

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6, 2025



**WELCOME TO
SJA
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
P.O. Box 30
St. Joseph's, NL A0B 3A0**

Telephone Number: 709 521-2206

Fax Number: 709-521-2888

Email - goodshepherdparish2008@gmail.com

Website- www.gsparish.ca

Pastor/Administrator – Reverend Nelson Boren

Administrative Assistant – Betty Kielly

Parish Council Chair – Shirley Kielly

Finance Council Chair – Howard Power

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 April 9 | 11:00 am | North Harbour | Josephine Walsh; Regina Grace Alonzio Pearce |
| Saturday April 12 | 4:00 pm | St. Vincent's | Neil Fleming, Mary Theresa Fleming & deceased family members Joseph, Adrian, Doris & Maureen Fleming |
| | 5:30 pm | St. Mary's | "Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased |
| Sunday April 13 | 9:30 am | St. Joseph's | Gabriel Fagan; Connie Hickey Brian & Larry Synyard & deceased members of the Synyard family |
| | 11:15 am | Mount Carmel | Bob Linehan; Clara & Weldon Dunphy Patrick & Margaret Hunt & deceased members of the Casey & Hunt families |

MINISTRY LIST

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| Saturday April 12 | 4:00 pm | St. Vincent's | Cross Bearer: Carmelita Halleran Reader: Dan St. Croix Collectors: Pat Gibbons, Brian Fleming Gift Bearers: Angela Fleming & family Eucharistic Minister: Frances Fleming |
| Saturday April 12 | 5:30 pm | St. Mary's | Cross Bearer: Des Yetman Reader: Jeanette Critch Collectors: Joseph Kielly, Hubert Kielly Gift Bearers: Marion Bishop, Denise White Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Kielly |
| Sunday April 13 | 9:30 am | St. Joseph's | Cross Bearer: Hugh Lawlor Reader: Lucille Gambin Collectors: Bill McDonald, Pat Singleton Gift Bearers: Tony & Elizabeth Daley Eucharistic Minister: Donal Greene |
| Sunday April 13 | 11:15 am | Mount Carmel | Cross Bearer: Don Power Reader: Heather Marrie Collectors: George Critch, Iggy Philpot Gift Bearers: Marie Bonia, Joan Downey Eucharistic Minister: Carmel Patey |

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Holy Thursday | 4:00 pm | St. Vincent's | Mass of The Lord's Supper |
| Good Friday | 3:00 pm 3:00 pm | St. Mary's St. Vincent's, St. Joseph's Mt. Carmel, Nt. Harbour | The Celebration of The Passion of The Lord Lay Ministry Lay Ministry |
| Holy Saturday | 5:00 pm | St. Joseph's | The Easter Vigil |
| Easter Sunday | 9:30 am 11:15 am | St. Mary's Mount Carmel | The Resurrection of The Lord The Resurrection of The Lord |

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT: (April 6 – 12) In memory of Michael Kennedy – 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 8th 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

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

March 29, 30: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel

Weekly Offering: \$1432.25

Lenten Offering: \$40.00

Mass Card Print Cost: \$7.00

GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS FOR MARCH:

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

2nd 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 \(rcsj.org\)](https://www.rcsj.org/marriage-preparation-registration) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

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.

Jubilee Year Men's Mission Retreat at the Basilica April 4th and 5th

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 4th 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, or email: basilica@rcsj.org, or phone: (709)690-2919

Jubilee Year Women's Mission Retreat at the Basilica, April 11th and 12th

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 11th at 7PM and ends with Dinner after the 5PM Mass, Saturday, April 12th.

Location: Basilica Conference Room

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

EASTER BINGO.... Royal Canadian Legion Riverhead. Saturday April 19th. 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.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6, 2025



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- John 8:1-11

Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Has anybody ever tried to trick you? In today's Gospel, some people try to trick Jesus. They ask him a question and demand an immediate answer. They are trying to get Jesus in trouble. But he is way ahead of them. He knows that he is being set up. Instead of taking the bait, he draws their attention in another direction. He bends down and begins to write in the sand. Imagine their confusion! What did he write? It doesn't matter. His response of brilliant: "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." The tables have been turned. Since nobody is without sin, they all turn away.

Then, Jesus is left alone with the woman. They both recognize that nobody has condemned her. Jesus does not condemn her either. Imagine her gratitude, and the relief with which she heard Jesus' words, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on, do not sin again."

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- What comforted the woman in Jesus' response?
- What challenged her?



Pointing Fingers & Throwing Stones

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on John 8:1-11



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

JESUS
TAUGHT
STONE

MORNING
ADULTERY
CONDEMN

ACCUSE
FIRST
TEACHERS

THROW
SIN
CROWD

WOMAN
TEMPLE
LAW

Copyright © Sermons 4 Kids, Inc. • All Rights Reserved • www.sermons4kids.com

Used with Permission

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.

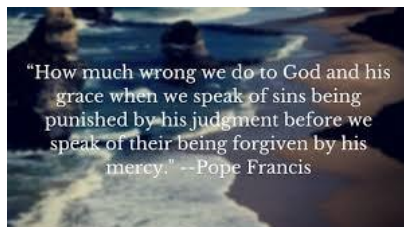
THE CHURCH TEACHES

In the Gospel that we heard proclaimed today, many people see an interplay between the virtues of **JUSTICE** and **CHARITY**. Let's look at these two virtues.

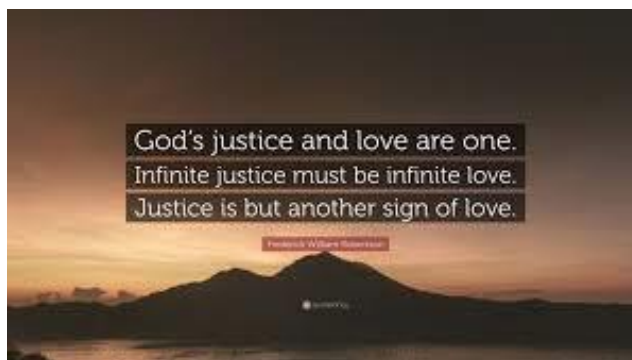
Four virtues play a pivotal role and accordingly are called "cardinal"; all the others are grouped around them. They are: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. "If anyone loves righteousness, [Wisdom's] labors are virtues; for she teaches temperance and prudence, justice, and courage." These virtues are praised under other names in many passages of Scripture. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1805)



"If I . . . have not charity," says the Apostle, "I am nothing." Whatever my privilege, service, or even virtue, "if I . . . have not charity, I gain nothing." Charity is superior to all the virtues. It is the first of the theological virtues: "So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But the greatest of these is charity." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1826)



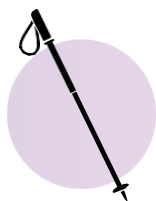
Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1807)



The theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1813)



The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which "binds everything together in perfect harmony"; it is the *form of the virtues*; it articulates and orders them among themselves; it is the source and the goal of their Christian practice. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of **divine love**. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1827)



1st SYMBOL

A walking stick

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY THE SYMBOLS FOR SOLIDARITY SUNDAY 2025

This walking stick symbolizes the pilgrimage to which we are all invited in this Jubilee year.

What is a Jubilee? Celebrated every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a Jubilee is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationships with God, with one another, and with all of Creation. The tradition is inspired by the biblical year of jubilee, a time when debts were cancelled, slaves were set free and the land was allowed to rest (Lev. 25, Deut. 15).

This year, under the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can “restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone.”



2nd SYMBOL

A pencil and clipboard with a debt-reduction graph

This clipboard and pencil represent our power to act to alleviate the debt burden of impoverished countries by signing the Turn Debt into Hope global campaign petition.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada joins the Caritas Internationalis global campaign calling on public, private and multilateral creditors, along with political leaders, to stop the debt crisis by cancelling and remedying unjust and unsustainable debts without economic policy conditions; to prevent debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes and reforming the global financial system to prioritise people and the planet; and to establish a permanent, transparent, binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations. To **Turn Debt into Hope** means putting people and planet first instead of creditors' profits. Sign the petition at devp.org/debt

3rd SYMBOL

A weighing scale

This weighing scale demonstrates the inequity of the situation in which countries of the Global South are burdened with ruinous external debt whilst the ecological debt owed to them goes unacknowledged.



In Peru, peasant and Indigenous communities suffer the results of an “ecological debt” when foreign extractive companies exploit their lands; contaminate the soil, air and water; and violate their human rights, all while failing to enrich local communities. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partners, **CEAS** (Episcopal Commission for Social Action) and **IBC** (Institut Bartolomé de Las Casas), train and inform affected communities to understand, defend and assert their rights. **Their mission** is to further human development and the common good of local populations, pursuing the preferential option for the poor.

4th SYMBOL

A heavy dollar sign

This heavy dollar sign [or bag] represents the weight of debt on the shoulders of our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Did you know that 3.3 billion people today live in countries that spend more on debt servicing than on health or education? In Tunisia, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada partner **OTE** (the Tunisian Economic Observatory) analyzes the country's debt policies, revealing how resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap the country in debt. **Their mission** is to inform the Tunisian population about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone.



