

**Monday, March 14th, the Public Health Department of Newfoundland & Labrador lifted restrictions regarding COVID -19.** The following were lifted:

- Capacity limits
- Physical distancing
- Proof of Vaccination (i.e. - NL Vax Pass)

What does this mean for us?

- There are no longer any restrictions on the number of people who can gather during masses, weddings, funerals and other parish occasions.
- People no longer have to practice physical distancing measures. This means, all seating is now reopened.
- Proof of Vaccination or ID, no longer has to be presented to access the church or attend celebrations.
- **The wearing of masks is required and strongly recommended by Public Health.**
- Choirs are now able to gather and resume and congregational singing is now encouraged. Hymnals can now be used as well.
- Confessionals may be used once again for either face-to-face or behind the screen confessions.
- Communion in the hand is presently to be maintained. Communion on the tongue is not permitted at this time, but is under active review.
- Communion from the Cup is not permitted.
- The Sign of Peace should continue to be offered through a gesture such as a nod, bow or wave. Hand shaking should not be resumed at the Sign of Peace.
- The use of altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, lectors can return to pre-pandemic practices.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitization are to be done as per usual during the pandemic, especially of highly touched surfaces.
- Hand sanitizer should continue to be made available and its use, encouraged.



*Happy Easter*

Easter Sunday  
April 17, 2022



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Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Office Closed for Lunch from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Jose Joaquin

Secretary: Kay Whiffen

Marriages: Please contact the office at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding date.  
A Marriage Preparation Course is required.

Baptism: By Appointment.  
Prerequisite for Baptism -- 1) Baptismal Preparation Course  
2) Birth Certificate for child

Individual Reconciliation: Every Friday 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Placentia Church.

Parish Pastoral Council: *Chair* – Margie Lannon, *Secretary* – Mary Linehan, Mary Griffiths,  
Joan Meaney, Stephen O’Keefe, Ian Walsh, Shirley White

Finance Council: *Chair* – Wayne Power Jr., Mary Greene, Mary Griffiths, Robert Power,  
Shirley White

**Bulletin**  
**In Loving memory of**  
Deceased members of Pomroy & Byrd Families

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**In loving memory of**  
Dunville – Vince & Rose Pomroy  
Placentia – Mary Drake

**Schedule for Week of  
April 18 – 24, 2022**

**Sat. 4:00 p.m. Dunville Int:** Arch Moores, Maurice & Mary Cochrane, Paul Ryan, Clara Cochrane, Cecelia Griffiths, Jane Foley

**Minister of the Word:** Joan Meaney

**Sat. 6:00 p.m. Placentia Int:** Joseph & Margaret Barron & deceased of the Barron Family, Stan & Elizabeth Ennis & deceased of the Ennis Family, Jerome Lake

**Minister of the Word:** Janine McGrath

**Sun. 9:30 a.m. Freshwater Int:** Parish Intentions

**Minister of the Word:** Kathleen Maher

**Sun. 11:15 a.m. Ship Harbour Int:** Shelly Mercer, Vincent & Lena Sparrow, Shawn King

**Minister of the Word:** Cathy Griffiths

**New Mass Schedule, beginning, Saturday, May 7, and Sunday, May 8, 2022**

4:00 p.m. – Saturdays - Alternating between Long Harbour & Southern Harbour

7:00 p.m. – Every Saturday - Placentia

9:30 a.m. – Sundays - Alternating between Freshwater & Dunville

11:15 a.m. – Sundays - Alternating between Fox Harbour & Ship Harbour

**Mass Schedule for the weekend of May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday, May 7 – Placentia – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 8 - Dunville – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 8 - Ship Harbour – 11:15 a.m.

**Parish General Assembly:** Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at Star of the Sea Hall, Placentia. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Marriage Preparation courses** will be offered at the Archdiocese on April 23, and May 7, 2022. Participants can register for a course on one of these dates at the following link:  
<https://rcsj.org/chancery/marriage-preparation/register>.

**Collections**

	Offering	Dues	Church Main.	Dev. & Peace	Lenten Off.	Fuel Collection	Other
Placentia	\$815.75	\$185.00	\$165.00	\$30.00	\$80.00	\$10.00	\$65.00
Freshwater	\$407.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 60.00		\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Dunville	\$484.25	\$ 64.00	\$170.00	\$25.00	\$135.00		\$10.00
Fox Harbour	\$ 40.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00		
Ship Harbour	\$256.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 80.00	\$17.00	\$ 75.00		\$10.00

*Easter Message*

*1 Peter 3:18*

*"For Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous and the unrighteous in order to bring you to God."*

The suffering and death of our Lord Jesus had brought grief and discouragement among his disciples. People may ask, if God is a loving God, if God is powerful God, why then will He allow His only Begotten Son to die the ignominious death on the cross?

This question may also be our question today: If God is a loving God, if God is powerful God, why then will He allow this COVID-19 pandemic to happen, and the Archdiocese of St. John's in turmoil?

Today our faith is greatly tested. We may be like the two disciples heading to Emmaus from Jerusalem. They were downtrodden with grief and disbelief. However, we see Jesus incognito journeying with them. In the same manner as we walk through this valley of suffering, grief, anger, and uncertainties, may we remember that Jesus is also journeying with us. Jesus is with us in our pains and sorrows. Let us keep faith and celebrate Easter with gladness and thanksgiving.

Have A Blessed Easter!

*Fr. Jose*

**Attention Parents:**

**Registration for First Eucharist:** Registration for the Sacrament of Eucharist (Communion) will take place from April 11-April 29, 2022. To register you must call the parish office at 227-2174 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. The cost for registration is \$20 per child which must be paid before your child will be considered registered and before sessions begin in May. To register for Eucharist your child must have completed both the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) and Confirmation. The program will consist of 8 sessions in May and June. The child will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in June. Father would like each child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation again before receiving the Eucharist.

**Parish Office – Closed, Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.**