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| ***Worship Calendar*****Sunday, June 23rd National Indigenous Day of Prayer** 10:30 a.m. – (White) Morning PrayerS**unday, June 30th, Anticipating Canada Day** 10:30 a.m. – (White) Holy EucharistS**unday, July 7th Pentecost 7** 10:30 a.m. – (Green) Holy Eucharist**Sunday, July 14th, Pentecost 8**10:30 a.m. – (Green) Holy Eucharist  |

**A Note from the Treasurer:** Please ensure your **envelope number is on all financial correspondence** so that we can credit your account for income tax purposes.

**Parish Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Bulletins -** If you’d like to give a weekly bulletin to commemorate the life of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for an event in your life, please contact David in the office for the dates available.

***Service Roster:*** Sidespersons Sound Room

June 23rd. Tracey C. Robert D.

June 30th Jo-Anne R. Andrew B.

July 7th Rex H. James S.

July 14th Audrey M. Andrew B.

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| Bishop: The Right Reverend Samuel RoseDiocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene TaylorRector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F. (Third Order, Society of St. Francis)Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa CoxOrganists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-LedwellParish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Leanne SquireOffice Administrator: David Kelland |

**Welcome to the**

**Parish of St. John The Evangelist**

**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

**June 16, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**[Father’s Day]**

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This Bulletin is given to the Glory of God

and in Loving memory of

**Fathers, Evan Stone & Josiah Lundrigan**

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***Our Parish Mission Statement***

***We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey***

The Parish live-streams our regular Sunday Services and posts to Facebook

*Jesus also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” Mark 4: 30-32*

God’s word is a gift that only God can give. It is like seed that is thrown at random on the ground. Some sprouts, most of the seed does not. But that which sprouts is nothing less than miraculous. You know this. You sit there in your pew on Sunday. You could just as easily be seated elsewhere.

Your mind wanders, thinking of all the things you have got to do once church is over. You are not in your best of moods, spiritually speaking. Yet, miracles of miracles, you hear something. Something in the Scripture, a word or two in the sermon, a tune by the choir, something takes root in your soul. **You heard your name called. You rise, you soar, you have had a meeting with God, you have been encountered!** It is a miracle.

Jesus says it is like that with God’s word. Sometimes it takes root in your heart. Sometimes it is all wasted. Sometimes God uses all this to reach out and seize your life, and sometimes God passes you by until maybe next week. It is a gift. It is a miracle.

Every sermon is therefore an act of faith. You listen, but if you hear, if your name is called, that comes as gift. And, wonder of wonders, enough of you receive the gift, often enough, to keep you coming back, Sunday after Sunday.

As a preacher, I love to watch God’s word take root in each of your lives. I can see those gifted moments sometimes in your eyes, as I look out on the congregation. I also see it in your lives, as you live into your faith in new and challenging ways, ways that make me know that God has called your name, has used my poor sermon to speak to you. These words, such small things – tiny seeds cast to the wind.

But God takes them, uses them, blesses them, and they become God’s word for you. They become part of the bread of life broken and given to you, your bread, your life, your sustenance, and your miraculous gift from God. *Canon Jotie, TSSF*

*Creating God, you make all things new.*

*Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts,*

*so that, trusting your word, we may live no longer for ourselves*

*but for him who died and was raised for us,*

*Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (ACC)*

**Pilgrimage in the Park** – Chamberlain’s Park: **Monday, June 17th, 10:30 a.m.**

Pilgrimage on any scale is an opportunity to awaken to the wonder and beauty of the world around us. In breaking from the daily routine, we are able to move out of our familiar ruts in order to re-examine our relationship with the MYSTERY OF LIFE. Our pilgrimages support opening and deepening awareness to the present moment, to our bodily senses, and to expanding conscious relationships with Creation as we seek and find in the Park. All are welcome.

**We invite prayers for those who are sick -** Patricia B., Elaine M., Benjamin C., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Ruby H., Kelly R., Phyllis H., Eva B.

*Almighty and immortal God, the giver of life and health: We beseech thee to hear our prayers for thy servants for whom we implore thy mercy, that by thy blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them of thy healing gifts, they may be restored, according to thy gracious will, to health of body and mind, and give thanks to thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Fall Confirmation** - After careful consideration we have decided to move our Confirmation Service and classes to this coming Fall, possibly late November. We are preparing for 2024 to be a Covid-19 catch up year by contacting potential candidates asking if they might be interested in joining our Class. More details are forthcoming.

***For Father’s Day – Donations have been given to the Parish, to the Glory of God and***

***In Loving Memory of:******Remembered by:***

Ted Barnes & Sidney Cox Jessie Cox,

 Jeremy & Megan

**Vestry Meeting** – St, John the Evangelist Vestry is scheduled to meet on **Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m**.