## **Parish Office**

Parish Office is open to the public.

Parishioners are asked to make an appointment before their visit and must be screened prior to entering the office. Only one (1) visitor is allowed at a time to allow social distancing. Masks will need to be worn by everyone entering the office.

You may continue to drop off your church envelopes in the drop box.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

<u>Fundraiser – Grand in your Hand:</u> We still have a number of tickets unsold for the August Draw, which will take place on Monday night. They can be purchased by calling 227-2412 or e-transfer - <u>olapgrandinyourhand@gmail.com</u>. Tickets are \$10 each and if all 225 tickets are sold, the prize for the winner and the parish will be \$1125.00 each.

Thank you to all who continue to support this fundraiser.

#### Collections

	Offering	Dues	Church Main.	Loonie for the Lord	Canadian Church	Cemetery	Other
Placentia	\$681.00	\$235.00	\$ 60.00	\$4.00	\$35.00		
Freshwater	\$455.00	\$ 20.00	\$160.00	\$5.00	\$ 5.00	\$25.00	\$60.00
Dunville	\$388.00	\$113.00	\$ 15.00	\$5.00			
Fox Harbour	\$ 70.00	\$ 20.00					
Ship Harbour	\$190.45	\$ 40.00	\$205.00				\$10.00

### **Pontifical Collection:**

The Pontifical Collection in support of the Holy Land, usually collected on Good Friday, was postponed when churches were closed due to the pandemic. Pope Francis has requested that it be taken up on Sunday the 13th of September - a date close to that of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast celebrates Christ's saving work and also reminds us of faithful Christian pilgrims, like St. Helen who found the relics of the Holy Cross in the 4th century, who have committed themselves to preserving the holy sites as places of worship that sustain our Christian culture and history of salvation.

The annual Holy Land Collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines located at holy sites, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for the local population. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites you to be in solidarity with the Church and the Christians in the Holy Land.

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2020



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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

**Confessions:** By Appointment

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, Margie McFarlane,

Robert Power, Shirley White

## Schedule this Week September 7 – 13, 2020

Sat. 4:00 p.m. <u>Dunville</u> Int: Michael & Bridget Hann, Louise, Sheldon & Oscar

Clarke & Mary Hunt, James & Larry Follett,

Annie & Lawrence Follett

Minister of the Word: Linda Walsh

Sat. 7:00 p.m. Placentia Int: James & Philomena English, Peggy & Pat Quigley,

Gerald English, Margaret & William Mulrooney

Minister of the Word: Margie Lannon

Sun. 9:30 a.m. <u>Freshwater</u> Int: Owen Greene, Reg & Regina Greene, Eileen Jansokwi,

Florence Wakeham

**Minister of the Word:** Wayne Power Sr.

Sun. 11:15 a.m. Ship Harbour Int: Vincent & Lena Sparrow, Amelia Harris,

David Griffiths

Minister of the Word: Marie Griffin

# **Information Regarding Churches – COVID-19: Masks and Distanced Gatherings**

Recently the Chief Medical Officer of Health issued a *Special Measures Order (Masks)* and the Province published *COVID-19 Guidance for Distanced Gatherings*. The regulations and changes presented in these documents came into effect on Monday August 24, 2020 and may have an effect on some of the policies and procedures presently in place for our worship services and our parish and diocesan offices and facilities.

Special Measures Order (Masks) mandates that masks that cover the nose and mouth must be worn in public indoor settings including: a place of worship. Among those who are exempted from this requirement are: children under the age of 5; people with physical or mental health conditions; and people seated in a place where activities or services of a religious nature are offered provided physical distancing of two metres can be achieved between individuals or bubbles and provided they wear a mask when moving around.

**COVID-19 Guidance for Distanced Gatherings** increases from 50 to 100 people the maximum number of people allowed at faith gatherings, weddings and funerals in facilities large enough to allow for the required physical distancing.

## **For Places of Worship** the above changes mean:

- Masks will need to be worn by everyone entering and moving around in our churches, although while in "physically distanced seating" masks may be removed (this also applies to the celebrant at the altar, the reader at the ambo and the cantor at the podium).
- Churches large enough to allow for the required social distancing may have up to a maximum of 100 people present for worship services.

Doors will open 30 minutes before mass time. Upon arrival parishioners will confirm their preregistration with the greeter and will be asked to read and confirm compliance with the COVID-19 Self Assessment Screening Questionnaire, which will be displayed at the entrance to the church. Parishioners are reminded that if they are feeling ill, they should not attend public worship.

Parishioners are asked to respect and follow the direction of volunteer greeters and ushers while in the church. These volunteers will be assisting with seating, communion and exiting. This will ensure adherence to required guidelines.

There will be no offertory collection. A collection box will be available at the entrance for your weekly financial contributions. You may also continue to provide your donation using the drop box at the parish office.

Each church will have a different capacity based on size and layout. Pre-registration to attend mass will be required. To register to attend mass you are asked to contact **weekly** the designated volunteer for your church between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Wednesday. Please respect this process and only call at the indicated times. When you register, please identify if you are in a bubble with someone to help maximize seating capacity.

- St. Anne's Church, Dunville: Joan Meaney 227-0094
- Sacred Heart Church, Placentia: Evelyn Ennis 227-9053
- Holy Rosary Church, Freshwater: Margie McFarlane 227-2720
- Sacred Heart Church, Fox Harbour: Mary Griffiths 227-6500
- St. Theresa's Church, Ship Harbour: Shirley White 227-5375

For contact tracing purposes, records must be kept for two weeks of all people entering our churches.

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback on this matter you may contact the parish office by phone, 227-2174, or e-mail ourladyofangelsparish@gmail.com.

Please note that all people of the Archdiocese are dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass and those who are elderly, frail, or at higher risk of complications due to COVID-19 are encouraged to not attend public worship at this time. Resources, including broadcast of daily mass, will continue to be available through television and the Internet.