#### Readings Today:

Ezekiel 36.24-28 Psalm 84

1 Corinthians 5.17-20, Mark 1.9-11

Services: Today: Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism

> Next Sunday Prayer, Praise & Healing

#### Eucharistic Assistants Today Herman & Rita Russell Next Sunday: Ruby & Tolson Chapman

#### Greeters Today Gloria Hynes Next Sunday Hayward & Phyllis Keats Musicians

Today Maurice & Marion Victory Next Sunday Maurice & Marion Victory

#### SMILE OF THE WEEK

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Ruth Stanley

ARDFC Ambassador Eleanor Muise

> Greeter Coordinator Gloria Hynes

Prayer Coordinator Hilda Lambert

**Peoples' Warden** 

Hayward Keats

Altar Care / Eucharistic Assistant Coordinators Rita & Herman Russell

#### Band "Joyful Noise"

Robert Batten Rick Stanley Nina O'Brien Selby Mesher Ruth Stanley

Musicians Maurice & Marion Victory

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**EASTER IV** 

## April 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2018





#### THE MARTYR'S CROWN

Peoples' worship is disrupted when cell phones ring. As a gift to each other, we turn *off our* cell phone ringers during worship



#### Dear Friends,

Welcome to worship at St. Stephen the Martyr! If you visiting with us, please enjoy the hospitality of our congregation. If we can assist you in any way, please make your need known, either to me or those who greeted you at the door.

Today, we are privileged to share in the baptism of Jennette Alice Keats, daughter of Carla and Darrell, and little sister to Bradley and Elizabeth. Darrell is the son of Hayward and Phyllis. Until recently, the young Keats family had been living in Alberta where they worshipped in the Dutch Reform Church.

Infant baptism has always been a practice within the Anglican tradition. Historical evidence suggests that infant baptism was being practiced in the church within two centuries of the first Apostles.

Through baptism, Jennette will be made a cherished member of Christ's body, the church, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of God. Baptism is not some magical act that makes everything complete. Jennette's baptism is only the beginning. From here on, her spiritual life will need to be nurtured and sustained by a faithful Christian family and a faithful Christian church community. I believe that Jennette Alice Keats has both.

As we celebrate Jennette's baptism, may we be reminded of our own baptismal commission to "go and make disciples of all nations."

Howard+

Church Announcements

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Today we will baptize the granddaughter of Hayward and Phyllis Keats; **Jennette Alice Keats**. Please keep them in your prayers.

10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY: Parish Council have decided to form a team consisting of 2 PC members (Herman Russell & Lois Drover) and 3 or 4 members of the congregation who would be interested in organizing events around the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the parish. The first official service of the Parish was held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please speak to Herman or Lois today.

**PRAYER GROUP** meet each Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Parish Office. All are welcome.

**OUR FATHER,** the book written by our own Renee Noseworthy will be available during the month of April for \$15, with \$5 for each book sold being donated to the Parish.

**CENTRE FOR LIFE** is currently seeking members. If you would like to know more about membership, visit www.centreforlife.ca or speak to Rev. Howard+ or Herman Russell.





**Healing:** Rick & Ruth, Daisy, Renee, Jessie, the victims of the Humboldt SK bus crash and their families.

**The Parish:** that God will continue to bless us. We pray that God will continue to guide us as we make plans to continue working the vision He gave us to spread the Good News to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. For the  $10^{\text{th}}$  Anniversary team as they plan the events for the coming year.

**Our Sister Congregation of the Good Samaritan:** For Darrell. Pastor and Archdeacon of Eastern Canada.

**The Diocese**: For Foley our Archbishop, Charlie our Bishop and all who give leadership across the Diocese. Pray that our Diocese will grow and prosper under God's providence.

**Locally**: For young people battling drugs and other addictions. For the Avalon Celebration of Hope planned for November, that many across our Province will be brought to Christ.

**Canada**: That out nation will discover a fresh desire to seek the living God, that righteous men and women will be raised up to give godly wisdom and leadership.