

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – Nov. 29th, 2023

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Saturday – Dec. 2nd	St. Anthony's, Upham	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – Dec. 3rd	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
		St. Bridget's, Chapel Grove	11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday evening – Dec. 5th	<u>St. Alphonsus, Hampton</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
		Rosary after Mass	

WANTED – Catholic family or families to host international students (Hampton): We received this request from Chris. Rendell, Coordinator of International Students for Hampton High School. They are looking for a Catholic family or families to host a female student and a male student from Brazil arriving at the end of January, 2024 staying until June. Octavio and Vitoria are both active in their Catholic church at home and are asking for family/families that also are active in the church. Would you be interested in hosting Octavio or Vitoria?

Requirements are pretty simple: the student should be treated as a member of your family; and the student will need their own bedroom and furniture. The ideal family would have a student or students at home (**not** a requirement). The host family would receive a modest monthly stipend to help offset the cost of having an extra person in your home. They are NOT looking for room and board; they are looking for an environment where the international student becomes part of the family.

The International Student program is operated by AEI, which is a NB Government Crown Corporation. For more information about the AEI program, check out:

<http://www.aei-inc.ca/host-family>.

If you are interested, please contact Chris. Rendell at (506) 333-3962.

KNOWLEDGE CAFE – Hampton Resource Centre (Fridays starting at 11:00 a.m.):

December 1st – Presenter is Const. Tyson Nelson, Hampton Detachment RCMP. Const. Nelson will be talking about the RCMP Anti-Fraud Campaign with a particular focus on on-line and telephone scams. You will receive tips on ways to spot these scams and protect yourself.

December 8th – Advance Care Planning for your future health care needs based on your personal values is important. You have the power to choose the type of care you want and who will speak on your behalf if you are unable to express your wishes. Presenter: Jan Grant – Horizon Health.

KNOWLEDGE CAFÉ cont.

December 15th - Christmas Special Activity.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are provided. If schools are cancelled due to the weather, the Knowledge Café is also cancelled.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS – Everyone is invited to attend in celebration of this 75th anniversary:

December 8th @ 7:00 p.m. – Hampton High Theatre, 34 Elizabeth Ave.

Tareq Hadhad, the main subject of the Peace by Chocolate story, will give a public presentation about the challenges his family had to overcome as refugees in putting down roots in a foreign land. What one must leave behind and what one must move forward with. Tareq has become a much sought after speaker and the Foundation is fortunate to have been able to engage him.

Although there is no fee to attend, however, the Foundation asks that you reserve your theatre seat for Dec. 8th via Eventbrite, online. If you wish a “hard copy ticket”, there are a number of them available at the Kings County Museum.

SAINT JOHN JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM - The SJ Jewish Historical Museum will be hosting the Holocaust Education Exhibit until Friday, December 1, 2023.

This exhibit offers a unique opportunity to gain insight into the Holocaust by viewing a selection of evocative photographs and propaganda posters, and reading the poignant stories of individuals who lived through the Holocaust. The Exhibit is designed to guide visitors through the rise of antisemitism, illuminating the disturbing events that culminated in the genocide perpetrated by Nazi Germany from 1933 to 1945. With a blend of historical accounts and personal narratives, the exhibition explores the events surrounding Adolf Hitler's rise to power and bears witness to the unfolding of one of the most profound tragedies in human history. This exhibition acknowledges and pays tribute to the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust - a reminder of the importance of remembrance and reflection.

The Museum will be open Monday to Friday, November 20 to 24, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Sunday to Thursday, November 26 to November 30, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular admission rates apply: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family (parents and school age children). For further information, call the museum at (506) 633-1833 or sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca.

EVENING PRAYER – CARMEL CHAPEL (note new date and time): Sunday, **December 5th at 6:00 p.m.**, 103 Burpee Avenue, behind Chateau Saint John. Parking: Both sides of Burpee Ave. and Park St. area *behind* Rocmaura. “Enter in silence together”.

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE FISH CHOWDER/CHILI LUNCH OR SUPPER – Tuesday, December 12, sittings 11:30, 12:45, 4:00 and 5:30. Cost: \$15.00 per person. Includes fish chowder or chili, delicious homemade biscuits, dessert and beverage. Please call the Villa at (506) 849-5125 to reserve. See poster at St. Alphonsus.

ANNUAL CATECHIST RETREAT – VILLA MADONNA: The 2024 Catechist Retreat is open for registrations. Avoid disappointment and register early. This retreat is offered as an opportunity to parish coordinators and catechists as a time for personal and spirituality renewal. Retreat will run from Friday, January 26th to Sunday, January 28th, 2024. Weekend registration fee: \$260.00; Commuter fee: \$120.00. Facilitator: Jim Anderson. To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/qMfUY9BzAq>. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

REJOICE IN HOPE – A Young Adult initiative in the diocese: In today's difficult times, the Church wishes to rekindle hope in the world. To do this, she relies especially on young people (18 to 35 years) who "... are the leading figures of history and missionaries of joy". Pope Francis invites young people to deepen their understanding of Christian hope and to witness joyfully that Christ is alive!

In person meetings are at the Cathedral Rectory, Mondays 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th & 22nd and Feb. 5th & 19th. Gatherings will begin with a simple meal in fellowship.

MEET other young Catholic adults; SHARE your experiences; LISTEN to a word of faith; RENEW your commitment to Jesus and BECOME the difference the world needs! To register or for more information, contact Jim Anderson at janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org. See poster on bulletin board.

THE LITTLE WAY OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP - an initiative of the diocese: The Little Way of Missionary Discipleship Series will provide an opportunity to encounter Doctor of the Church through a directed study of the spirituality and missionary genius of St. Therese, a model for discipleship in a missionary Church. All participants are asked to bring this study edition of Story of a Soul (with commentary): **Story of a soul study edition**, St. Therese of Lisieux, translated by John Clarke, prepared by Mark Foley, OCD, ICS Publications. ISBN: 978-0935216387 (available on Amazon.ca). Where: In person, Villa Madonna Retreat House. When: Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dec. 4th & 18th, Jan. 15th & 29th and Feb. 12th & 26th.

For more information or to register, contact Jim Anderson at (506) 653-6809 or janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org. See poster on bulletin board.

WINTER WONDERLAND FOOD DRIVE – TOWN SQUARE, HAMPTON – This Saturday, December 2nd (inclement weather, the event will be Dec. 3rd), Hampton's Winter Wonderland food drive is in support of the **Hampton Food Basket**. There will be horse and wagon rides at

WINTER WONDERLAND FOOD DRIVE cont.

Spooner Island; a gingerbread auction and live music in the Visitor Information Centre. Help support our Food Basket.

COMMUNITY ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – This Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Hampton United Church. This fundraiser is in support of the **Hampton Food Basket**. Donations of non-perishable food items and cash will be happily received. Tax receipts are available for cash donations, if contact information is provided. See poster at St. Alphonsus.

HAMPTON FOOD BASKET CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Want to help? The HFB is looking for **cash, gift cards, and cans!** Your monetary donation is most welcome. They have buying power, and use the money for their monthly grocery bills. They have no paid staff; it is run by volunteers. A tax receipt will be issued in January.

PC gift cards are used to help pay for the turkeys; canned meat and fish, canned vegetables, beans, soup are some of the staples they stock their pantry with. Anything you can give will make a difference and is appreciated.

Drop off days as follows:

Sat., Dec 2nd at “Winter Wonderland”, Town Square, Hampton from 5:30 until 8 pm;
Sat., Dec 9th from 10:00 a.m. until noon, St. Alphonsus back parking lot; and
Thurs., Dec. 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., St. Alphonsus back parking lot.

All donations requested **by December 15th**, please. See poster in foyer of St. Alphonsus.

2023- 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS (blue) – The new Missals have arrived! They are available at St. Anthony’s, St. Alphonsus and St. Bridget’s. Cost: \$5.00.

PARISH ENVELOPES – For those parishioners that use parish envelopes, for the next little while, please write your name and correct mailing address on the envelope. We are not far from the end of our fiscal year. Having the correct mailing information etc. will make it so much easier to prepare income tax receipts.

Also, the **2024 envelopes have arrived** and are available for pick up in the lobby of St. Alphonsus Church. Father will deliver the envelopes for St. Anthony’s. Please do not use them until the New Year. Everyone has a new number. This change is cost-saving for the parish. Thank you for your understanding.

MILESTONE: It is John Kneeland's birthday this weekend. On behalf of the congregation, happy birthday, John and many more.

OFFICE HOURS – The office will be closed from Thursday, December 14th to Friday, December 29th. I will be taking a little break to spend Christmas with my son and family in BC. Please have prayers and schedules dropped off at the office as soon as possible. There is not much time left to prepare them before I leave😊.

Until next week, be safe

Wendy McGee

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