



**ST. PIUS X**  
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Finding God in All Things

**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 1, 2019**

## **LABOUR DAY**

### **PRAYER OF WORKERS**

Blessed are you, Lord God from eternity you have called us to be your people  
and to sing your praises at all times.

Bless us in our work and prayer,  
and grant that our lives may give you glory through our words,  
our witness, and our worship.

We give you praise, creator God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the communion of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Almighty God, bless me abundantly and help me in my work; be with me in all that I do;  
keep me from all evil and harm. AMEN

### **BLESSING THOSE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT**

Loving God, you created the human race and you know each one of us by name.

Through Christ you have chosen us to be your sons and daughters  
and to build up your kingdom on earth.

Give N. the work he/she seeks so that he/she may share his/her talents with others  
and know the dignity and satisfaction that you give us through our work.

Give him/her patience while you open doors and grant him/her the wisdom to see your will.

Keep our family in your care and provide for all our needs.

Never let stress diminish our love for each other nor the desire for material things lessen our love for  
you. With confidence and trust, loving God, we make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SOURCE:** *Blessings and Payers: For Home and Family*, pages 112-113

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR NEXT SUNDAY  
September 8, 2019**

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

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18  
Second Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17  
Psalm: 90  
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



**OUR 'PIUS' SMILE**

Lost on a rainy night, a nun stumbles across a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, she's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips she's ever had. After dinner, she goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. She is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Charles." "I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?" Brother Charles replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar." She turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be...?" "Yes, I'm the chip monk."

**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

On August 10, 2019 Archbishop Peter Hundt announced the recent Clergy Appointments and Retirements in the Archdiocese of St. John's.

Limited copies (blue in color) are available from the tables at the Church and Chapel entrances. This list is also available on the Archdiocese website - [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org).

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

August 24 and 25: \$3,824.35  
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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE NOTES**



Season of Creation

During the Season of Creation, Christians around the world come together in prayer and action to protect all creation. It is celebrated from September 1- October 4 (feast of St Francis of Assisi).

Pope Francis is encouraging all Catholics to celebrate the Season of Creation.

The theme for this year is "the web of life: biodiversity as God's blessing" calling on us to protect diversity in all its wonderful complexity because we all reveal a piece of the Creator's glory.

What can we do?

1. Pray that a positive solution can be found to the environmental crisis happening in our midst in the Amazon rainforests. They are in trouble. They are on fire. These rainforests are often called the "lungs of the planets". They supply 20% of the world's oxygen. If the fires continue, it could be the worst climate disaster in recent years.
2. Individually, in your family, and in your community groups talk about ways we can influence climate change, reflecting on our mistreatment of creation, and how we can commit to new practices and habits to become healers and protectors of all Creation.



A Bake Sale sponsored by CWL will be held in the Parish Hall the weekend of - September 14 - 15, 2019 before and after all Masses.

If you would like to donate baked goods and/or a donation to the basket (Theme - Early Fall) on tickets, please drop your donations at Parish Hall after 2:30 pm on Saturday or before and after the Masses on the weekend.

## DE MELLO FOR KIDS

### God at Work



More than anything, Jesus wants people to love His Father. Everything He said and did while He was on earth was to help us see and love God. Jesus says He'll do whatever we ask, as long as it helps people grow closer to God. When you pray, remember to ask Jesus for things that will help others feel God's love. Ask Him to help you be loving and patient and kind. Then get ready to watch God work!

**God will give what you ask for in prayer.  
So ask Him to help you show others His care.**



### SAINTS SPEAK

Life itself – and Scripture too – is always three steps forward and two steps backward. It gets the point and then loses it or doubts it. Our job is to see where the three steps forward are heading (invariably toward mercy, forgiveness, inclusion, nonviolence, and trust) which then gives us the ability both to recognize and to forgive the two steps backward (which are usually about vengeance, pettiness, law over grace, forms over substance, and requirements over relationship). Isn't it a consolation to know that life is not a straight line? Many of us wish, and have been told, that it should be, but I haven't met a life yet that's a clear and straight line to truth, to self, or to God... It's always about getting the point and missing the point. It's God entering our lives and then our fighting, avoiding, running from that very possibility.

Richard Rohr, OFM, b. 1943,  
American spiritual writer/theologian,  
Spring Within Us, 2018



## CHOIR NEWS

Our Church Choir is actively seeking new members!!! Anyone with a love of singing is welcome to join the Choir. Choir members sing at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. All are welcome. You can contact Mary Brennan - 233-0302 for more information or come to a rehearsal and try it out!

Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 12, 2019, 7:30 pm in the Church.

*Congratulations*

Congratulations to Jamie Parsons, our Co-Director of Music, who has recently been appointed as Assistant Principal at Holy Spirit High School, CBS. We wish Jamie every blessing and success in his new venture.

We thank Jamie for all he has done for students at Holy Heart of Mary High School up to this point in time.

### COMMUNAL MASS OF HEALING WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

This Mass and Sacrament of Healing will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 9:30 am at Mary Queen of Peace Church.

This will be a time for all of us to gather and pray for anyone who is experiencing physical, emotional or spiritual challenges and for those who will be having surgery or are of advanced age. Hospitality will be provided after Mass. All are invited to attend.

**MASS, CONFESSIONS  
AND PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE  
RESUME**

Mass and Confession Schedule

The regular schedule of Monday and Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm Masses will resume Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Tuesday evening confessions will resume September 4, 2019 at 6:40 pm.

Parish Office Hours Schedule

The regular Parish Office hours will resume Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 9 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of the Labour Day holiday.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASSES**

On Friday, September 6, 2019 the First Friday Masses will resume at 7:30 pm at St. Pius X Church. These Masses will focus attention on the Sacred Heart Devotion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held 6:30 - 7:10 pm.

 **FR. EARL DREAMS**

My two month French-study, retreat and vacation break has quickly passed. It is good to return here (where I belong) where there are many tasks set before ourselves as we begin another God-graced year of spiritual formation as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a busy September. Fr. Erik Oland, SJ, Provincial Superior of Canada Jesuits visits this week for his annual update of St. John's based ministries. Our renewed Parish Council will soon meet to familiarize and set about prioritized tasks in keeping with parish objectives. Our children soon begin Sunday morning programs. We've our annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening AND... a Parish Mission before this month's end. Let each one of us consider what and how to participate in the ongoing growth of our beloved faith community. [Smile]

**THANK YOU**

Early in 2018, several members of Parish Council volunteered to compile a list of currently active volunteers in the Parish. As a result of this work it became clear that more volunteers were needed for the various Parish Ministries. A Volunteer Fair was held in the Fall of 2018 and resulted in 36 new volunteers offering to share their gifts and talents in the Parish, for which we are very thankful.

In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, these volunteers had to complete the "Screening in Faith" Program. A Safe Environment Committee of four Parish Council members was created. Implementation of the program at St Pius X was delayed for a variety of reasons until the winter/spring of 2019. However, the majority of parishioners willingly participated and we thank them for their cooperation and assistance in this work.

During these initiatives it became evident that information regarding various Parish Ministries required updating and a "Ministry Renewal Working Group" was established. The group met with Ministry Coordinators, participated in a series of liturgical ministry workshops offered for the St. John's East Parishes parishioners and held follow up meetings with participants in various Parish Ministries. Based on information gathered from these meetings, all Parish Ministries were reviewed and updated. A Ministry Resource Manual has been compiled and is available in the Sacristy as a reference source. Also, an information package for each Ministry has been compiled for distribution to participants in each Ministry.

A report on the above initiatives has been submitted to Parish Council along with a series of recommendations, as to the future direction of Ministry Renewal in the Parish, for their consideration.

This work could not have been completed without the cooperation of our current volunteers who are one of the Parish's most important assets. The members of the preceding committees wish to express our sincere thanks to the parishioners, the Pastor and parish staff for their cooperation and support of our work.

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY**

The Sunday evening Mass at St. John's College Chapel will resume this Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The weekday Mass schedule will be announced.



## JESUIT NEWS

### Jesuit Provincial Visitation

This coming week, we welcome Fr. Erik Oland, SJ, Provincial of our Jesuits of Canada for his annual visitation to our parish and other Jesuit apostolates in St. John's from September 4 - 8, 2019.

### Meet and Greet with Jesuit Provincial

A Town Hall meeting with Fr. Erik Oland, SJ, Jesuit Provincial will be held on Friday, September 6, 2019, 7:30 - 8:15 pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

### Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ - Rest in Peace

Fr. Doug McCarthy, SJ, Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto, Ontario, passed away suddenly on Saturday, August 24, 2019. He was in his 75<sup>th</sup> year and in religious life for 57. His priestly ministry included Prison Chaplaincy, Director of a Half-Way House and Farm Community at Guelph, Retreat Ministry, living and working at L'Arche, ministry to indigenous people on Manitoulin Island and most recently at Our Lady of Lourdes in Toronto. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

## CATHOLIC ALPHA IS COMING THIS FALL!

These sessions will be held every Tuesday, beginning September 17 until November 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Basilica.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. It is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith. Each session looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation. Let's explore some of life's big questions together.

Register online on our Catholic Alpha eventbrite page (registration is free). Invite a friend and try Alpha!

For more information, [catholicnl@gmail.com](mailto:catholicnl@gmail.com). To learn more about Alpha visit [www.TryAlpha.ca](http://www.TryAlpha.ca).

## 15th ANNUAL FLATROCK PILGRIMAGE

This event will take place on Friday, September 6, 2019, 7:00 pm and Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10:30 am with Most Reverend Peter Hundt, Archbishop of St. John's, Fr. William Browne, SJ and Fr. James Fleming.

Devotions will take place on Friday, September 6 starting at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's Church or in Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto - weather permitting.

On Saturday, September 7, 10:30 am, the traditional pilgrimage walk will begin at the junction of Windgap and Torbay Roads (Duffett's Parking Lot) and end at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at approximately 12:30 pm. Light refreshments will be available in the adjacent community hall. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 2:30 pm preceded by Confessions.

For information, please contact Suzanne Rowe 727-5809.

## CELEBRATION OF THE INVESTITURE WITH THE PALLIUM OF ARCHBISHOP HUNDT

The Pallium (from Latin for covering) is a liturgical vestment, symbolizing the fullness of the Archbishop's Office. It is a white, woolen, circular, two-inch band worn loosely around the neck, breast, and shoulders. It is ornamented with six black silken crosses and has a weighted pendant front and back. It is worn by the Pope and by metropolitan archbishops and patriarchs. The Metropolitan Archbishop receives a pallium from the Pope or his representative as a symbol of his metropolitan jurisdiction. The pallium is also symbolic of personal loyalty to the Pope and thereby a sign of unity between a local Church and the universal Church.

The Mass and Ceremony for the Investiture with the Pallium of Archbishop Hundt by the Papal Nuncio to Canada, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, will take place at the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

For further information regarding the Pallium visit our Archdiocesan website at: [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org)

## Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Sept. 1	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass Mass	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	Sept. 2	9:30 am 1:00 pm 2:50 - 3:05 pm	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel	Angus Pitcher
Tues.	Sept. 3	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Mass	Hilda and Edward Wellman McGrath, Whelan and Street Families and Murray Folkins
Wed.	Sept. 4	9:30 am	Mass	Mogue Fennessey and Fennessey Family
Thurs.	Sept. 5	9:30 am	Mass	Dr. Gordon Anthony
Fri.	Sept. 6	9:30 am 10:15 am 7:30 pm	Mass Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotion Mass (First Friday)	Alf and Norma Smith Frank Lawlor
Sat.	Sept. 7	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Janet Nolan 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun.	Sept. 8	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass Mass	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### GONZAGA JESUIT COMMUNITY IN RESIDENCE

Fr. William Browne, SJ, Br. Joe Frechette, SJ, Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, Fr. Joseph Schuck, SJ

WEBSITES: Four to recommend are:

[www.jesuits.org](http://www.jesuits.org) [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com) [www.jesuitresources.org](http://www.jesuitresources.org) [www.aleteia.org](http://www.aleteia.org)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday - Fridays - 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.

A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism.

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 a. - 1 pm

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