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| ***Worship Calendar*****Wednesday, March 20th**  **10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer** (Reckless Prayer – Breathing)**Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday** **10:30 a.m**. – (Red) Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Holy Eucharist **Monday in Holy Week, March 25th 7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae****Tuesday in Holy Week, March 26th 7:00 p.m. – ACW Service****Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27th 7:00 p.m. – Compline** (Reckless Prayer - Silence)**Thursday in Holy Week, March 28th 7:00 p.m**. – (White) **The Washing of Feet & The Institution of the Lord’s Supper, Stripping of the Altar****Good Friday, March 29th** **10:00 a.m. – Stations of the Cross** **12:00 Noon – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – Watch by the Cross****Sunday, March 31st,,Easter Day** (AG Team 1) **7:00 a.m. Service of Light with New Fire & Holy Eucharist** **10:30 a.m. Procession & 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.**

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

March 24th Ken C. Philip G.

March 31st Dianne H. Robert D.

April 7th Leanne S. 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**

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**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

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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***

*“Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.*

*They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,*

*and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” John12: 20-21*

Even “Greeks” want to see Jesus.

In John’s Gospel, seeing is believing, so when these Greeks try to see Jesus, they are expressing a desire to believe. Is this an expansion of Jesus’ good news beyond Judea? After this point in John’s Gospel, the challenge will be not simply to “see” Jesus but rather to follow him.

At the beginning, Jesus invited his disciples to “follow me” (1:43), promising nothing less that the “light of life” to those who do follow. He tells some that they cannot come where he is going.

Yet there will be a time when they will be able to follow him. Jesus says he will go “to prepare a place for you” and then “return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too.” Here it seems that the promise is not simply that we will follow Jesus but that Jesus will draw us to himself.

That place where he is going is a fearful place, the cross. And yet that cross will become the means of their salvation. Before too long, he will be “lifted up” on the cross (8:28; 12:32, 34), where he lays down his life for his friends (15:13) so that he may draw all people to himself (12:24, 32).

It is there, at the cross, that we will see his glory (17:24).  Like a great magnet, this cross, the instrument of humiliation and horror, will be the means of our salvation and of the true exaltation of Christ.

The cross is like a great magnet that draws all toward the crucified God.

 Canon Jotie, TSSF

*God of glory, your revelation through Jesus Christ*

*calls into your covenant of love.*

*Enable us now to reflect your love,*

*so that barriers erected by sin may be broken down,*

*and all people may be drawn to you;*

*through him who lives and reigns*

*with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

**Welcome** – This morning we welcome the members of the CLB, Upper Gullies Company. Great to have you worship with us. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the CLB (Adult or Youth), please speak to one of the officers. Through educational, recreational and social activities, the Brigade aims to help youth develop the necessary skills to become future leaders.

**Thursday, March 21**, St. John the Evangelist Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Memorials -** The Parish office is now accepting Easter Memorials. Because of the busyness of the office leading into Holy Week, any memorials received after **Monday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m.** will be published in the weekly bulletin of the Fist Sunday after Easter

**ACW Lenten Project:**

During the month of March, the ACW will be collecting Personal Hygiene Products for both men and women and/or boxes of tea bags and jars of Instant Coffee for the Gathering Place.  There will be a container at the back of the church or items can be given to any ACW member.  We are grateful for any help from our congregation!

**Bible Study – LUKE** – **Bible Study will resume after Easter** now that we have changed our Wednesday in Lent to Mornings at 10:30 a.m. We have made a mid-course correction on our sail through Lent. Our Mid-week Lenten service will be Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

**Life in the Eucharist** is a program whereby young children are prepared to participate more fully in the Eucharist where they receive Communion before Confirmation. This program is designed for young families. In fact, it recognizes that the parents are the key people in nurturing children in the faith. After completing this program, the young people come and make their first Communion with the rest of the congregation and continue to do so for the rest of their lives. If you are interested, or know of some family who might be, please contact Canon Jotie.

**The Laying on of Hands** – In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, **Sunday, May 26,** **2024**, 10:30 a.m. we plan to start Confirmation Classes in late January. Confirmation Candidates should currently be in Grade 6 or older. Please contact the Church Office to register or for more information (709-834-2336 or sjtetopsail@nfld.net).

We are ready, willing and able to prepare adults for Confirmation if you may be interested. Please contact Reverend Jotie for details.

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