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March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Exodus*, 3:1-8, 13-15. The story of the salvation of God's people continues during this Lenten season. Today we hear of Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians*, 10:1-6, 10-12. St. Paul establishes a parallel between the situation of the Israelites in the desert and the Corinthians. "Paul wants to remind us that we are not saved merely because we happen to have been the recipients of God's free grace. We have to demonstrate that we are willing recipients of that free gift. The children of Israel received it, but they proved to be unworthy of it, and so they were not saved." (Origin (ca. A.D. 240, *Commentary on First Corinthians* 4, 45, 205)

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke*, 13:1-9. Our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruit (cf. Lk 8:11-15) in keeping with the graces we have received (cf. Lk 12:48). But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live (Ezek 33:11) and, as St Peter teaches, he is "forebearing towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Pet 3:9). But God's clemency should not lead us to neglect our duties and become lazy and comfort-seeking, living sterile lives. He is merciful, but he is also just and he will punish failure to respond to his grace.

"There is one case that we should be especially sorry about — that of Christians who could do more and don't; Christians who could live all the consequences of their vocation as children of God, but refuse to do so through lack of generosity. We are partly to blame, for the grace of faith has not been given us to hide but to share with others (cf. Mt 5:15). We cannot forget that the happiness of these people, in this life and in the next, is at stake. The Christian life is a divine wonder with immediate promises of satisfaction and serenity — but on condition that we know how to recognize the gift of God (cf. Jn 4:10) and be generous, not counting the cost" (J. Escriva, *Christ is passing by*, 147).

—*The Navarre Bible, St. Luke*

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

SJB 4:00PM

+ *Jane Foley*

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

SP 9:00 AM

+ *Therese Mombourquette*

Thursday, March 27, 2025

HGA 11:00AM

Mass of Christian Burial

+*Melvina Ida Pottie*

Friday, March 28, 2025

HGA 11:00 AM

+*Theresa Mombourquette*

Saturday, March 29, 2025

SJB 4:00 PM

+ *Kenny Cosman, Jr.*

SP 5:30 PM

+*James Fougere (Claudine)*

Sunday, March 30, 2025

SH 9:00 AM

+ *Michael Marshall*

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Leona Matilda Martell*

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

March 15, 2025

Envelopes & Loose \$ 798.00

Donation 200.00

Fuel donation 300.00

Total \$ 1,298.00

St. Peter's
March 15, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$	885.00
Candles		55.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>940.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
March 16, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$	740.00
Candles		40.00
Share Lent		170.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>950.00</u>

Community Notes

SJB: Donations for Leaside may be dropped off in the boxes provided at the entrance of SJB church.

Religious Ed: we will be holding a Lenten event Saturday March 29 at 9:30 AM for all religion students and any one interested. We will meet in the glebe.

RTO Maple Syrup Tour “Margaree Valley Maples” 119 Timmons Rd, Inverness County April 1st. 10:30 AM (April 2nd alternate date, due to weather). We will meet at the venue. Contact Donna if you are attending at richtopres@gmail.com or 902-535-2074.

From Bishop Kirkpatrick

Share Lent Campaign Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (DPCC) 2025
My Dear Clergy and My Dear People,

As we enter this sacred Season of Lent, I invite you to reflect on our call to be ‘Pilgrims of Hope,’ as proclaimed by Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year 2025. In a world marked by poverty, oppression, and inequality, we are called to action through our support of Development and Peace Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of our Catholic Church in Canada.

Since its founding in 1967, Development and Peace has dedicated itself to addressing the root causes of these injustices by collaborating with partners in the global south and mobilizing our fellow Canadians to pursue justice and dignity for all. This Lent, let us join in solidarity with those who suffer the burdens of unjust debts, which they will never be able to repay.

Together with this year’s theme, we can participate in the global *Turn Debt Into Hope* campaign. I urge you to take two simple yet profound actions: First, sign the

global petition to cancel the unjust debts of impoverished countries. Second, on Solidarity Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, please give generously to Share Lent, our annual fundraising campaign supporting the transformative work of Development and Peace in over 30 countries.

As we journey through this Lenten season, let us embody Christ's compassion by turning our collective hope into tangible help for those in need. Your generosity can help transform lives and foster lasting change.

Please visit devp.org/give to contribute and join us in this crucial mission. Together, let us *Turn Debt Into Hope*.

If you have not yet ordered the free Share Lent materials for your parish, you can do so at

[Resources Lent 2025 | Development and Peace – Caritas Canada \(devp.org\)](https://devp.org/resources-lent-2025)

If you have any questions about the campaign or the Share Lent materials, you are invited to contact our Regional DPCC animator, Adah Ogbe, at aogbe@devp.org.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Fraternally,

+ Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

Bishop of Antigonish

From Development and Peace Caritas Canada

External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights.

These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our Mini-magazine and watching our testimonial video at devp.org/lent.

Holy Week Celebrations

Chrism Mass

Monday, April 14, 2025, at 3:00 pm

Celebrated at St. Ninian Cathedral

Note:

Parishioners of all parishes are welcome to join all Holy Week celebrations.

Following the instructions on the Sacred Triduum from the Clergy Days (November 2023), and with the bishop's permission that emphasized that the Sacred Triduum is one liturgy and should be celebrated in one parish church, the following schedule is close to the ideal.

This year the Sacred Triduum will be held at Holy Guardian Angels Church.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

Thursday, April 17, 2025

HGA

4:00 PM

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Friday, April 18, 2025

HGA

3:00 PM

Note: Holy Mass is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Good Friday service consists of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word with Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. There should be no physical contact with the Cross, but veneration may be expressed by a reverent bow or a genuflection.

The Resurrection of the Lord

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday, April 19, 2025

HGA

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025

SH

9:30 AM

SP

11:00 AM

Note: There will not be weekday Masses Monday, April 21 – Friday, April 25, and because Fr. Yake will be away, there will not be weekday Masses in the weeks of April 28 – May 2, and May 5 - 9. Scheduled weekday Mass Intentions will have to be modified. Please refer to bulletin as to changes.