



# the Parish of St. Dunstan

*on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo People*

Presider: Rev. Clarence Li

Preacher: Rev. Linda Varin

March 1, 2026

*Second Sunday in Lent*



# Welcome!

This is a diverse and safe congregation for people wherever they are on their journey with Christ. We are an inclusive church which means we celebrate women in leadership, children at the Eucharist and welcome 2SLGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the life of the community.

## This morning in worship...

### Gathering the Community

**Kyrie, Taizé**

Gathering Prayer

**To Abraham and Sarah, CP 468**

Collect of the Day

### Proclaiming the Word

The Book of Genesis (12:1-4a)

**Psalm 121**

The Letter of Paul to the Romans (4:1-5, 13-17)

**Eternal Lord of Love, CP 174**

The Gospel according to John (3:1-17)

Sermon and the Affirmation of Faith

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution,

The Peace & the Offering

**Womb of Life, CP 390**

### Holy Communion

**Come Bring Your Burdens to God, John Bell**

**O, God We Call, Linnea Goode**

**Bambelela, Zwane Memorial Congregation**

### Sending the Community

The Blessing

**We Will Walk On, Rev. David Taylor**

### For Children

The children's table is open. If you are interested in helping grow this ministry, please talk to Rev. Li. All our volunteers and staff require a criminal record check.



### Taking Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive bread and wine (or juice) at communion. There are gluten-free wafers for those who need them. Prayers for healing with anointing are offered beneath the cross.

### Coffee Hour

Please join together for coffee and refreshment following the service.

## Ways to Donate

We offer a variety of ways to give financially to the parish including **offering envelopes**, **Pre-authorized Debit (PAD)**, **CanadaHelps** via the website, and **email transfers** to **office@st-dunstans.ca**

## Financial Update as of January

	<b>Month</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>19,421</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>24,843</b>
<b>Excess/(Short)</b>	<b>( 5,422)</b>

## Today's Scripture

### **Genesis 12**

God call Abram to a journey into the unknown. He is named 'Abraham,' bestowing a new identity in relation to God. It is a journey set against a divided humanity and society.

### **Romans 4**

Paul explores the learnings from Abraham's heroic act of faith and what this means for Jew and Gentile.

### **John 3**

The gospel of John, written late in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, explores in this reading how official Judaism struggled to understand the meaning of baptism as re-birth through water and the gifting of the Spirit.

## Next Week...

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

President: The Reverend Paul Guiton; Preacher: The Reverend Clarence Li  
Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

## ...Community Care at the Parish

### **Community Care Team**

Offers prayer, phone calls, visits, food support, and transportation assistance. Hand-knitted Prayer Shawls are also available for anyone wanting some comfort, warmth, and a reminder of care and support. Please call the Office or speak to the Rector if you would like to receive support.

### **Listening Prayer**

Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Lesley Wieler at [lesleywieler@gmail.com](mailto:lesleywieler@gmail.com).

### **Reconciliation**

The minister is available to hear confession by appointment.

# Weekly News or Events...

**Lenten Daily Devotion:** Following the positive reception of the daily Advent Breath Prayer last fall, St. Dunstan's is offering "Seeking" - a daily question and prayer resource developed by Rev. Sarah A. Speed from A Sanctified Art. The resource is sent daily to people who are on the parish's electronic distribution list. To sign up for the Parish Newsletter, visit the website [st-dunstans.ca](http://st-dunstans.ca)

**Featured Artwork throughout Lent:** Beginning this Sunday, St. Dunstan's will feature one of Erica Grimm's "Our Father" series 4 colour etchings each week. The whole series is a meditation on the Lord's Prayer inspired by the ministry of Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II. Together they represent a plea for peace between nations, and within human hearts. Each print images the contradictions between the ways of peace and the ways of war. From the artist, "My prayer was, and is, that the global collective commons would choose 'breaking of bread' and 'beating swords into plowshares' over war. The featured artwork this Sunday:

Sign of Contradiction: this etching juxtaposes the sign of the cross over the sign of the mushroom cloud of nuclear war. Note that the cross strips/dilutes the bomb blast power.

**Grounds Maintenance Day:** A grounds maintenance day is planned for Saturday, March 28 from at 9 am to 2 pm.

A hot dog lunch will be served at 12pm. Please bring a rake and/or shovel. All are welcome so bring your family and friends. We need all hands on deck to repair our lawns! For more information, please contact Doug Tindall.

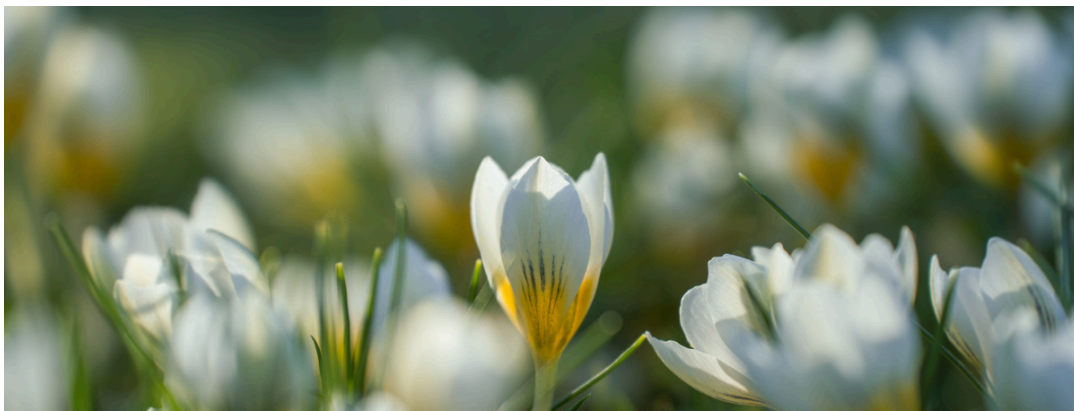
**Volunteers Needed for ongoing watering and weeding** of the Garden of Remembrance between April - October. Contact Charlie Fox ( 604-340-9421 or [charlie@thebcfoxes.ca](mailto:charlie@thebcfoxes.ca)) if you can help.

**Confirmation Prep Day:** Archbishop John Stephens and the Mission and Ministry staff of the Diocese are inviting all those exploring being confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Anglican Church this year to join us for a day of learning, conversation and worship on Saturday, April 18 from 10 am - 3 pm at the Synod Office (1410 Nanton St., Vancouver).

Explore your spiritual gifts. Ask the big questions. Get up close and personal to a sacred space. This one day event, hosted by Archbishop John, is for all youth and adults who are preparing for confirmation, reception into the Anglican Church, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Please contact the Rector if you are interested.

**World Day of Prayer:** Ecumenical Worship Service, Saturday, March 7, 2026, Service at 11 am followed by a light lunch. Sts. Joachim & Ann Catholic Church (2827 273 Street, Aldergrove). This year's theme is: "**I will give you rest: come,**" and the service was prepared by the WDP Committee of Nigeria. All are welcome to this local annual ecumenical event.

**Requiem Mass for Raymond Hui Yan Li, father of Rev. Clarence Li** will be held on Tuesday, March 3 at 10 am at Richmond Emmanuel Church (8181 Cambie Rd. #3380, Richmond). Please kindly hold Clarence and his family in your prayers.



## This Week for Spiritual Refreshment...

**Compline** Wednesdays from 9:30-10pm online  
*A 15 minute service of Evening Prayer*

**Centering Prayer** Fridays at 11:30am, in person and online  
*20 minutes of silence and connection with God.*

**Lectio** Fridays, from Noon to 12:30pm, in person and online  
*A meditative prayer practice involving reading, reflecting, responding and resting with Scripture.*

**Contemplative Eucharist** Fridays, at 12:30pm in person  
*Celebrating the Lord's Supper in an intimate & reflective setting with simple chants & space to pray in silence.*

**Self-guided Labyrinth Walk** *The grass-path labyrinth is open to walk, anytime, for a time of meditation or prayer.*



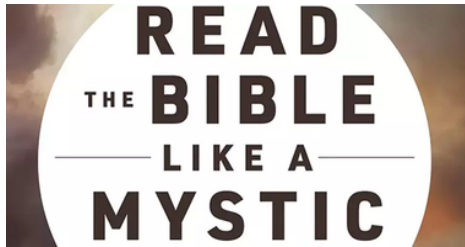
## Lenten Book Study

### Read the Bible like a Mystic

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 12

12 noon - 1 pm

St. Alban's Room



6-part group study on Carl McColman's *Read the Bible like a Mystic: Contemplative Wisdom and the Word* (2025). The study will give tools that will help eliminate the misuse of the scriptures as a divisive weapon instead of being a book about love.

Facilitated by Rev. David Price

## Creativity Collective

Come together to create, collectively

Saturday, March 7, 2026

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove



You are warmly invited to join us for a day of creativity! Bring along your favourite craft or activity, and we'll enjoy our time together! We will kick off the day with a brief meditation to set the tone. Bring: - your craft / activity - your own lunch & a snack to share - refreshments will be provided \$20 for the day!

# Hanging Baskets Fundraiser for Labyrinth Repair



The Centre for Spiritual Renewal is partnering with local business Clearview Garden & Pet to raise funds for the repair of the grass meditation labyrinth damaged by chafer beetle larvae infestation. Between now and April 29th, you may order hanging baskets for \$35 using the QR code or the weblink found on the Parish Website. \$10 from each basket purchased goes towards the repair of the Community Labyrinth.

## Outreach at the Parish...

### **Monday Fraser River Counselling at St. Dunstan's**

*Low-cost counseling from Trinity Western University. To connect with an intake worker call 604-513-2113.*

### **Tuesday Aldergrove Food Bank Soup Kitchen**

*We cook and serve soup on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Please call Ann Embra at 604-534-9292 to help.*

### **Thursday Community Meal 5pm.**

*Many thanks to our amazing volunteers for ensuring our Community Meal continued through the summer months. This meal is at the heart of our ministry at the Parish of St. Dunstan. It is our primary way to ensure that the hungry are fed and so to exemplify the love of God through Jesus. If you would like to help with this ministry, please connect with the minister.*



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# Weekly Devotions

Follow the Daily Office Lectionary in the Book of Alternative Services for your devotions beginning on page 47 or 66. If you do not have a Book of Alternative Services, ask the minister and they will gift you one.

**Opening Prayer** Pray responsory 4 on page 103.

## Readings

*Monday* Genesis 41:46-57, 1 Corinthians 4:8-21, Mark 3:7-19a  
*Tuesday* Genesis 42:1-17, 1 Corinthians 5:1-8, Mark 3:19b-35  
*Wednesday* Genesis 42:18-28, 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:8, Mark 4:1-20  
*Thursday* Genesis 42:29-38, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, Mark 4:21-34  
*Friday* Genesis 43:1-15, 1 Corinthians 7:1-9, Mark 4:35-41  
*Saturday* Genesis 43:16-34, 1 Corinthians 7:10-24, Mark 5:1-20

**Prayer** Litany 9 or 10 on pages 117 and 118.

**Prayer of the Day** Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer



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