

Church of Saint Andrew

After 50 Years, Canada still unconvinced on abortion - by LifeCanada

50 years ago this month, the federal government legalized abortion in Canada, a controversial decision in 1969. Currently there are no legal restrictions on abortion at any time during a pregnancy. A recent poll by Public Square Research has found that despite 50 years of abortion advocacy, a majority of Canadians still have serious reservations about the radical policy.

- Only 2% of Canadians support sex selection abortions (which are legal & usually target girl babies).
- Only 8% of Canadians support late abortions after 6 months of pregnancy.
- Only 16% said all abortions are acceptable, no matter the reason, which is the current Canadian policy.
- Only 20% find abortion acceptable after 3 months, whereas the status quo allows abortion throughout all nine months.
- Only 11% find abortion acceptable if the baby interferes with the woman's future plans, but this is often the justification for abortion.
- Only 4% find abortion acceptable when a woman has already had previous abortions.

The poll was conducted in the last week of April 2019 and released this week by LifeCanada, an educational pro-life group, just ahead of the national March for Life.

"We commissioned the poll to see what 50 years of abortion has achieved," says Natalie Sonnen, executive director of LifeCanada. "Considering all the that the media and all levels of government have done for the past half-century to justify and promote abortion as a pro-woman policy, the vast majority of Canadians, women and men, are unconvinced. **Most Canadians have grave reservations about when, why and how abortions are performed.** Simply put, Canadians don't celebrate it."

In fact, a May 2018 poll by the Angus Reid Institute found that **women were more supportive than men on restricting abortions.** Almost $\frac{2}{3}$ (64%) of women supported some legal restrictions on abortion versus 56% of men. Overall, 61% of those polled supported legal restrictions on abortion.

In the 50 years since abortion has been legalized, these stats have not changed. Mike Schouten, director of *We Need a Law*, an advocacy organization that mobilizes Canadians and politicians to pass laws that protect children before birth says, "not only is our public policy out of line with public opinion, Canada's lack of an **abortion legal framework** is distinct in that we are the **only country in the world without one.**"

Schouten says that, "As Canadians become aware of our lack of abortion regulations, they are rightly disturbed. It's time for politicians to stop viewing pre-born children as a political liability and instead lead our country in a national conversation about **how to protect fetal rights while at the same time respecting women's rights.**"

The poll was conducted by Public Square Research, using on-line sources from the Maru Voice Panel. There were 1515 respondents. LifeCanada was established in 2000 to operate as a national association of local and provincial educational pro-life groups across Canada in order to promote the value of human life, to serve our members, and to advocate for the most vulnerable members of society. Circulated by Peter Ryan <pgryan.nbrl@gmail.com>

5th Sunday of Easter

19 May 2019

I heard a loud voice from the throne
saying,

"Behold,
God's dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and
they will be his people and God
himself will always be with them
as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be
no more death nor mourning,
wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away."

(Rev 21:3-4)



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Bulletin Entries: Don Menton by Thu pm 529-4778 (donmenton@hotmail.com) (entries may be edited)

BELONG - Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference: Steubenville Youth Conferences bringing 50,000 teens (14-18) & their leaders closer to Christ every summer in Halifax, is presented in partnership with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth & the Franciscan University of Steubenville on 5-7 July 2019. Cost: \$325. Contact Mary Alice Glasgow 653-6829, sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org; halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic

Liturgical Ministers

	19	May	26
Greeters	Nancy Welles		Ainslie Bradford
Servers	Paul Mulvihill David Ridgway		Jeannie Matheson Margaret Obermeier
Lectors	Carol Jones Clayton Welles		Jane Lauzier Sandra Bryant
Gifts	Bob & Kelly Lord		Kay Mennie & Hans Obermeier
Eucharistic Ministers	Ray & Sue Brennan spare		Dale & Dixie Lively Don Menton
Collection	John Akagi & Bill Mallory		
Coordinator	Kay Mennie		Carol Jones

May	Mass Intentions	Collection		St. Croix Parish	
		May 11 & 12		St. Andrews	St. Stephen
Sun 19	11:30 am All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Envelopes	700.00	587.00	
Mon 20		Loose	197.59	181.95	
Tue 21	12 noon No Mass in Saint Andrews	Fuel		5.00	
Wed 22		Easter			
Thu 23		Hall	465.00	40.00	
Fri 24		Building		245.00	
Sat 25		PAD	337.00	800.00	
Sun 26	11:30 am All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Total	1,699.59	1,858.95	

Please pray for our sick & all in need. Also remember our recently deceased, together with our elderly unable to join us at Mass, together with our parish & its people. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Parish of Saint Croix
Can we pray for YOU? Everyone is invited to drop off prayer requests at the prayer station at the back. Our team would love to pray for your intention. Confessions are 20 minutes before all Masses & available on request.
New Freeman weekly Saint John diocesan newspaper: FREE at the church entrance.
ALANON meets every Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 407 Milltown Blvd. Please use back, side entrance of building next to church.
St. Patrick's Hall Bingo on Sunday nights - doors open at 5 pm, games start at 6:45

Birthdays: Ainslie Bradford, Ray Brennan, Aidan Embeault-Brooking, Clayton Dickson, Gaven & Trystan England, John Findlay, Greg Goff, Zachary & David Groom, Ed Hurley, Bruce & Leona Monaghan, Dave Ridgway, Clair McDonald-Tidd
Wedding Anniversaries: Bob & Kelly Lord.

Community of Saint Andrew

Donations for Transition House: from the Lenten Lunches were \$708.

St. Croix Catholic Parish CWL \$300 Bursary for a graduating Catholic high school student - applications submitted to: Mrs. Darlene Aker, 146 Pleasant Street, St. Stephen, N.B. E3L 1B3 (466-4598) **no later** than **June 11**. Forms available at the Church entrance or Parish Office.

Mon 6 May Father Suresh Savariraj departing for **vacation** to India & will return 6th June 2019. Please pray for his safe journey.

Tue 21 May 6:30 pm **Vacation Bible School** next meeting will at the Milltown Parish Centre. Please take note of the new venue for this meeting.

Sat 25 May 9:30 am **String Crafting Class** with Shelley in All Saints Parish Hall. Several design options and several colours will be available. To register please call Shelley at 529-8588. Cost is \$20. Please bring a hammer!

Sat 1 Jun **Mountview Singers** spring concert in All Saints Church @ 4 pm.

Sat 8 Jun 9-12 am **Mini-Seminar:** Theme from the Lord's Prayer "**Your Will be Done**". Church of St. Andrew parish hall.

Diocese of Saint John

Tue 21 May 2 pm **Jean Vanier (10 Sep 1928 - 7 May 2019) Ecumenical Memorial Service:** founder of the L'Arche Movement at the Cathedral. All are welcome!

Fri 24 May noon **Bishop Robert Harris 50th Anniversary of Ordination:** con-celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with reception to follow.

Sun 26 May **"Hear Our Voice"** Fundraiser in support of Sophia Recovery Centre, a free, non-profit, registered charity that has been providing hope and healing since 2008 to women in Saint John areas who struggle with addictions. Tickets \$20, see <https://hearourvoice2019.eventbrite.ca> or call 633-8783.

Mon 27 May 6:30 pm **Those Living with Cancer** monthly Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with an anointing of the sick.

Mon 10 Jun - Fri 14 Jun **AASEA: Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate:** at Villa Madonna, silent directed Ignatian retreats for groups of 20 - 30 with most of the day in silence & periods of guided input, simply listening to God; the only conversation in scheduled meetings with a spiritual director to listen to the Spirit of God leading in prayer & life. See www.villamadonna.ca

Mon-Sun 8-14 Jul Villa Madonna **Exploring the Inner Landscape of Love:** Six (6) Day Retreat with Facilitator Sr. Joan Atkinson using a contemplative approach, explore how God is active in your life today. Learn from the past & be drawn forward. This retreat includes two input sessions daily, time for personal reflection, prayer & time for personal direction. Contact Doreen or Sandy at 506-849-5125.