

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 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

<b>Monday March 24</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	<b>Funeral Mass (Philip Gibbons)</b>
<b>Wednesday March 26</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Cyril Moriarity Mike &amp; Madeline Cahill; Mike &amp; Elizabeth Dillon</b>
<b>Saturday March 29</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Riverhead</b>	<b>Blessing of the Fishing Fleet</b>
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	<b>Ellen, Tony &amp; Pat St. Croix Lawrence Jr., Lawrence Sr., &amp; Rita Gibbons Albert &amp; Annie Fleming &amp; deceased family members</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Theresa &amp; Kevin Christopher Lucy, Jack &amp; William Rowsell &amp; deceased family members William, Margaret &amp; Shannon Coady</b>
<b>Sunday March 30</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>Martin Gough Alban &amp; Philomena Dalton &amp; deceased family members Michael &amp; Jessie Gough &amp; deceased family members</b>
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Mount Carmel</b>	<b>"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased</b>

## MINISTRY LIST

<b>Saturday March 29</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	Cross Bearer: Randy Roche Reader: Anna Roche Collectors: Randy Roche, Dermot Fleming Gift Bearers: Marilyn Kielly, Lucinda Hayward Eucharistic Minister: Anne Hayward
<b>Saturday March 29</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	Cross Bearer: Hubert Kielly Reader: Shirley Kielly Collectors: Pat Butler, Ron Molloy Gift Bearers: Denise White & Family Eucharistic Minister: Sheila Lee
<b>Sunday March 30</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Cross Bearer: Benny Furey Reader: Tony Healey Collectors: Joe Ryan, Jimmy Gushue Gift Bearers: Pat & Joanne Singleton Eucharistic Minister: Linda Dunne
<b>Sunday March 30</b>	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Mount Carmel</b>	Cross Bearer: Don Power Reader: Hugh Lawlor Collectors: Victor Cole, Don Power Gift Bearers: Ann Power, Marie Bonia Eucharistic Minister: Rosalind Philpot

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** (March 23-29): In memory of Willie Ryan – Our Lady of Assumption Church

### **2025 Chrism Mass: An Archdiocesan Jubilee Year Celebration of Ordained Priesthood**

The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments, which are blessed at this Mass and then given to the priests to take back to their parishes.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the institution of the ministerial priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. In this Jubilee Year, it is also an excellent occasion on which to celebrate the gift of the Ordained Priesthood and the ministry of the Priests of the Archdiocese.

The 2025 Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on **Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to come and join in this Jubilee Year celebration of the gift of the Ordained Priesthood.

For those unable to attend, the Mass will be live streamed at [www.thebasilica.net](http://www.thebasilica.net)

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

### **FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:**

March 15, 16: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel

**Weekly Offering: \$1080.70      Ash Wednesday Offering: \$35.00      Seminarian Studies: \$20.00**

**Lenten Offering: \$125.00      Sanctuary Light: \$6.00      Mass Card Print Cost: \$17.00**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Donation: \$60.00      Total to date \$1555.00**

**Salmonier 50+Club Parish Fundraiser: \$500.00      Thank you so much for your generous donation, your support is greatly appreciated.**

**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.

# LIVING FAITH

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## THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Lk 13:1-9

Then Jesus told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" The gardener replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

## REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Which character in this Gospel acts most like God? Is it the man who owned the vineyard, who wants the unproductive fig tree cut down? Or is it the gardener, who pleads with the landowner to give the fig tree one more year?

Our God is merciful and forgiving. With God, there are always second chances, third chances and more. In Lent, through the readings at Mass, through the Eucharist itself, and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God calls us to remember how deeply God loves us. Sometimes, we fail. We turned away from God, or from our neighbours. When that happens, God calls us to repent, and offers forgiveness. God calls us home.

God is like the gardener in the Gospel. God wants us to grow and flower and bear good fruit in the world.

## TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- How do you hear God's call to grow and bear fruit?
- How do you search your heart to discover when and how God calls you to turn toward God and repent?

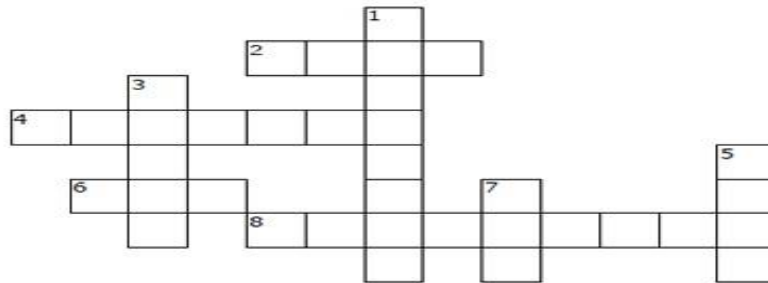


# The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
6. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.
8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

## DOWN

1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
7. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.

PARABLE	TREE	VINEYARD	SOIL
FIG	FRUIT	FERTILIZE	DIG

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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**  
**from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace**  
Faith-based Reflection: Forced migration and the culture of encounter

Imagine if you had to flee your home, right now, because of armed conflict or a natural disaster. Where would you go? What would you do? Most of us living in Canada today can only imagine what it would be like to be forced to leave our homes. Yet, many of us have our own histories of migration, our own journeys. Who welcomed us or our ancestors? Who was it who encountered us on our own journey of migration?

When Pope Francis launched the Share the Journey campaign in 2017, he invited us to open our hearts to hope and to spread a culture of encounter. But how do we do this? Where do we start? Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). In saying this, he invited us to welcome migrants and to share their journey.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis, reminded us that Jesus himself undertook many journeys during his life: "As an unborn child he went from Nazareth to Bethlehem. As a child refugee he went to Egypt. As a preacher he travelled the roads of Galilee. His seemingly final journey was to travel up Calvary carrying the heavy wooden beam of a cross. But what appears to be the end of Jesus' journey was really a beginning. By leaving the tomb, Christ shatters the boundaries of what we thought we knew. By rising from the dead, Christ invites us to roll away the stones that are blocking our own hearts and imagination and to share the journey with each other - in particular with the most vulnerable people, such as forced migrants." In our faith, each person has intrinsic worth and dignity and all have a place in our world.

Catholic Social Teaching places human dignity at its centre, and reminds us that no one person is above another. Every human person, created in the image and likeness of God, has the inalienable right to a dignified life. This year, we invite you to share the journey as part of a culture of encounter. As Cardinal Tagle reminds us, "We do not necessarily need to do extraordinary and extravagant things to make a difference in the lives of people. Small gestures, ordinary gestures, when done with sincerity, with the light of human understanding and compassion, can do extraordinary things." Take time to truly encounter migrants and refugees and through this experience you will also encounter Jesus.

"We are all migrants in this world, we are all just passing through." - Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis

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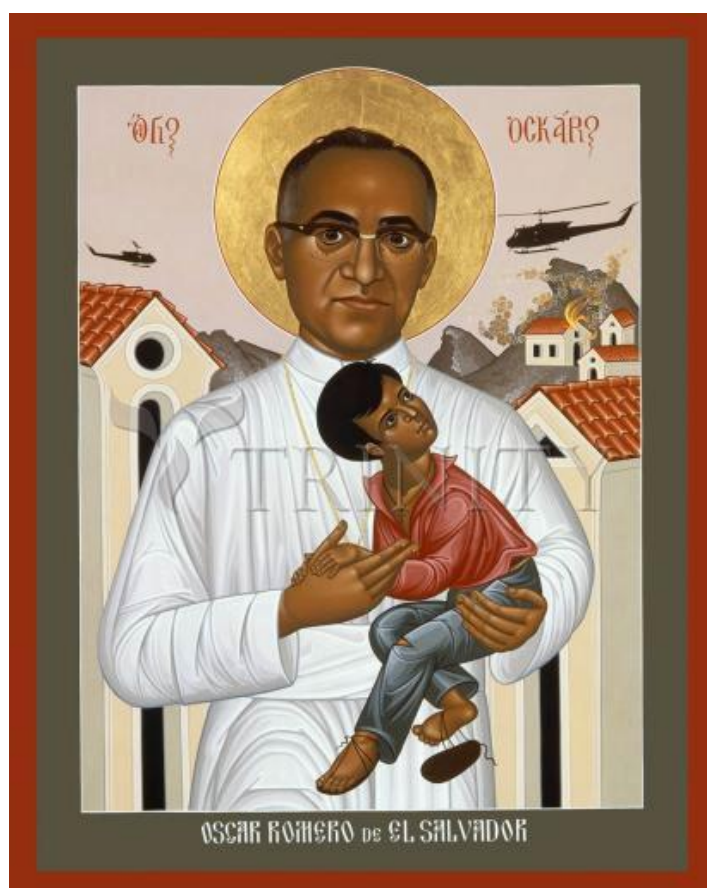
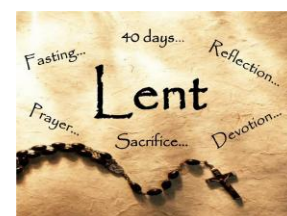
## A PRAYER FOR FORCED MIGRANTS AROUND THE WORLD

Have mercy on me, God most high.  
In my fear and loneliness, be my refuge.  
Far from my homeland, I feel lost.  
My heart is stirred by thoughts of the family I left behind.  
O God, hear their cries and come to their help!  
Calm the storms of anxiety and doubt raging within me.  
Go before me and guide my steps among a people I do not know.  
May their kindness and compassion assure me that You are there to welcome me.

Prayer developed by Cardinal Luis Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis, following his experiences meeting forced migrants supported by the Caritas family.



### ST. OSCAR ROMERO FEAST DAY MARCH 24



Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador. He was assassinated on Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1980 as he was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Divine Providence cancer hospital where he lived. Thirty five years later, he was declared a martyr of the Church, killed out of hatred of the faith, and was beatified on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015. He was canonized by Pope Francis on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.

A quote from St. Oscar Romero:  
*Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. Let us not tire of preaching love. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can.* September 25, 1977

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