

2021 Chrism Mass - the Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Wednesday May 19 th at 11:00 a.m.

The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass is a celebration of the institution of the ministerial priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to the priests to take back to their parishes.

Usually the Chrism Mass is celebrated near the end of Lent, just before the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, and people from all the parishes of the Archdiocese are invited to attend. This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Chrism Mass was postponed.

In consultation with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, the 2021 Chrism Mass is now scheduled to be celebrated at the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Wednesday May 19 th at 11:00 a.m.

People wishing to attend the celebration are asked to please register by phone at 754-2170 or by email at basilica@rcsj.org. People may also participate virtually and spiritually either via live stream on the Basilica Heritage Foundation website (www.thebasilica.net) or the Basilica Parish website (www.thebasilica.church) or by viewing the celebration when it is posted on the Archdiocese's website (www.rcsj.org).

Vocation Discernment Group - Single Catholic men who are interested in discerning a vocation to the priesthood are invited to attend our monthly Vocation Discernment Group led by Fr. James Fleming. This group meets on the last Sunday of each month at the Basilica from 6:30–8pm. The meetings typically consist of evening prayer, a meal, and discussion of a particular topic related to the priesthood and discernment. To register or find out more, please contact Fr. Fleming at (709) 754-1195 or vocations@rcsj.org.

Centre for Life - is hosting a virtual tax clinic for seniors under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program . If you are a senior with a modest income and would like to make an appointment or have an inquiry please call 579-1500. Commencing on March 3rd

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest - The topic for this year's contest is Keeping the Christian Faith during COVID-19. Open to Level 1, 2 & 3 students and the winner of each category will be awarded \$150. Deadline for submissions is April 30 Send submissions to bvickers@kofcnl.org

MATTHEW 25 Outreach - Supporting an orphanage and school in Kenya, is requesting monetary donations at this time. Since our two main fundraisers, St. Patrick's Day afternoon tea, and Ladies Night in May are unable to be held again this year due to Covid-19. Anyone making a donation will have their name put into a draw for \$500.00 in gift cards. Please help us to support the children on a monthly basis. Donations may be sent by EMT to matthew25outreachinc@hotmail.com or mailed to me, Margie Stead at: 38 Sunset Street Goulds NL A1S1C4 I can be reached at 7097466492 for any additional information. God Bless you all for your generous support.