

KITTY'S CHRONICLE

MERCY ASSOCIATES NEWSLETTER



PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick

Let us pray for the sick, especially our Associates, Sisters of Mercy, family members, friends and care-givers. May God touch them with comfort, healing and strength.

We pray for people who are on our list this week – Jaxon McKinney (Sister Maureen O'Keefe's grandnephew), Diane Hickey (sister-in-law of Cathy Hickey), Theresa Lacey (sister of Annie Brown), Marilyn Thurston, Patricia King, Edith Antle, Sylvia Flood, Kevin Drover (husband of Geraldine Drover), and Marion Bonia (sister of Anne Marie Davis).

(If you wish to have your name or another person's name added to or removed from this list please let Sharon Drover know (drover.sharon@yahoo.ca))

Happy Birthday Wishes to ...

Mary Norman - July 6th
Joanne Stevenson - July 26th



Prayer for the Sick:

*Through the intercession of
Catherine McAuley
God of love and mercy,
You inspired Catherine McAuley,
to serve your Son
by responding to the needs of her
time*

*Moved by her care for the sick,
we ask that through her prayers
You reach out with your healing
love and restore them to full
health.*

*We ask this in complete
confidence through Jesus Christ,
your Son.*

Catherine McAuley, Pray for us.

Amen





Light a Candle

Let us continue, in solidarity with Mercy Sisters, Associates and Colleagues around the world, to light a candle and pray for justice and peace.

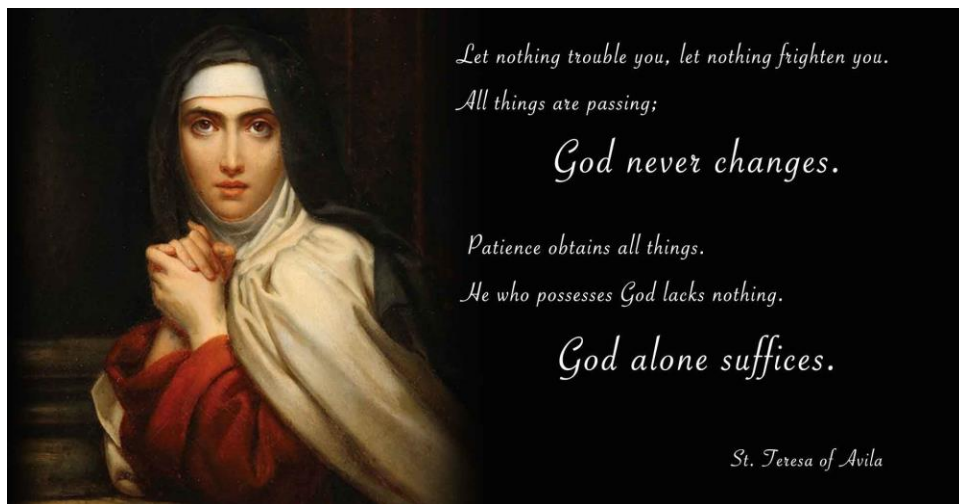
From the Wisdom Circles

Circle of Compassion

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love. “

Lao Tzu

Contemplative Presence



Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing;

God never changes.

Patience obtains all things.

He who possesses God lacks nothing.

God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Avila

Integrity of Creation

“To me there is no difference between one person and another, I behold all as soul-reflections of the one God. I can’t think of anyone as a stranger, for I know that we are all part of the One Spirit.”

Paramahansa Yogananda

Diversity and Inclusion

“Diversity: the art of thinking independently together.”

Malcom Forbes



Notes from the Associates/Sisters

Items of Interest



July was named in honor of **Julius Caesar**. Quintilis, which was his birth month, was renamed July when he died. Quintilis means “fifth month” in Latin, which represents where this month originally fell in the Roman calendar.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquira

The story behind this magnificent painting of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquira.

If you are an artist in the 21st century and you need paints for your creations, you might go to a craft store to purchase them. More than likely, most every pigment and painting tool needed to do your work will be available. However, in the 16th century, acquiring artist’s supplies was not so convenient.



Alonso de Narvaez was a Spanish painter who had been asked to create an image of the Blessed Virgin by Don Antonio de Santana for an oratory he had built. Alonso immediately got to work, painting in pigments he created himself using the soil, herbs, and flowers in the region in which he was working. His canvas was a woven cloth.

Our Lady has a sweet smile on her face standing on a half-moon and is holding the Christ Child in her left arm. Jesus has a small bird tied to His right thumb. A Rosary hangs from Our Lady’s

hand. Since there was extra space on the cloth canvas, Alonso painted St. Anthony of Padua and St. Andrew the Apostle on either side of her. Narvaez had created one of the most magnificent Marian paintings of all time

Unfortunately, the paints and cloth canvas were unprotected in the poorly built oratory. The painting became worn and faded and was removed and taken to Chiquinquirá and used as a bed to dry wheat in the sun. It remained there for seven years. That is when Dona Maria Ramos arrived from Spain and was heartbroken to find the chapel being used for animals and the painting in such a horrid condition.

Day after day she prayed for the rebirth of the chapel. On December 26, 1586, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, the canvas began to brighten as the sun's rays shined upon it. The image actually healed as holes and tears in the cloth seemed to seal themselves.

Maria was astonished, and soon the miracle was drawing crowds of people. Miraculous cures followed, and church officials ordered an investigation into the validity of such claims. Many were validated.

In 1630 the Archbishop of Bogotá authorized the Dominican Brotherhood to take charge of the chapel, and it was replaced by a regular church. In 1801, the present Basilica was built replacing the smaller church, and the Holy See granted a liturgical feast day that is celebrated also in Ecuador and Venezuela.

Pope Pius XI elevated her sanctuary to a minor Basilica in 1927..

The actual feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá is July 9, the actual day of coronation.



Places to Go and Things to See



Bannerman Park Folk Festival....July 7-9, 2023

We're so excited to welcome everyone back into the park for the 47th Annual NL Folk Festival.

Please join us this coming July 7th, 8th, and 9th for music, crafts, and that sweet summer air in Bannerman Park! Watch our social media and newsletter

to hear about “Everything that’s old is new again.” Find the full schedule on our website nlfolk.com/festival/.

Downtown Pedestrian Mall



The Downtown Pedestrian Mall is open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. daily, June 22 until September 4.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2023

*– A SUMMER OF MUSIC ON
GEORGE STREET –*



WEDNESDAYS FROM JULY 5TH TO AUGUST 30TH & TUESDAY JULY 26TH!
(EXCLUDING JULY 27TH & AUGUST 3RD)



FREE ALL-AGES EVENT!



WEDNESDAYS 6-9PM!

Join in all summer long with some of NL’s finest musical artists in the heart of downtown!





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Fans of legendary folk icons The Kingston Trio can re-discover their timeless music all over again as the group continues to wow audiences on their North American tour.



Join Newfoundland and Labrador’s ballet company, **Kittiwake Dance Theatre** as we present open-air, family-friendly concerts in St. John’s this summer.



Music at Harbour Side Park



Music @ is a series of free concerts that take place from June 10 through September 22 in a variety of locations across the City. Our signature event – Music @ Harbourside – runs throughout the summer, during the lunch hour on Fridays. It takes place in Harbourside Park, off Water Street...

George Street Festival July 27th - August 2nd



Buskers Festival - August 5th - 6th

The Annual Downtown St. John's Buskers Festival is a highly anticipated event for the whole family. Shows every hour 12 Noon to 9 PM daily.



Poetry Pause:

A Warm Summer Breeze

The trees whisper in the breeze
The forest peaceful, quiet, and serene.
The warm breeze like a soft caress,
Momentarily eliminating all stress.

Without delay it carries on
Leaving the place in silence when it's gone.
A summer day, a summer breeze,
Softly whispered through the trees.

The summer breeze, softly it comes,
Quickly it leaves,
Causing soft whispers in the trees.
It came and soon left, a warm summer breeze.

Theo Townend



From Kitty's Kitchen

Cheese Scones



Ingredients:

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ⅓ cup cold butter cut into pieces
- 1 ¼ cup Sharp Cheddar shredded
- 2 eggs beaten
- ¾ cup milk
- milk to brush top of scone

Chive Butter (optional)

- 2 tablespoons melted salted butter
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives or parsley
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Combine dry ingredients in a bowl and using a pastry cutter, cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add cheese and stir to combine.
3. Combine eggs and milk. Add the egg mixture to the flour mixture and stir just until it forms a dough.
4. On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough by folding and gently pressing dough for 10 to 12 strokes until nearly smooth. Pat dough into an 8-inch circle and cut into 8 wedges.
5. Place wedges 1 inch apart on an ungreased baking sheet. Brush with milk.
6. Bake for 18-22 minutes or until golden. Remove scones from the baking sheet. Let cool slightly.

7. Combine chive butter ingredients. Brush over warm scones and serve.



From Kitty's Library

A Good Read

The Girl on the Platform

AUTHOR: ELLIE MIDWOOD

Berlin, 1939: The inspiring true story of Libby Schulze-Boysen, a German girl who refused to back down to the Nazis. In the face of evil, she vowed to live by the truth—or die by it. This beautiful novel shows that even when our freedom is stolen, we still have a choice...



Movie Night

Bell Aliant Channel 50

Rogers Channel 204

Confidentially Connie

Thursday, July 6th at 1:15 pm

An expectant mother hatches a series of madcap schemes to improve her husband's financial standing.

Starring: Van Johnson and Janet Leigh

The Woman on Pier 13

Wednesday, July 15th at 1:15 pm

Starring: Laraine Day; Robert Ryan and John Agar



Communists blackmail a shipping executive into spying for them.

I Confess

Tuesday, July 25th at 2:15 pm

Starring: Montgomery Clift, Anne Baxter, and Karl Malden

A priest suspected of murder can only clear himself by violating the sanctity of the confessional.

VIDEO

The Pope Answers- <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt27441525/> is a new film released in April 2023 on Disney + in which Pope Francis has an in-person conversation with 10 young Spanish speaking people between the ages of 20—25 years on topics such as abortion, gender identity, dating apps and more. This film is a masterclass in engagement, openness and vulnerability across ages, genders and beliefs that we can all learn from. It is the clearest example of the synodal church for which the pope yearns and calls.

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- The Pope Answers: Official Trailer YouTube <https://youtu.be/MjojARMVX3M>
- To Encyclical letter *Laudato Si* https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.pdf#page=6

Pause for Thought

“Practice the pause. Pause before judging. Pause before assuming. Pause before accusing. Pause whenever you're

*about to react harshly and you'll avoid doing and saying things
you'll later regret."*

Lori Deschene

What kind of person was Catherine McAuley?

Catherine's Femininity

Catherine McAuley was staunchly, personally her own woman: gracious, gentle, loving and giving; prayerful, prudent and courageous. Called to be a leader at a time when female involvement in any area was more deeply resented than it is today, she suffered the agony of discrimination, even to the extent of receiving a letter addressed to her as "C. McAuley, Esq". She never allowed such narrow-mindedness to deflect her from her mission. Nor did she respond in the accents of strident feminism to the insults, ridicule and downright ill-will of those who tried to dynamite her work.

She replied in terms of that charity which emphasises the equality of all God's creatures, which bridges inter-faith and other differences without compromising essentials and which in her case, was enhanced by kindness, holiness and womanliness. She was primarily a "Go-Giver", not a "Go-Getter"; more concerned with service than with status, yet ever conscious of the power of a good woman as a leaven in society, as a wife, as a mother, as an instrument of good example.

After all, the Church stands in the shade of the Woman from whom Christ received His Humanity – Mary, Mother of the Church, whom Catherine McAuley loved and revered as Mother of Mercy.

Next month: Her Sanctity!

The Last Word...

“Although I should be simple as a dove, I must also be prudent as a Serpent; and since there is very little good can be accomplished or evil avoided without the aid of money, we must look after it in small as well as in great matters.”

Letter to Father James Maher January 10, 1838



