

A series of four Ecumenical Services for Lent: Mondays in March (11:30 am to 12:10 pm) with a reception and time of fellowship to follow. Tomorrow's Service is at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church with Bishop Edwards as Preacher.

Our turn to host comes on Monday, March 23rd. Your help is requested, please, for donations of **finger foods**. We are also hoping to **present the Gospel reading on that day as a Tableau** (unspoken drama where actors representing Biblical characters enter on cue, in silence, and stand in place). **If you would be willing to help, please let me know!**

The VanBuskirks are scheduled to be away on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Chris on his cell: 506-869-0953.

Please pray for **Abigail Violet Stam**, her parents and family, as they bring her on March 22nd to be baptized and made a child of God and member of Christ, through His Mercy and Grace.

During Lent, we are saving **twoonies for Jamaica**. Paper plates with 'twoonie spots' are available, but any and all donations will be gratefully received on Easter Day. Please pray for Bishop Leon Golding as he leads. Thank you!

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Fredericton Greater Chapter: 6:30 pm on **March 11**, at **Cathedral Memorial Hall**. **Everyone is invited to attend** as the Archbishop seeks input on the significant maintenance requirements for Christ Church Cathedral and the upcoming Synod on April 18th.

This Friday, the Holy Eucharist is set for 10:30 am at the Rectory, as we remember Gregory the Great, 7th century Bishop of Rome, mission-initiator to Britain and lover of the poor. Following that, Stations of the Cross will be prayed from 12 Noon to 12:30 pm, at the Rectory. Everyone is welcome!

The Parish of Stanley

The Third Sunday in Lent March 8th, 2026



“If I cast out devils by the finger of God, no doubt the Kingdom of God has come upon you.”
(St. Luke 11.20)

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Next Sunday, March 15th,
the Fourth Sunday in Lent, is called
Mothering Sunday, and our Service will
be at the Nashwaak Villa at 10:30 am.

SPOTLIGHT on SCRIPTURE

'Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy Truth.'

(Psalm 86.13)

DAILY BIBLE READING

A modified table of daily Bible Readings from the Prayer Book:

Sunday	Genesis 41.41-end	John 6. 41-end
Monday	Genesis 42	John 7. 1-24
Tuesday	Genesis 43	John 7. 25 - end
Wednesday	Genesis 44	John 8. 1-30
Thursday	Genesis 45. 1-15	John 8. 31-end
Friday	Genesis 45. 16 – 46.7	John 9
Saturday	Genesis 46. 26 – 47.12	John 10. 1-21

Let us pray for the Bible, visible and read daily, in every home in our community. Also, let us pray for the Canadian Bible Society's work with Arab youth in Israel.

Looking ahead:

✠ Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) at 7:00 pm

The Holy Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar. A Watch will follow, with the Order for Compline prayed at 10:00 pm.

✠ Good Friday (April 3rd) at 10:00 am

The Liturgy for Good Friday. At 2:30 pm, a wooden cross (9' x 5'), found in the Rectory cellar, will be carried from the Village Hall to the Cenotaph, with stops to observe Jesus' last words. According to the Gospel, He died at 3:00 pm.

✠ Holy Saturday (April 4th) at 10:00 am Morning Prayer; at 5:00 pm Evening Prayer; at 8:00 pm the Easter Vigil.

✠ Easter Day (April 5th) at 9:00 am

The Holy Eucharist followed by Breakfast! Cash donations, please, to Heather, Irne or Debbie, please. Thanks!

What can we do?

As if the wars of Ukraine and Russia, South Sudan, Israel and the Palestinians, Pakistan and Afghanistan are not enough; there are the threats to Greenland, the violence in

Mexico, and the crises in Venezuela and Cuba. But that's not all.

Here at home, proposed budget cuts in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick could hurt the most vulnerable among us, including the disabled.

The news can be very overwhelming. But what can we do? We can offer our fears and worries to our Heavenly Father Who sees and knows them all. In a Lenten sermon, Dom Gregory Dix, and English monk, offered this advice from our Lord's example:

“Jesus admitted the full onset of human suffering and surrendered Himself to it. He lies down on the cross; He stretches out His hands and feet. He had nothing to do at this point but to lie and suffer physically.

“There are moments in life like that for most of us, when all there is to do is suffer helplessly. It may come in great bodily pain; it may come in mental pain – some great anxiety, which nothing can possibly relieve. All we can do is just contemplate the cause of our anxiety, and hope.... It is just the circumstances of life. They are grinding on you, and there is nothing to do but to accept. Then offer it with Him (Jesus) for the conversion of sinners. That way, and only in that way, suffering is not wasted. In that way suffering is made fruitful.”

Offer your fears and worries – even your indifference – to God. Think on the suffering which Jesus endured, and join yours to His. Let Him take your burdens. Give them all to Jesus, and believe that He can make something beautiful out of them. And, in that process, use every opportunity to see the good, speak the truth, and love unselfishly. You are not alone. We cannot fix our broken world, but we can be channels of God's abundant Grace, here and now.

