

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities



ST. PIUS X

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Maria R. Kelsey (Pastoral Assistant and Religious Education Coordinator)

Sun.	Dec. 31	8:30 am	NO MASS
		11:00 am	Mass Holy Family
Mon.	Jan. 1	8:30 am	NO MASS
		11:00 am	Mass Holy Family
		1:00 pm	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel
Tues.	Jan. 2	9:30 am	Mass Rev. R.A. St. John
		7:30 pm	Mass James Quirk
Wed.	Jan. 3	9:30 am	Mass Michael Costello
Thurs.	Jan. 4	9:30 am	Mass Charles and Catherine Tobin
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice - Church
Fri.	Jan. 5	9:30 am	Mass Mary and Jim Hayward
		10:15 am	Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotion - Chapel
Sat.	Jan. 6	9:30 am	Mass Prayers for the Sick and Dying
		4:45 pm	Mass Epiphany of the Lord
Sun.	Jan. 7	8:30 am	Mass Epiphany of the Lord
		11:00 am	Mass Epiphany of the Lord
		12:00 pm	Epiphany Brunch - Parish Hall
		6:30 pm	MUN Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Mass - St. John's College Chapel

Note change in time of this Mass.

HOLY FAMILY

December 31, 2017

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Who offers us God's Motherly Love)

Take My Hand

Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
Hold me firmly lest I fall.
I am nervous when I'm walking
And to you I humbly call.
Guide me over every crossing.
Watch me when I'm on the stairs.
Let me know you are beside me.
Listen to my fervent prayers.
Bring me to my destination,
Safely every single day,
Help me in my undertakings,
As the hours pass away.
And when evening falls upon us,
And I fear to be alone,
Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,
Once again and lead me home.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm
TIMES OF MASSES: Monday to Friday: 9:30 am; Monday and Tuesday: 7:30 pm Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 am and 11 am
BAPTISMS: <i>Second Sunday</i> of the month. TIME: 1 pm in the Church. Please call the <i>Parish Office - 754-0170</i> ONE MONTH in advance
MARRIAGES: By appointment SIX MONTHS in advance <i>Marriage Preparation Course required. Call 726-3660 for more details.</i>
OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9 am - 1 pm PHONE: 754-0170 E-MAIL: stpiusx@nl.rogers.com
CHAIR OF PARISH COUNCIL: 739-5780 DIRECTORS OF MUSIC: 747-5874 or 753-6997

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

January 7, 2018

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

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Psalm: 72

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**60TH ANNIVERSARY
ST. PATRICK'S
MERCY HOME**

The *Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy* and *St. Patrick's Mercy Home* invite you to celebrate the *Eucharistic Liturgy* to commemorate the *60th Anniversary of the Opening of St. Patrick's Mercy Home on January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Church.* Reception to follow at St. Pius X Parish Hall. Please RSVP to *Lana Morgan* - 752-8732 or email lane.morgan@easternhealth.ca.

The 7:30 pm Mass on Monday, January 8, 2018 in this Parish will be cancelled due to this event. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this event.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC
PILGRIMAGE**

A major *Relic of St. Francis Xavier* is coming to Canada from Rome. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic on *Friday, January 5, 2018* at the *Basilica of St. John the Baptist.*

Schedule of events at the Basilica will include: 12:10 pm Mass, with the relic present all afternoon. A *prayer service* opened to the public is scheduled for *7 pm.* It includes Confessions and the Veneration of the Relic.

Who was St. Francis Xavier? St. Francis Xavier was a famous Jesuit missionary to India and Japan, bringing hundreds of thousands of people to faith. It is said that he was the greatest missionary since St. Paul the Apostle. The major relic that will be venerated during the pilgrimage is his right arm, usually found at the Gesu Jesuit Church in Rome. It is rare that this relic leaves its usual home. This is a unique opportunity to thank God for the work of this great missionary, and for the gift of faith.

SAINTS SPEAK

"...reading the birth stories about Jesus I conclude that though the world may be tilted toward the rich and powerful, God is tilted toward the underdog."

Philip Yancey, b. 1949
American Christian author

ATTENTION: PARENTS

Our *Children's Liturgy of the Word and sacramental preparation programs* will resume next *Sunday, January 7, 2018,* the *Feast of the Epiphany.*

EPIPHANY BRUNCH

The *Epiphany Brunch* will be held next *Sunday, January 7, 2018* in the *Parish Hall* immediately following the *11:00 am Mass (approximately 12:00 pm).* All are welcome.

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
CHAPLAINCY**

The evening Mass at *St. John's College Chapel* will start a new schedule on next *Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm.*

Please note the change in the new time of the Mass.

**2018 COLLECTION
ENVELOPES**

Parishioners are reminded that the *2018 collection envelopes* can be picked up from the table at the Church entrance. If you would like to begin using collection envelopes, please contact the *Parish Office - 754-0170* or stpiusx@nl.rogers.com.

**EXPOSITION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on *Monday, January 8, 2018 from 1-6 pm* in the *Church.*

Note the change in the time.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Renewal Plan Update

The implementation of the *Archdiocesan Renewal Plan, "A Promise of New Life...Courage to Renew"* has begun. We have hired a full-time *Coordinator, Mr. Peter Whittle* and a new *Implementation Committee*, with *Monsignor Francis Puddister* as *Chair* and *Dr. Rick Singleton* as *Co-chair*, in moving the challenging process forward. Discussions in the first *Zone - St. John's East (St. Pius X, Mary Queen of Peace, St. Paul's and St. Francis of Assisi)* are going very well. We will begin work with the *Mount Pearl - Gould's-Petty Harbour and CBS Zones* in January, 2018. Your support of this process will ensure the renewal of pastoral life in our Archdiocese. We pray for the courage and guidance of the Holy Spirit and thank all of those involved in the planning and implementation process for their dedication. For more information and/or further updates go to www.rcsj.org.