

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 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 19	11:00 am	St. Joseph's	Ralph Dunphy; Dick Dunphy Deceased members of the Gough and Duggan families
Saturday March 22	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	John & Florence Raymond Cyril & Violet Gibbons, Tom & Rose Stamp Doreen Tobin & deceased family members
	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Catherine & Raymond Ryan Kenneth, Betty, Paul & Wayne Walsh Margaret Kennedy
Sunday March 23	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased
	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Mike & Rita Lewis Christine & William Critch & deceased family members Kathleen & Fred Linehan & deceased family members

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday March 22	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Cross Bearer: Priscilla Tobin Reader: Verna Hayward Collectors: Pat Tobin, Dan St. Croix Gift Bearers: Theresa Lewis, Anne Hayward Eucharistic Minister: Patrick Tobin
Saturday March 22	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Len Ryan Reader: Dorothy Kielly Collectors: Des Yetman, Joseph Kielly Gift Bearers: Hubert & Shirley Kielly Eucharistic Minister: Bill Breen
Sunday March 23	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Howard Power Reader: Lucille Gambin Collectors: Benny Furey, Jerry Ryan Gift Bearers: Donal & Magdalene Greene Eucharistic Minister: Theresa Williams
Sunday March 23	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Cross Bearer: Hugh Lawlor Reader: Lucy Hawco Collectors: George Critch, Iggy Philpot Gift Bearers: George & Donna Critch Eucharistic Minister: Heather Marrie

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

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

March 8, 9, 12: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel/North Harbour

Weekly Offering: \$1367.90 Ash Wednesday Offering: \$455.00 Seminarian Studies: \$85.00 Lenten Offering: \$205.00

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Donation: \$25.00 Total to date \$1495.00

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.

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 \(rcsj.org\)](https://www.rcsj.org/marriage-preparation-registration) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

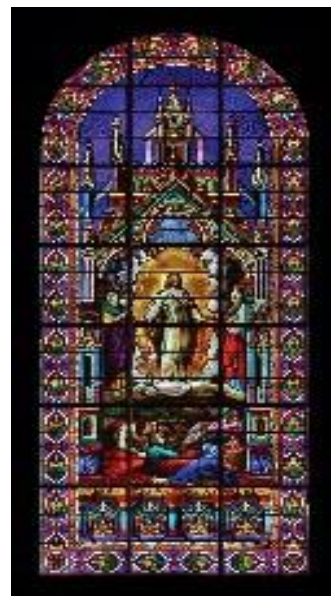
Birthday blessings to Mrs. Patricia Butland celebrating her 95th birthday Sunday, March 16.

"May God's light shine upon you and brighten your special day".

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT BAND Presents **VOYAGES, A MUSICAL JOURNEY** Friday, April 11, 2025 @ 7:30 pm. Calvary Baptist Church, 775 Topsail Road, Mount Pearl, NL. Admission: FREE... Food and cash donations will be accepted in support of the local food banks.

LIVING FAITH

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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- Lk 9:28b-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

We often call this the story of the Transfiguration. In front of Peter, James and John, while praying on a mountain, Jesus met and talked with Moses and Elijah, and was transfigured. For the second time in the Gospels, Jesus hears God say the words, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' Why was this so important? Because from this moment onwards in the Gospel of Luke, the path gets rougher for Jesus; he begins the long journey to Jerusalem and to his crucifixion. God, out of love and mercy, spoke the words that would strengthen Jesus and empower him to do what he had to do. God does the same thing for you and I. Most often, in our lives, God uses other people to let us know that we are loved and chosen, treasured and valued. That means that, for somebody else, you might be the voice that they need to hear today, the means through which God speaks a message of hope, comfort, challenge or love to someone who needs to hear it. We are the hands and feet of Jesus, his eyes and, sometimes, his voice.

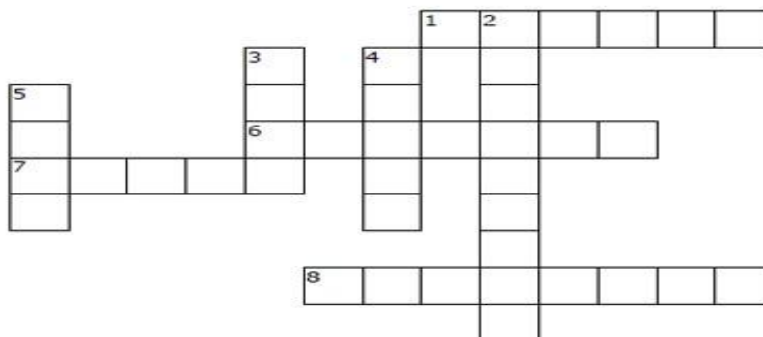
TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Where do you get the strength to do what needs to be done in your life?
- Do you ever get confirmation that you are on the right path?
- How does God enter into your decision making?

The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
6. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. The opposite of being asleep
8. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill

DOWN

2. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
3. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
4. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
5. To speak to God

MOUNTAIN	FACE	LIGHTNING	AWAKE
PRAY	CLOTHES	SLEEPY	CLOUD

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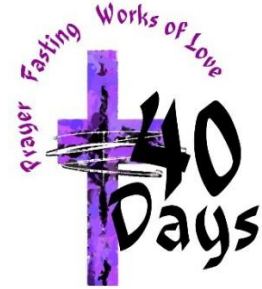
Journey Through Lent Video Series: Weekly Reflections for the Lenten Season
The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office and the Office national de liturgie, has launched the 2025 video series titled [Journey Through Lent](#). Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 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.

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THE CHURCH TEACHES MAKING GOOD DECISIONS From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

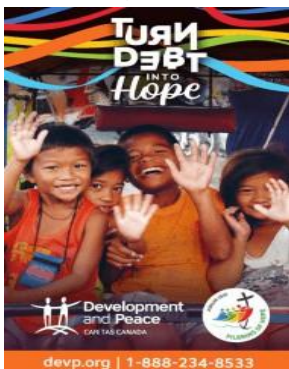
"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment..... For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God..... His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths." CCC 1776



Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking. CCC 1777

It is important for every person to be sufficiently present to himself in order to hear and follow the voice of his conscience. This requirement of *interiority* is all the more necessary as life often distracts us from any reflection, self-examination or introspection:

Return to your conscience, question it... Turn inward, brethren, and in everything you do, see God as your witness. (St Augustine) CCC 1779



Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings. CCC 1783

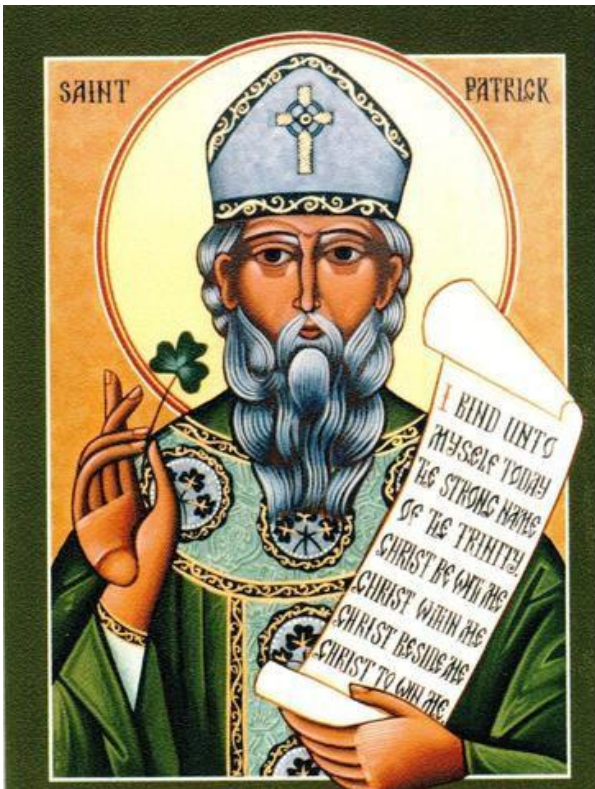
CANCEL DEBT TO CREATE HOPE

As we begin our journey for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis reminds us that "hope should be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life" and that "the goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few but for everyone." (Spes Non Confundit, 15-16)

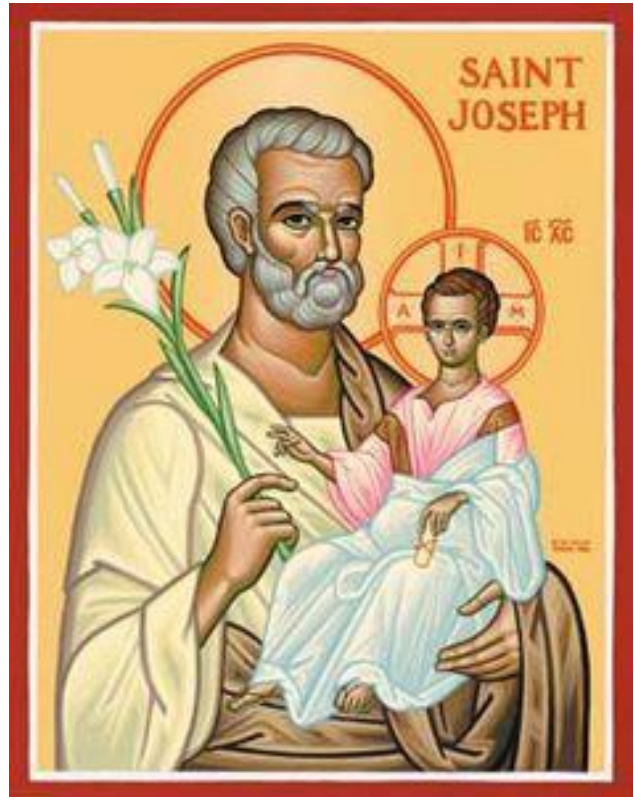
Inspired by this call to justice, we are joining Caritas Internationalis' campaign Turn Debt into Hope along with many other faith-based and civil society organisations. Together, we urge decision-makers to prioritise people and planet over mere profit and demand debt justice for communities crushed by unjust and unpayable debts.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

ST. PATRICK (MARCH 17) AND ST. JOSEPH (MARCH 19)



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. This captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped and found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. But he heard God's call to return to Ireland, this time as a missionary. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. He died March 17, 461.



Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture, and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him. We know he was a carpenter, a working man. We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. We know that he was a man of prayer and trust in God. We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)



INTERCESSION FOR MARCH 16 Second Sunday of Lent

For the members of Christian communities, so that in this Jubilee Year their commitment as baptized citizens may be accompanied by concrete actions such as signing the worldwide petition calling for the cancellation of the foreign debt of the poorest countries, and for an end to the debt crisis that is a source of suffering for billions of people around the world, let us pray to the Lord.