

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 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>Wednesday April 2</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Lillian Hawco; Tammy Boland Helen Wade</b>
<b>Saturday April 5</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	<b>Jerry Gibbons; Gerard Perry. Brian St. Croix, Rob Pasowicz Aiden &amp; Bridget St. Croix &amp; deceased family members</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Mary Margaret Boland; Helen &amp; Jack Walsh Frank &amp; Barbara White &amp; deceased family members</b>
<b>Sunday April 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased</b>
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Mount Carmel</b>	<b>Ned McDonald Mary Hearn &amp; deceased members of the Hearn family Jim Power &amp; deceased family members</b>

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	<b>Mass Of The Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>The Celebration Of The Passion Of The Lord Lay Ministry Lay Ministry</b>
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's, St. Joseph's, Mt. Carmel, Nt. Harbour</b>	
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Mount Carmel</b>	<b>The Resurrection Of The Lord</b>

## MINISTRY LIST

<b>Saturday April 5</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	Cross Bearer: Marcella Fleming Reader: Anne Hayward Collectors: Randy Roche, Dermot Fleming Gift Bearers: Brian & Terri Fleming Eucharistic Minister: Angela Fleming
<b>Saturday April 5</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	Cross Bearer: Marion Bishop Reader: Darlene Critch Collectors: Pat Butler, Ron Molloy Gift Bearers: Thelma Stamp, Gladys Hickey Eucharistic Minister: Uriel Kielly
<b>Sunday April 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>	Cross Bearer: Donal Greene Reader: Howard Power Collectors: Joe Ryan, Jimmy Gushue Gift Bearers: Joe & Emma Ryan Eucharistic Minister: Howard Power
<b>Sunday April 6</b>	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Mount Carmel</b>	Cross Bearer: Victor Cole Reader: Ann Power Collectors: Victor Cole, Don Power Gift Bearers: Mary Nolan, Debbie Dunphy Eucharistic Minister: Bill Gambin

**COMMUNITY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Wednesdays before the Weekday Mass. Saturday before the Weekend Mass in St. Vincent's.

### **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)

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

March 22, 23: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel

**Weekly Offering: \$1234.75    Ash Wednesday Offering: \$10.00    Lenten Offering: \$50.00    Candles: \$35.00**

**Mass Card Print Cost: \$2.00**

**Funeral Fees for the late Norah Duggan: \$150.00 Mass    \$100.00 St. Joseph's Cemetery Plot**

**Clarification..... Salmonier South 50+ Club Parish Fundraiser Dance Proceeds (March 15): \$500.00**

Thank you to St. Joseph's 50+ Club for your generous donation, your support is greatly appreciated.

### **GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS FOR MARCH:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner: Jim Dalton Ticket # 00185 Drawn by Sylvester Yetman. Witness: Shirley Kielly.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner: Father Gerard Power Ticket # 00191 Drawn by Betty McDonald. Witness: Sylvester Yetman.

Congratulations! Jim and Fr. Gerard. Thank you, Shirley, Sylvester and Betty.

**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.

### **Message from Archbishop Hundt**

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Sister Betty Rae Lee who died on Thursday morning, March 27.

Sister Betty Rae, was the Provincial Leader of the Presentation Sisters. She has been struggling with cancer and just recently moved to the Nano Nagle Wing of the Presentation Motherhouse. Although aware of her illness, her death is a shock and a source of deep sorrow for many and so we ask that you please also pray for God's blessing of consolation and peace for her family members, her many associates and friends and all the members of the Congregation of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Yours in the Risen Lord,  
+Peter Hundt.

### **Jubilee Year Men's Mission Retreat at the Basilica April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Co-Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish and the Knights of Columbus, Terra Nova Council 1452**

Speaker: Mr. Brett Powell, Ministries and Development, Archdiocese of Vancouver. Brett has worked with and made presentations to priests, Bishops and lay leaders around the world. Location: Basilica Conference Room. Open to men (19+) from all parishes. The Mission starts Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and on Saturday from 8:30AM until Mass at 5PM. There will be talks, opportunities for prayer, discussion, Confession, etc. Lunch and snacks provided. Register at the Parish website [thebasilica.church](http://thebasilica.church), or email: [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org), or phone: (709)690-2919

### **Jubilee Year Women's Mission Retreat at the Basilica, April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**

Speaker: Angele Regnier, Co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach. Angele has given retreat and talks to many groups in many places. Angele wishes at this retreat to accompany women deeper in the truths of being known and loved by God. Open to women from all parishes (19+)

The Mission starts Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and ends with Dinner after the 5PM Mass, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Location: Basilica Conference Room

Register at the Parish website [thebasilica.church](http://thebasilica.church), or email: [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org), or phone: (709)690-2919

**EASTER BINGO....** Royal Canadian Legion Riverhead. Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors open 7:30 Bingo starts 8:30 pm. Jackpot to go, Toonie Jar to go. Wheel Spins, Nevada. Come out for an evening of fun!!

**Good Friday Fish n Chips....** Hosted by R.C.L Ladies Auxiliary. Take out 4 - 4:45 pm. Eat in starts at 5 pm. 1 pc \$11/ 2 pc \$14, additional piece \$4. Poutine \$8/ Fries \$6/ Onion Rings \$6. Dressing/ Gravy 1.50 each. Gluten Free option available. Call Patti at 709 525 2664 to place orders.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of the Critch family, we would like to express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the kindness and generosity shown to us upon the passing of our brother, brother-in-law and Uncle, Pierre Critch. Thank you to Rev. Fr. Nelson Boren for the wonderful celebration of Pierre's life, and to Mary Fleming, Pat Butler, Choir members and to those who took part in the celebration of the mass. Thank you to Gibbon's Funeral Home for the friendship and kindness shown to us. Thank you to the paramedics with NL Health services. To all who visited and sent flowers and cards, those who called and to those who donated food and money, thank you. And to those who continue to reach out to offer support, many thanks to you. Your kindness will forever be remembered. May God bless each and everyone of you. The Critch family

### **JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER CECIL CRITCH TO ITALY: ROME AND ASSISI -NOVEMBER 5-13,**

**2025** (optional) 2 DAY EXTENSION TO VENICE AND PADUA Highlights: Rome, All Major Basilicas in Rome, Catacombs, Vatican City and Sistine Chapel, Assisi and the Basilica of St. Francis with visit to the tomb of St. Clare and Carlo Acutis, Papal Audience, Papal Audience, Daily Mass, immersion in Italian Food and Culture, 2-day Extension (optional) Padua: Basilica of St. Anthony, full day tour of Venice For Details, Contact COLLEEN WILLIAMS, CWT Harvey's Travel, Mt Pearl, (709) 747-5018.

**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

MARCH 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

## TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- What do you think is the Good News in this story?
- Have you ever felt lost? Who found you?
- "Prodigal" means "generous," even "overflowing with generosity." Who is really "prodigal" in this story—the son or the father? Why do you say this?

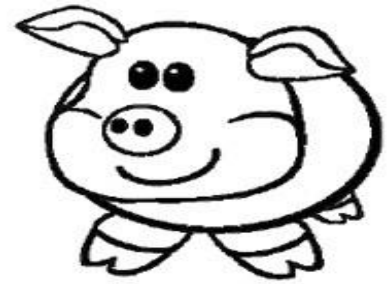


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# The Parable of the Lost Son

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 20-4-12-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-1-26-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-14-11-23-21-1-10-26 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-15-11-9-14-3 \_\_\_\_\_
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FATHER SONS	WEALTH STARVING	PIGS KISSED	FOUND LOST
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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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## LOST AND FOUND

WHO ARE THE LOST PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY?  
WHO ACTS LIKE THE LOVING FATHER OF THE GOSPEL?

Today, there are more people on the move than at any other point in history. Many cannot return to their homeland because of war, or famine or persecution. In the past few weeks, our hearts and minds have been moved by the people of Ukraine. The unjust war waged by Russia on Ukraine has put millions of refugees on the move

It is in solidarity with the 68.5 million displaced children, women, and men throughout the world that we invite you to embark on a journey of faith, love, and hope. "Hope is the force that drives us to 'share the journey,' because the journey is made jointly: by those who come to our land, and by us, who go towards their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language," stated Pope Francis during a general audience on September 27, 2017.



Through this journey, rooted in the inherent dignity of each human person, Pope Francis invites us to meet the other and to see the humanity of each migrant. In following the teachings of the Beatitudes, we should recall the message given to us in the Letter to the Hebrews (13:1-3): "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves are being tortured."

At a time when division seems to be at the forefront, when fear blinds minds and the culture of indifference stifles hearts, let's take advantage of this moment of encounter to share the journey with the 68.5 million children, women, and men who are displaced around the world. It can sometimes be difficult to grasp the extent of the impact that forced migration has on the lives of those who face it. However, the simple fact of being interested in what our sisters and brothers are experiencing is already a step toward the other, a first step on the way to a true encounter.



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION THAT YOU CAN PRAY AT HOME OR WITH A COMMUNITY

**Introduction:** Pope Francis wants this Jubilee Year, whose main theme, Pilgrims of Hope, emphasizes hope as the driving force of faith, to be a time that combines the spiritual dimension with social life, as well as a time for acts of charity towards the most vulnerable. After listening to the Word of God and professing our faith, united in prayer with our sisters and brothers around the world, let us entrust God our Father with our requests for the world and the Church. After each intention, let us say with confidence: Lord, may your reign of love, justice and peace come!

For the Earth, our common home, so that its resources are not plundered, but shared responsibly and equitably among the peoples of all countries, let us pray to the Lord.

For political and civil leaders, that they may promote and protect the dignity of their fellow citizens, especially the most disadvantaged, let us pray to the Lord.

For the great economic decision-makers, that concern for the common good, justice and peace may guide their decisions and actions, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church, that she may never cease to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to the world, and to promote the preferential option for the poor which is rooted in faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, let us pray to the Lord.

For the members of our Christian community, that the grace of the Jubilee Year may rekindle in each and every one the flame of solidarity and the commitment to bring about God's reign, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord for our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries, that our support will enable them to live in dignity.

**Concluding prayer:** God our Father, receive the prayers we address to you, so that together we may participate in the advent of your reign of love, justice and peace. Help us to act in solidarity to fulfill the mission you have entrusted to us. We ask this through your Son Jesus, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.



