

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025



**WELCOME TO
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Wednesday March 12	11:00 am	North Harbour	Joseph F. Corrigan; Agnes Hearn Jose Walsh
Saturday March 15	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Val & Anne St. Croix Peter & Frances Halleran & deceased family members Leo & Mary Ellen Halleran & deceased family members
	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased
Sunday March 16	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Joseph, Darrin & Hilda Fagan and deceased members of the Fagan & Dinn families Joseph Dobbin; Hughie Yetman
	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Elizabeth Wells; Jordon Pitcher Agatha McGrath

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday March 15	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Cross Bearer: Doreen Hayward Reader: Rita Raymond Collectors: Pat Tobin, Dan St. Croix Gift Bearers: Denise Fleming, Mary Crawley Eucharistic Minister: Mary Fleming
Saturday March 15	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Ron Molloy Reader: Sylvia Molloy Collectors: Des Yetman, Joseph Kielly Gift Bearers: Todd & Shellie White Eucharistic Minister: Hubert Kielly
Sunday March 9	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Hugh Lawlor Reader: Hugh Lawlor Collectors: Benny Furey, Jerry Ryan Gift Bearers: Karen Hearn, Margie Power Eucharistic Minister: Donal Greene
Sunday March 9	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Cross Bearer: Victor Cole Reader: Mary Nolan Collectors: George Critch, Iggy Philpot Gift Bearers: Madeline & Liz McDonald Eucharistic Minister: Linda Dunne

GSP PASTORAL/FINANCE/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING following mass in St. Mary's Wednesday **March 26**.

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

March 1 & 2: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel

Weekly Offering: \$1543.35 Ash Wednesday Offering: \$35.00 Seminarian Studies: \$385.00

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: \$1470.00

Thanks to all who came out to support Good Shepherd Parish from all areas of the parish in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper held in Mount Carmel. A total of \$1450.00 was raised after all expenses were paid. Thanks to; the Town for its donations of goods plus the use of the Town Hall, all those who made a donation of cash or supplies plus thanks to the volunteers who came out to support this worthy cause. Your contributions made this event a very worthwhile event where parishioners were served a fine meal and given an opportunity to get together with friends, neighbours and other parishioners! Finally, the 50/50 Draw was won by Robyn Hickey. Thank you everyone!

GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY: 1st winner John Gibbons. Ticket No. 00034

Witnessed by Linda Gibbons and Len Ryan.

2nd winner Noreen Yetman. Ticket No. 00158. Witnessed by Sylvia Molloy and Sheila Lee

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is scheduled for **May 3, 2025**, at the Basilica, 200 Military Rd, St. John's. Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](#) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

Birthday Blessings to Mr. Patrick Breen celebrating his 95th Birthday on March 14.

Blessings to you and may you feel the presence of the Lord as we all celebrate you on this day!

LIVING FAITH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 9, 2025



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- Lk 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus is tempted. Usually, we are tempted by things that are attractive to us. Very few people are tempted by things they don't like. But we can like things that are not good for ourselves or for others. Jesus resisted the devil's temptation to:

- Create bread out of stones to relieve his own hunger (the temptation to self-gratification);
- Leap from a pinnacle and rely on angels to break his fall (the temptation to self-reliance);
- Kneel before Satan in return for all the kingdoms of the world (the temptation to materialism).

Imagine for a minute that the Evil One is going to tempt you, choosing three ways that might work to tempt you to wander off the narrow way. What might those be for you? They're a little different for each of us. So... what might yours be? Thinking about that, and sincerely working on that, is an important aspect of our Lenten journey.

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- What things tempt you, or draw you away from what is good?
- How do you resist temptation? What helps you not to give in?



The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 4:1-13 (NIV).



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M V M Y C T O S T M D V N M G
P A M P V O R P F A E A E X P
T B A B L N L I E D W L N I A
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W P V B E F E U W Y X G R H R
G C L E L J D C W H Z E R N I
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P X M F O R T Y Y E E X U Q Y
K I N G D O M S D S P E N Z Y

SPIRIT	DEVIL	DAYS	JORDAN	STONE
HOLY	LIVE	ANGELS	AUTHORITY	WORSHIP
DESERT	TEMPLE	COMMAND	BREAD	WORLD
TEMPTED	FORTY	KINGDOMS	JERUSALEM	HUNGRY

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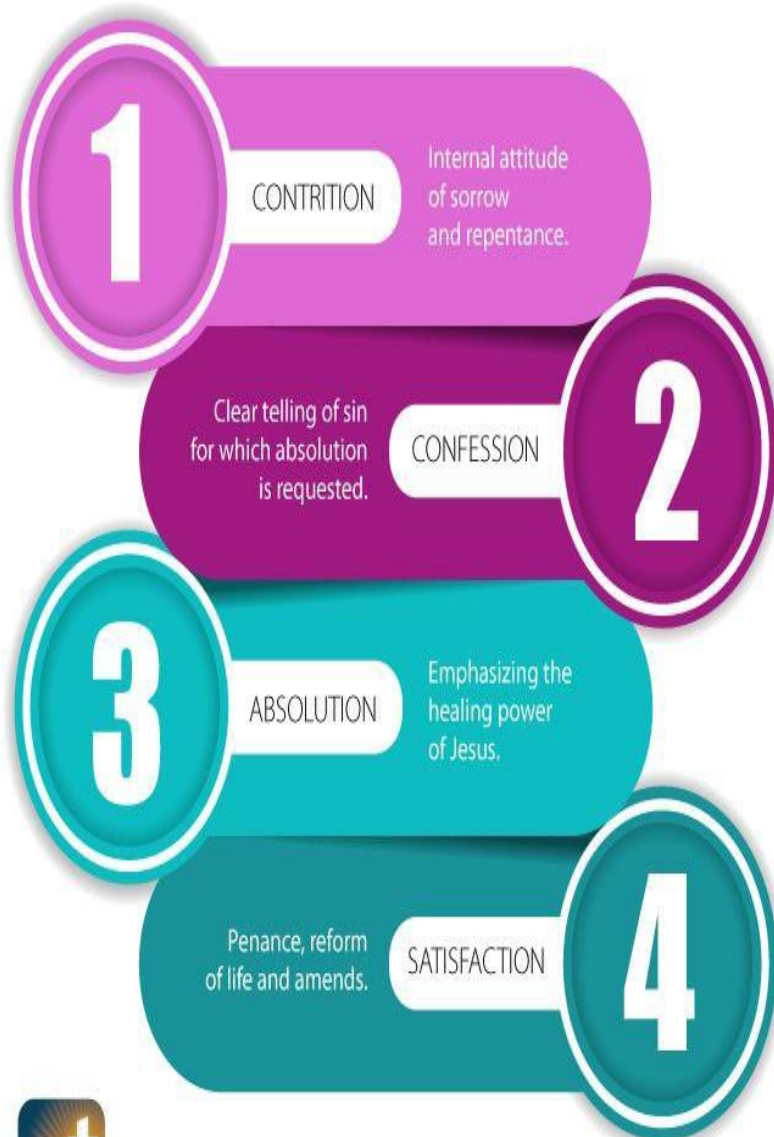
Journey Through Lent Video Series: Weekly Reflections for the Lenten Season

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office and [the Office national de liturgie](#), has launched the 2025 video series titled **Journey Through Lent**. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 5 March 2025, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is designed for individuals, families, and communities, providing spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare for the Easter season. You can visit this link again every Monday (26 February, 10 March, 17 March, 24 March, 31 March and 7 April) to access videos for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration.

THE CHURCH TEACHES RECONCILIATION

The 4 Traditional Parts of Reconciliation

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1491–1494) teaches that the sacrament's two essential elements are the human part (through the action of the Holy Spirit; numbers one, two and four below) and God's action (through the intervention of the Church; number three below.)



SOURCE: THE CATHOLIC SOURCE BOOK 2007



WHAT IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED? (from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

1423 It is called the *sacrament of conversion* because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the *sacrament of Penance*, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

1424 It is called the *sacrament of confession*, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the *sacrament of forgiveness*, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."

It is called the *sacrament of Reconciliation*, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God."⁷ He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

SHARE LENT 2025 TURN DEBT INTO HOPE



Prayer for wisdom and justice in addressing external debt

Loving and Gracious God,

Help us understand that we have the power
and the duty to act against the injustices that
bind people in poverty and debt.

Grant us the courage to challenge the structures
that perpetuate these conditions, and the strength
to work tirelessly for a world where every person
can achieve their full potential.

Inspire our hearts with Your compassion and
justice. Empower us to be bearers of hope and
agents of change. Together, may we help bring
forth solutions rooted in fairness and equity;
economic systems that uplift and create hope for
the downtrodden; and a future where every nation
can walk the path of sustainable development,
free from the shackles of debt.

May we be instruments of Your peace, secure
in the faith that, through our collective effort,
poverty can be overcome.

Amen.

— Fr. Charles Chilufya, SJ, Zambia



