

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – Nov. 1st, 2023

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Saturday – Nov. 4th	St. Anthony's, Upham	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – Nov. 5th	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
		St. Bridget's, Chapel Grove	11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday evening – Nov. 7th	<u>St. Alphonsus, Hampton</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
		Rosary after Mass	

Music Ministry Practice – Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m.

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

November 3rd – This session will provide information on the programs and services offered by the Heart and Stroke Association. Guest speaker: Annie Smith.

November 10th – Elizabeth Vandenberghe of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will be sharing information on Benefits and Credit payments, tax credits, CRA services and tools, ways to do your taxes, tax free help and how to be scam smart. Elizabeth is with the CRA Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) which runs an annual, free, income tax preparation clinic for low income tax payers at the Resource Centre.

November 17th – “Things to Consider” when downsizing your home and information about seniors apartments in the Hampton area. Speaker: Chris. Oliver, Realtor.

INVITATION TO LECTURE: The Tragic Situation of MAiD in Canada: Lecture by Sister Nuala Kenny, MD (Sister of Charity N.S.). Thursday - November 23rd 2023 7:00 – 9:00 PM - In-Person / Zoom Meeting at St. Mark's Church, 171 Pettingill Rd. Quispamsis. Hosted by: Saint John Chapter of New Brunswick Right to Life. Zoom link can be obtained by contacting sjrightrighttolife@gmail.com or (506) 653-6828.

GAZA HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is making an immediate allocation of \$150,000 to Caritas Jerusalem to help it meet the needs of families besieged and displaced by the ongoing crisis in Gaza in the Holy Land. As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is also participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's Gaza Humanitarian Emergency appeal. This means that donations for this cause will be matched dollar for dollar by the Government of Canada up to a maximum of \$10 million until November 12. We therefore invite Canadians to donate generously, AND help provide food, water, shelter, hygiene kits, essential goods, healthcare and psychosocial support to families affected by the conflict in Gaza. **DONATE:** Online at devp.org/give, by

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calling 1-888-234-8533 toll-free or by mailing a cheque payable to Development and Peace (marked Gaza Humanitarian Emergency) to: 555 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8th Floor Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1B1.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada invites us to “Stand for the Land” with a focus on Honduras in Central America. We’re asked to advocate with land and water defenders threatened by powerful mining interests. Some community members have been jailed and killed for resisting an open-pit iron mine heavily polluting a national park and rivers. Development and Peace is gathering signatures on a letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada to press for human rights and environmental protection. How might we participate? To sign the letter online, go to devp.org/act. To download the letter (for 10 signatures) and access other free resources, see devp.org/campaign (“Discover the Resources”). We’re also encouraged to pray for the campaign and all involved. Thank you - Mary Hanson, Diocesan Chair.

OUR “LITTLE” VARIETY SHOW – We had a great turnout for our first “Little” Variety Show. Between the Hampton Food Basket and Blessed Trinity Parish we each received \$345.50 from the free will offering at the door. There was top notch entertainment; a little of something for everyone. Well done Brenda and committee.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO MISCARRIAGE AND STILLBIRTH – This Saturday, Nov. 4th @ 12:10 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 91 Waterloo St., Saint John. Celebrated by: Fr. Ralph McRae. See poster on bulletin board.

ST. WILLIAM’S FALL BIZARRE – St. William’s in St. Martins, 2354 Route 111, is hosting a Fall Bizarre this Saturday, Nov. 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the church. There will be vendors with crafts for sale. They will also be selling tickets on a \$100.00 Irving Gas Card. Proceeds are to help pay the bills. Please support this event.



TURKEY SUPPER – The Anglican Parish of Upham is holding a turkey supper, with an assortment of homemade desserts, this Saturday, November 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Central Kings Rec. Center at 110 Titusville Road, Upham. Cost: \$15.00 adult; \$8.00 children and pre-schoolers free. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Rev. Brenda Fowler at (506) 650-5948.

“NET” TEAM CONFIRMATION RETREAT - Experience a NET Retreat and engage your faith! A team of vibrant young missionaries will be visiting the Saint John region **Monday, Nov. 20th from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm - hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 31 Gondola Pt. Rd, Rothesay.** This retreat is for youths in grades 8 and 9, preparing for the Sacrament of

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Confirmation. This is an opportunity to attend the mandatory retreat experience to hear the message of God’s love and a chance to experience the Gospel personally. It will be an evening of faith, fun and friendship! Lunch and snacks will be provided. To help with planning, please reserve by contacting the parish office at (506) 832-3327.

SAINT JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION – “The Great Commission: This Mission, led by Bishop Riesbeck, has already been offered in the Miramichi and Fredericton regions and was well received. Our Regional Mission will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Waterloo St., Saint John from Nov. 27 – 29th starting with mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by a talk on the following themes:

Mon., Nov. 27 – **Know** Jesus;

Tues., Nov. 28 – **Grow** in relationship with Jesus and one another in love (**Reconciliation Serv.**);

Wed., Nov. 29 – **Go** and make disciples of all nations.

Please note there will be a Reconciliation Service at the Cathedral on Tuesday, November 28th. The bishop will have local priests to assist, that evening. All sessions will conclude with refreshments and fellowship in the Cathedral rectory. See poster on the bulletin board at St. Alphonsus.

ANNUAL CATECHIST RETREAT – VILLA MADONNA: The 2024 Catechist Retreat is open for registrations. In the past, some have attempted to register late and have been disappointed. 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.

NEW PASCHAL CANDLE FOR ST. ALPHONSUS - St. Alphonsus Church needs a new Pascal Candle. Depending on what father selects, we could be looking at close to \$600.00. Why so much? We must purchase the candle out-of-province and when you consider the cost of the candle selected plus shipping and tax it will not be inexpensive. Groceries are not the only thing that’s gone up! Do you have any change to spare? For the next little while, we will be accepting donations towards the cost of the new Pascal Candle. You can place, in the collection basket or the locked box beside the office door, a sealed envelope with your donation. Mark “CANDLE” on the envelope. The specially marked envelopes are available in the foyer of St. Alphonsus Church. If you provide your contact information and envelope number, if you have one, you will get a receipt for income tax purposes. THANK YOU for your consideration. In just one week, we have received \$125.00☺. THANK YOU for your generosity.

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.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE – Hot off the press! I know it's early but now you can mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly. See attached schedule.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE – MARK YOUR CALENDAR: I have already received a few calls. Reconciliation Service, for this parish, is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 13th @ 6:30 p.m. – St. Alphonsus Church, Hampton**, a little later than last year.

If you check the notice in this bulletin regarding the Saint John Regional Catholic Mission (page 3), you will see that the bishop, with the help of local priests, has also planned a Reconciliation Service for Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral on Waterloo Street in Saint John.

Until next week, be safe
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