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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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LIVING FAITH, A FAMILY RESOURCE

*The following letter was written by Most Rev. Martin W. Currie, DD,
Archbishop of St. John's - dated November 15, 2015*

"We are about to begin to walk an exciting new path in our Archdiocese. Since the end of the denominational system of education we have been engaged in family-based catechesis, particularly using the *Born of the Spirit* catechetical series. This was a textbook series developed by the Canadian Bishops for use in schools which we adapted for families.

Born of the Spirit has run its course and, as of June 2015, is no longer available for use.

Dioceses across Canada are searching for resources to support family catechesis. Here in our Archdiocese, we have chosen to develop our own resources to help families of all ages share faith and talk about the place of God in their lives differently than we do in classrooms and school settings. Faith development doesn't end at a specific year, it goes on for life at all ages and stages. New resources will be developed, resources that will support families in weaving together our faith and daily living.

During the past year, consultations, conversations, and meetings were held throughout the Archdiocese with a view to supporting our families. Key to the recommendations coming from that process was that the Archdiocese of St. John's move away from school-based print textbook-type resources and create resources that are respectful of family life and the realities of daily living, less school-centered, and more suited to building, fostering and growing faith in the family. Our developed resources will have a strong link to the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgical Year, and the life of each parish.

Work on new resources is being completed at the Archdiocese in consultation with our parishes and deaneries. A piece of this material, *Living Faith, A Family Resource* will be available to families beginning the First Sunday of Advent, 2015. This publication will be available in parishes on a weekly basis. It will focus on the scriptures for each Sunday and how God's Word challenges us to live in our world. A variety of activities for families of all ages will be highlighted along with presenting the prayers, doctrines and traditions of our Catholic faith. Working together, we will grow this resource over the Church's Liturgical Years.

We all have a part to play as we work to support our families in understanding and living our Roman Catholic faith. I am certain that we can do this together. I assure you of my full support for you all as we begin this exciting new venture. Here in this Archdiocese, we wish to realize three things; Work together to build and nurture the faith that has been handed down to us, Grow as the People of God in love and in our ability to feed a hungry world, Do the best that we can to assist parents to truly become 'the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith'. Let us move forward in faith and hope.

With every blessing, I remain,
Most Rev. Martin W. Currie, DD
Archbishop of St. John's

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

November 29

You could read/discuss/pray with your family, with friends or by yourself.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4.2

Psalm: 25

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

FR. EARL DREAMS

Advent begins next week. It marks the beginning of a new church year. The entire year is marked with the seal of God's Mercy. A number of parish initiatives are in the planning stages that we enter into it well disposed to encounter God's holy Presence like never before! *Next week the parish will be given a wide range of symbolic 'offerings' anticipating our Saviour's Christmas arrival.* One simple way for us to make ready for God-with-us (Emmanuel) is to pray our deep seeded desires that God, our Creator, has planted in our hearts to root, grow and harvest in due season.

To this end all parishioners will be invited to offer a holy desire for the renewal of our parish as a prayer-petition. This prayer can be placed in a Prayer Bowl, if you choose, on a prepared (mauve) slip of paper. The Prayer Bowl will be placed before the altar where it will remain indefinitely. This collection of prayer requests are intended to represent the widest range of prayer desires we can imagine. Therefore, some prayers will speak of our support of family and friends. Other prayers will address concerns we hold for persons anywhere in the world; persons of all cultures and religious convictions. It is hoped we might surrender our entire lives to God. Let us submit our prayer in sacred trust that God fulfils all holy human aspirations in the name of Jesus the Lord.

In great churches throughout Christendom votive lights are lite before an altar of repose. This is not a practical option for us for several reasons. However, it is possible for we who are willing and ready to find prayer slips and pencils before the icon of St. Pius X in the chapel side of our Church. Prayer slips with written intentions can later be placed in a grey Prayer Bowl set in front of our Church's main altar. All of our intentions will remain there throughout this and all liturgical seasons. With each passing season our intentions will grow and become more numerous. Not one will be lost. All prayer slips will find a place in God's heart. At Easter accumulated prayer slips will be burned and buried in our Church's garden; given back to God's earth from which all things originate.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NOTES

Christmas Pyjamas

The CWL has decided to continue the *pyjama project* this year as it has been a huge success. If any parishioners want to donate new pyjamas *until Sunday, December 6*, there will be boxes labeled "*Christmas Pyjamas*", at the Church and Chapel entrances. Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

Provincial CWL Advent Service

The *Provincial CWL Advent Service* will be held at **St. Pius X Church** on **Tuesday, December 1** at **8 pm** immediately following evening Mass. Guest Speaker: Anne Walsh, Archdiocesan Director of Adult Faith Formation; Topic: The New Evangelization. All members and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Social to follow in the Church Library.

Advent Dinner

The St. Pius X Council of the CWL of Canada is inviting all parishioners and friends to join us for an *Advent Dinner* on **Wednesday, December 9th**. Doors open at 5:30 pm. *Prayer Service and dinner* will begin at **6 pm**. **Tickets, \$25.**, can be purchased by contacting **Ruby Sharpe - 579-7275, Cecilia Fitzpatrick - 722-2648** or **Parish Office - 754-0170**.

SAINTS SPEAK

This week sample expressions of St. Hildegarde of Bingen (1098-1179) are highlighted. She is a Doctor of the Church and the acknowledged founder of scientific natural history in Germany.

"God hugs you. You are encircled by the arms of God's mystery."

"'With my mouth', God says, 'I kiss my own chosen creation. I uniquely, lovingly, embrace every image I have made out of the earth's clay. With a fiery spirit I transform it into a body to serve all of the world.'"

"Humankind, full of all creative possibilities, is God's work. Humankind alone is called to assist God. Humankind is called to co-create. With nature's help, humankind can set into creation all that is necessary and life-sustaining."

"God has arranged all things in the world in consideration of everything else."

"The truly holy person welcomes all that is earthly."

OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

A young man, on the way to visit his girlfriend in Toronto was caught speeding through one of the small towns just a few miles from his destination. The officer sauntered up to the car as the young man fished for his license and registration. With the hint of a wry smile across his face, the officer placed both elbows on the window of the car so he could get real close and spoke in a deep voice, "Son, I've been waiting all day for you."

"Sorry officer," the young driver said. "I got here just as fast as I could."

Source | Neil Chadwick's www.joyfulministry.org

A BIT OF THIS AND THAT

Prayer is not simply getting things from God, that is a most initial form of prayer; prayer is getting into perfect communion with God. If the Son of God is formed in us by regeneration, He will press forward in front of our common sense and change our attitude to the things about which we pray. **Oswald Chambers**

The McMorran Centre, Board of Governors, have decided to close their clothing room for a number of reasons. Use of space and the overall quality of the clothes available for re-distribution are sighted as the primary reason for this closure. The Centre remains grateful to the parish for its ongoing support which it hopes includes ongoing donations of food stuffs. ***Food stuffs are ever needed and easily distributed to families of slender means.***

This decision by McMorran means our parish is no longer a 'depot' for clothes donations. We need to consider if/when and for whom our parishioners might offer their quality clothing to others in need.

*There will be a parish consult about the proposed Prayer Room on **Thursday, November 26th, after 9:30 am Mass** for a period of 30 minutes or less. This opportunity will allow some parishioners to receive a detailed plan for the room and to give their feedback. Parish Council will meet on December 2nd to offer a definitive opinion on the 'project'. Construction of it will soon follow.*

Congratulations ... Andrea Lane-Gardner, our Sunday 11:00 am organist, gave birth to Elizabeth Clare. She, who weighs 6 lbs 8 ozs, and her mother are in good health.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKENDS OF

November 7 and 8: \$3,719.20

November 14 and 15: \$4,174.50

Thank you for your continued generous support.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Pius X Parish's *Annual Christmas Bazaar* will be held this **Sunday, November 22** from **2 - 4 pm** in the **Parish Hall**. All proceeds to support Parish initiatives.

We will be selling tickets on one big **Gift Basket**.

READERS' MINISTRY NEWS

On **Tuesday, November 24**, there will be a +blessing of the Ministry during the 7:30 pm Mass. After Mass there will be a **short meeting** (approximately 8 - 9 pm). It will include a brief conversation about the positives aspects of this service AND challenges we need to face sooner than later.

A **new schedule** is being prepared. If you have any changes, please contact the **Parish Office - 754-0170** or stpiusx@nl.rogers.com.

To all Readers, thank you for your dedication.

NEW CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

Today's bulletin cover features a letter from the Archbishop about a new catechetical program, specifically designed for families in our Archdiocese. It is an exciting new resource, which can also be used by all adults.

Maria Kelsey will assist with the weekly distribution and other resources available to families. This resource will be available the First Sunday of Advent and is intended to help our parishes and families share and grow our faith in our world today.

THE BASILICA COMMUNITY BUILDERS

The Basilica of St. John the Baptist is hosting their annual **Advent by Candlelight Dinner** on **Wednesday December 9** from **5:30- 7:30 pm** at **Corpus Christi Parish Hall**.

The theme of the dinner is **'Light - Star of Bethlehem'**.

Guest speaker will be **Sister Elizabeth Davis, RSM**, speaking on building (parish) as community.

This event is open to everyone! Cost of tickets is \$20 per person and can be obtained by calling **Kay - 576-6026**. Tickets are expected to sell quickly and seating for this event is limited.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Coins for Kids

We want to include our children in our parish effort to sponsor a refugee family. We are asking the children to donate some coins each Sunday during Advent. It is not the amount that counts, but, rather, the children's participation in this special effort. The children can place their coins in a special basket as they come into the Church. This basket of coins will be brought up in the Offertory Procession by one of our children.

Advent Wreath Making Activity

Sunday, December 6 you are invited to the *Parish Hall immediately after the 11 am Mass (approximately 12 noon)* to pick up your materials to make your own **Advent Wreath** for your home.

Michael J. Ward Advent Brunch and Mitten Tree Donation

The *Advent Brunch*, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee, will be held **Sunday, December 13** in the *Parish Hall following the 11 am Mass (approximately 12 noon)*. Brunch will include sausages, french toast, beverage and desert.

There will be no charge for the event but parishioners are asked to bring a donation of a new hat and mittens. Financial donations toward this cause will also be accepted. The contributions will be used by the ATTN Committee for distribution with the Christmas hampers.

LAUDATO SI (Praise Be To You)

This is Pope Francis' encyclical letter on the environment, on the care for our common home. Come join us for the second session, at which we will study *Chapter 4 - 'Integral Ecology' #137-162*. The session will be held in the *Church Library, 10 - 11 am, either Wednesday, November 25 or Saturday, November 28*.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL VIGIL SERVICE

The *Annual Memorial Vigil Service* to remember our recently deceased will be held next **Sunday, November 29, 2 pm** in the *Church*. We remember our deceased parishioners who died during the past year (November, 2014 - November, 2015). Following the Vigil, a reception will be held in the Parish Hall.

ADVENT EVENTS

In the light of the recent Encyclical of Pope Francis on science and theology and of the New Cosmology, you are invited to *Celebrate Evening Prayer* with us from **4 - 5 pm** at *Presentation Sisters Retreat House, Virginia Water, 47 Parsonage Drive*, on the **four Sundays of Advent beginning on Sunday, November 29th**. **Presider:** Gerard Whitty.

To register please call **754-1582**.

The **Basilica Music Ministry** presents our **19th Annual Celebration!** This year we again are inviting priests/ministers from various other Christian traditions to take part in our *Annual Advent Festival of Carols and Scripture*. It's happening on the **first Sunday of Advent - November 29 at 7:30 pm** in the *Basilica*.

MUN CHAPLAINCY NEWS

For the first time no one showed up at our noon Mass on campus. The reason was because they were all volunteering to serve lunch at the Gower Street United Church Soup Kitchen. Our *daily Mass continues until December 18* and our *Sunday evening Mass ends on December 13*. We will resume Sunday evening 7 pm Mass on January 10. Many thanks to the parish and to Ida Marrie for facilitating our Sunday evening Masses.

Upcoming Event: Summit

An evening of *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer* will be held **Friday, December 4, 7 pm** at *St. Pius X Church*. All are welcome.

FINDING JESUS IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

Queen's College invites you to a free public lecture on Jesus and his meaning for the 21st century. It will be held **Sunday, November 29, 7:30 pm** at *Guv'nor Pub (389 Elizabeth Avenue)*. It will include two presentations by Queen's College students on contemporary Jesus studies, as well as time for questions and conversation moderated by Rev. Robert Cooke, Adjunct Professor at Queen's College.

YEAR OF MERCY JUBILEE MASS AND OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR

Mass and celebration will be celebrated in the *Basilica* on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7 pm**. All are welcome.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Nov. 22	8:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Christmas Bazaar - Parish Hall Youth Mass - Church	CHRIST THE KING CHRIST THE KING
Mon.	Nov. 23	9:30 am 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel Mass	Thistle and Hannaford Families Ron Rose and Leo Burke
Tues.	Nov. 24	9:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Mass Mass Readers' Meeting and Social - Church Library	Rev. RA St. John Frank Lawlor
Wed.	Nov. 25	9:30 am	Mass	Vincent McCarthy
Thurs.	Nov. 26	9:30 am 10:00 am 7:30 pm	Mass Consult about the Proposed Prayer Room - Chapel area Choir Practice - Church	Paul McCarthy
Fri.	Nov. 27	9:30 am	Mass	Elizabeth Marshall
Sat.	Nov. 28	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Mercedes Marshall First Sunday of Advent
Sun.	Nov. 29	8:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Memorial Vigil Service - Church Youth Mass - Church	First Sunday of Advent First Sunday of Advent

WEBSITES: Three to recommend are:

www.jesuits.ca www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm
Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am
Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

BAPTISMS: **Second Sunday** of the month. **Time:** 1 pm in the Church.
Please call the Parish Office (754-0170) **ONE MONTH** in advance
PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: **Call the Parish Office for more details.**

MARRIAGES: By appointment **SIX MONTHS** in advance
Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:30 pm;
TELEPHONE: 754-0170 **FAX:** 754-1963 **E-MAIL:** stpiusx@nl.rogers.com

CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL: 726-7236
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