

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2017

*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away  
the sin of the world!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 52 & 54 | Genesis 18:16-end | St. Luke 18:1-14

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 25:8-15:	page 358
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 145
The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	page 138
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 33:1-11
Psalm 25:16-22:	page 359
The Epistle:	page 145
The Holy Gospel:	page 146
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; <b>C: Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85

## **9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall Time with Fr. Whitney**

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ Proclamation Hymn:	545 (Horsley)
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	page 145
The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	page 138
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 33:1-11
Psalm 25:16-22:	page 359
The Epistle:	page 145
<b>Gradual Hymn:</b>	<b>582</b> (Martyrdom)
The Holy Gospel:	page 146
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ Offertory Hymn:	490 (St. Peter)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; <b>C: Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ Hymn during Communion:	231 (Adoro Te)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ Recessional Hymn:	406 (Cwm Rhonda RB 269)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following the  
10:30 Celebration for Coffee and Conversation.*

## *From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

So, we've gotten to the Third Sunday in Lent already and you may be experiencing the same sense of 'how'd-we-get-here-so-quickly' that I am!

With just one more Sunday to go before the start of Passiontide, it might be wise to reflect on how Lent has gone for us so far; and to see whether or not we're taking full advantage of this opportunity.

The idea of Lent comes with a lot of baggage. Sometimes we have to struggle with the 'Ghost of Lents Past;' with too many memories of being told not to do this or that "because it's Lent and we don't do that in Lent, you know!"

Or maybe we've seen how formal outward disciplines sometimes fail to move our hearts; the kind of personal sacrifices done year after year without resulting in very much long term spiritual growth.

But if we can set aside bad memories for just a little while, we may be able to build new memories based on better principles. We may be able to pick up the traditional practices of prayer and self-examination, reading and worshipping, to open new lines of communication with Christ and each other; to build better relationships and happier lives.

That's the promise that Lent offers. And if you've not yet set aside a little time each day to help make that happens, there's still time to get started!

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### **MARCH 22: ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH** (*transferred*)

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **MARCH 23: LENTEN FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

### **MARCH 24: LENTEN FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

### **MARCH 25: THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

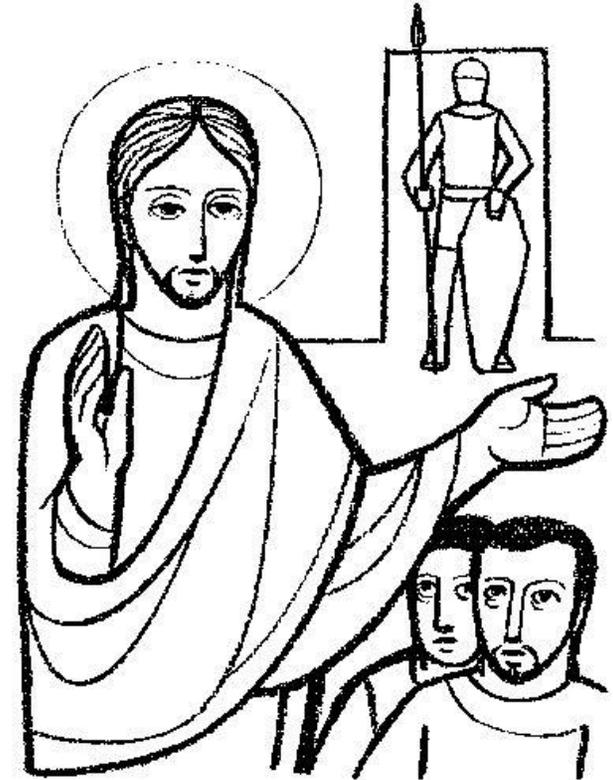
### **MARCH 26: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*The Anglican Church of Canada*  
*The Diocese of Fredericton*  
**THE PARISH OF ST. MARY (YORK)**



It is through dying to concern for self that we are born to new life with God and others; in such dying and rebirth, we find that life is lent to be spent; and in such spending of what we are lent, we find there is an infinite supply.

Glenn Olds

*Priest and Rector*

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## Lent at St. Mary's

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- \* **SOMETHING NEW & REALLY REALLY COOL:** have a look at [lentmadness.org](http://lentmadness.org), a really interesting way to learn more about the saints in a fun and informative way, based on the structure of the US College basketball March Madness brackets: John Wycliffe versus Moses the Black? Mechtild of Magdeburg versus Isaac the Syrian? Read and learn and vote for your favourite saints! (Questions? email Kandice Cann at [rcann1@bellaliant.net](mailto:rcann1@bellaliant.net))
- \* You might want to think about saying the **Daily Office**, the day by day praying of Morning and Evening Prayer as set out in the Prayer Book, which can be done by anyone who wants to set aside a little time each day. Please speak to the Rector if you'd like some instruction on how to use the Prayer Book in this way to develop your prayer life;
- \* Our Wednesday mid-week **Celebration of the Holy Eucharist** at 7:00 p.m., is an excellent way to set aside additional time each week to develop our relationship with Christ and His Church;
- \* **Each Thursday morning through Lent** the Church will be unlocked for anyone who wishes time for private prayer or meditation. Morning Prayer will be said at 8:30 a.m. and those who wish to take advantage of this quiet may do so by dropping in for as little or as much time as they wish.
- \* **Our weekly Friday morning Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. at the Rectory is an excellent way to engage the Word of God in an encouraging and hopeful (and often amusing) way. If you can set aside the time, think about making a six week commitment to our group. Visitors are always welcome.
- \* At 7:00 p.m. each Friday throughout Lent we will be offering the *Stations of the Cross*, a quiet reflective service in which we journey through Christ's steps on the road to the Cross. This brief service is an excellent and hopeful mediation on what Christ was accomplishing on our behalf by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection;
- \* **There are a number of useful books** that members of the Parish might wish to use as a daily exercise throughout Lent. Starting on Ash Wednesday, a number of resources will again be displayed on a table at the back of the Nave. Have a look to see if there is anything that interests you and, if so, be sure to sign it out.
- \* **Copies of the Green Churches Network 2017 Lenten Calendar** are available on the table in the narthex. Have a look to see if this innovative exercise will help you to develop more responsible stewardship habits. Copies are also available at: <http://www.greenchurches.ca/education/300-lent>
- \* If you're planning to **give something up for Lent**, think about how you might use that exercise to give something away. Can we swap some of the discretionary income that we use for everyday luxuries to give a donation to a worthy cause? Sometimes what seems like a small amount of money or time to us makes the world of difference to someone in need. Throughout Lent let us think about what small things we can do without that would make a big difference for someone else.

## Parish Notices and Updates

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**Members of the Parish Corporation (Wardens and Vestry)** are reminded of the meeting scheduled for today, starting at 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets either to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

**If you've not had a chance** to complete the personal information form what the Parish is using to update our records. *Copies of the form are available in the narthex and everyone is invited to fill one out* and return it to me or to Thomas Geburt, our Parish Safe Church Officer. The form seeks to gather a lot of information, but you are only being asked to provide as much as you wish. There are, however, two sections that are essential to us: the personal contact section at the top of the first page and the permission section at the bottom of that page. Please note that your forms will be kept securely; and the information will never be shared in any way which violates your expressed wishes. Pick up a form today and speak to me or Thomas if you have any questions.

**Thanks to those who have signed up to be part of the St. Mary's team** at the Bowling Tournament which is being organised by our friends in the Parish of Marysville in support of Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary, which is scheduled for next Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. *Adele Knox, Christina Chisholm, Jean Vanstone, Bob Saunders and the Rector will be flying St. Mary's colours; and they would all very much appreciate your support as sponsors!* Please speak to one of them or have a look at the sponsorship sheets on the table in the Narthex. The school is a great cause so we hope to be able to raise a significant sum to help them with their excellent work.

**St. Mary's weekly Bible Study "Faithful and True: a Look at the Women in Holy Scripture,"** resumes this coming *Friday at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

**NEWS! NEWS!** Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Congregational Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Refreshments and munchies will be served at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to share in this opportunity to gather as the Family of God around the table for fellowship and mutual support; and we very warmly encourage you to invite your family and friends. A basket will be available to those who would like to make a very small freewill offering to help cover the costs, but this is **NOT** a fundraising project, so there is no cost to attend! But, to help organisers to prepare for the meal, a signup sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex. Please let us know either there or by email to the Rector by Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. **We hope to see everyone there!**

**If you're looking for a new way to be involved in the ministry** that we carry out here at St. Mary's you might want to think about joining our list of Sunday morning Scripture Readers. A new edition of the schedule is due to be released soon, so please speak to the Rector if you believe that God may be calling you to this important ministry.