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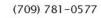


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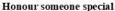
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April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter



The Pruning Process

The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is

a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that "who" has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness.

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Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday: 7:00pm Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am (Weekday holidays - Mass moves to 9:00am) Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions included in Wednesday Mass Adoration follows Friday Mass.

Masses are available online

Reconciliation

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:00pm & Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm or call the parish office for an individual appointment with a priest.

Marriages

A minimum of six months advance notice is required. A marriage preparation program is required to be married in the church.

Baptisms

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule the pre-baptism course and for more information. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism.

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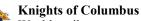
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Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course

is scheduled for May 4, 2024, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 200 Military Rd, St. John's. Couples may register using the following link: Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's (rcsj.org) Once registered, couples will receive additional information outlining the session and schedule.



Weekly crib tournament - every Tuesday, 7pm, St. Teresa's Room, church basement. Enter by west side basement door.



There will be a running race on Mundy Pond Road, Sunday, May 5, starting at 8am. Due to this there is no street parking during the race.

Msgr. Rawlins Assembly 2010 monthly meeting Sunday, April 28th at 2 PM in Witless Bay at the Knights of Columbus Bldg. Food will be served after the meeting. Hope to see all members attend.



A Word from **Pope Francis**

Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so

let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.

Regina Caeli, Rome, May 2, 2021



The seventh draw for our 2024 Trouter's Special Fundraiser, sponsored by St. Teresa's Mundy Pond Corporation, took place on

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Our seventh winner of \$1,000 is: Sheila Gollop (#0843) Congratulations! Our eighth draw will take place next Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at the Parish Office at 10:00 a.m. We have 203 tickets available for sale at the Parish Office M-F, 9-4 and at the back of the church on the weekend.

Two more weekly draws of \$1,000.

Final Draw on May 15 for the \$10,000 Grand Prize plus five \$1,000 prizes.

That is \$17,000 more in prizes to be won. Thank you for your support.

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YOUR FURNITURE! Did you know that hundreds of your neighbours are living in empty houses? Without furniture they are sleeping on the floor, eating off of cardboard boxes,

and having to pile their clothes around their room. Your gently-used furniture can help change that. Home Again Furniture Bank is in urgent need of your support as they currently have people in over 100 households desperately waiting for essential furniture like beds, mattresses, dining tables and chairs, couches, dressers, and more. Visit homeagainfb.ca to book your furniture pick up today.

Meeting in Holy Rosary Church, **Portugal Cove**

Members of the Catholic Community of Portugal Cove-St. Philips are invited to a meeting in Holy Rosary Church in Portugal Cove at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 7, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future of Holy Rosary Church and Parish.



St. Kevin's Parish Bingo at St. Kevin's Parish Hall

Every Monday night (Paper Bingo) Doors open at 7 pm Bingo at 8 pm

Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Canadian Churches for Just Peace

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, as a member organization of Kairos, an ecumenical movement for ecological justice and human rights, is participating in a global movement walking in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza during the month of May.

This ecumenical initiative aims to be a pilgrimage of churches in Canada as we walk or wheel/roll in solidarity with Palestinians and Israelis on the road to justice and peace. We are inviting church and faith communities, to join in these actions for a just peace in Palestine and Israel. Our communal goal is walk 42 kms, the length of the Gaza strip. A national walk will take place in Ottawa on May 22. If you would like to participate local please visit the Kairos website, kairoscanada.org and register or contact Patricia Walsh Warren directly at pwalsh@devp.org.

The Pope's Pastoral Works Collection ~ Sunday, May 5

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271). Information about how Peter's Pence is used, as well as donations in response to Canon 1271, is available in the Holy See's yearly financial report. (Taken from the Ordo Liturgical Calendar 2023 - 2024)

Afternoon Tea Party

Topsail United Church will be hosting an Afternoon Tea Party and Bake Sale, on Saturday, May 4 from 2 - 4 P.M., with special musical guests Avalonia. Tickets\$ 12 Adults, Children under 12-\$6. Please remember your Fascinator. To reserve your tickets please call the church office at 709-834-4567. No Tickets at the Door.

May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading - Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Second Reading - 1 John 4.7-10

Gospel - John 15.9-17

Mass Intentions April 29 - May 5

Monday 7:00pm Jamie White, Patrick Ennis, Tom Mason

Tuesday 8:00am Stephanie Sutton, Eric Keating, Intentions of Eleanor Ryan

Wednesday 7:00pm Patrick and Robert Bennett. Mary Mackey, Michael Brien

Tom Mason, William and Mary Joe Thursday 8:00am Dunphy, Bernard and Alphonsus

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Friday 8:00am Paddy Innis, William Lush,

Frances Beson

Saturday 5:00pm Thomas Dillon, John and Florence Power and family, Norman and

Jessica Donovan and family

Sunday 9:00am The Parishioners

11:00am Tony Ryan, Patrick and Hilda Ryan and deceased family. Gerald and

Lucy Stamp and deceased family

CCCB WEBINAR SERIES: "A GREAT SYM-PHONY OF PRAYER"

The CCCB Ad hoc Committee for the Preparation for the Jubilee 2025, is pleased to announce a twopart webinar series titled, "A Great Symphony of Prayer" which will enable the faithful a meaningful way to participate in the Year of Prayer announced by Pope Francis on 21 January 2024. The Jubilee Office in Rome has prepared a series of booklets on prayer, the themes of which will be taken up during the webinar series. "A Great Symphony of Prayer" will include one four-part webinar series in the Spring and one more four-part webinar series in the Fall. Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine's Seminary) will present these eight English-language webinars on prayer: The theme for the Spring series is entitled "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life" and sessions are scheduled for April 23 and 30. Each session will be held from 1:00-2:30 pm EST. A link for registration can be found on our Archdiocesan webpage: www.rcsj.org. (Ed Connolly, Director of Family Catechesis, Archdiocese of St. John's)