.m. The office will also be closed on Friday, January 1st, for New Year's Day.

REGULAR MASSES

Regular Masses will be taking place in Church as of January 1st onwards. All restrictions that apply to weekend Masses will continue. Parishioners attending Mass will be expected to sanitize the pews immediately after Mass.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please note that your Church envelopes are now available. They can be picked up at our Parish office during office hours.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Our new Sunday missals are now available. They can be purchased for \$5 at our Parish office during weekday hours.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next café will be held on January 21st and every third Thursday thereafter.