

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH BULLETIN



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March 23, 2025  
Third Sunday Of Lent



*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Today's psalm is a joyful song of thanksgiving and remembrance. We know the history of Moses' role in God delivering the Israelites from bondage, and we have heard the story of the barren fig tree, but the psalm allows us that moment of connection to God in our own particular way. He has pardoned us, he has healed us, he redeems us from destruction; he is merciful and gracious and surpassing in kindness. Our story is not just what happened then, but what is happening now, and the Lord indeed is kind and merciful.

In the first reading, Moses encounters God in a bush, and is commissioned by God to free the Israelites from Egypt. God reveals his name to Moses, saying, *I am who am*. In the second reading, Paul warns the Corinthians against overconfidence by recounting the story of the Israelites. In the Gospel, Jesus calls for repentance and tells a parable of a barren fig tree.

## New Rebuild Donation options

### E-Transfer option:

1. Go to your online bank acct
2. Go to interact e-transfers and enter recipient name:
3. **Diocese of St. Paul.**
4. E-mail address [etransfer@dostp.ca](mailto:etransfer@dostp.ca)
5. Add a message and please state which collection you would like it to go to e.g. Church rebuild

## Automatic Withdrawal Option

Automatic Bank withdrawal is set up for those parishioners that are interested in looking at this other option for monthly donations. There are some forms at the gym you can also contact the office for any questions at [office.sjbp@icloud.com](mailto:office.sjbp@icloud.com) or call 780-939-4412 ext 0.

## Tax Receipts

The remaining tax receipts for 2024 have been mailed out.

## Debit/Credit Card Donations

The parish office has a debit/credit card machine for those parishioners that would like to make their donations via their banking cards.

## Value Village Fundraiser

The Fundraising Committee is hosting the 3rd Annual Value Village Fundraiser on Saturday May 3rd from 9 am till 12:00 noon at the rectory Garage

Clothing, household items, books, media

LETS FILL THE TRAILER!

## LENT & EASTER

### ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS

Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

### PALM SUNDAY

Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

### HOLY THURSDAY

Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

### GOOD FRIDAY

We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

### EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN!

Alleluia! The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

Easter is an 8 day celebration leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

### DAYS OF FASTING

ASH WEDNESDAY  
GOOD FRIDAY

#### WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal and two smaller meals.

### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY  
GOOD FRIDAY  
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

#### WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat.

# 40

The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

### PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER  
FASTING  
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.



St. John the Baptist Parish  
Morinville, Alberta Canada

Join us for a  
**LENTEN Mission**

*"Let us journey together in hope"*

**March 28, 2025 (FRIDAY); 6:00 PM**

**Ecole Notre Dame Gymnasium**

**Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc**



DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday	Mar 22	5:00 PM	RIP Norm Potvin—Jennifer & Family
Sunday	Mar 23	9:00 am	Special Intention—Derrick & Dianne
		11:00 am	RIP Armand & Yvette Houle—Evelyn Lutz & Family
Monday	Mar 24	6:30 PM	RIP Carol & Harold Nels Pallesan & Deceased Family members
Tuesday	Mar 25	8:30 AM	Special Intention
Wednesday	Mar 26	10:00 AM	RIP Carol & Harold Nels Pallesan & Deceased Family members
		5:00pm	RIP Crevier Family
Thursday	Mar 27	10:00 AM	NO MASS
		5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Boissonnault & Brenneis Family—Shirley
Friday	Mar 28	8:30 am	RIP Roger Ricard—Rita
Saturday	Mar 29	5:00 PM	RIP Madeleine VanBrabant—Evelyn VanBrabant
Sunday	Mar 30	9:00 am	RIP Oliver Hesse—Judy Ortmeier
		11:00 am	For Parishioners

**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus Alberta/NWT Council is holding an online 50-50 draw in support of educational institutions, churches, community charities, youth and senior activities across the province. The minimum prize will be \$20,000, draw date is April 26, 2025. Tickets are available at [WWW.koc5050.com](http://WWW.koc5050.com) When purchasing please select 05010 St. Anne Morinville in the support of drop down box .

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** those that are sick and ill or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments especially for Ernie Wulff. We pray for their healing and recovery.

**Home visit for the sick**

If you know of anyone that is living alone or anyone that needs anointing or would like to receive communion in their home. You can call the parish office. Or after hours call Fr Trini at 780-645-9749.

**Knights Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast is Sunday March 30th from 9am to 12 pm at the Rendez Vous centre

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for March**

*For families in crisis*—Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**Looking Ahead**

Stations of The Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm at the chapel in the rectory. Starting Friday March 7th.

Except for Friday March 28th they will be at Notre Dame school as well as April 4th 6:30 at Notre Dame school will be led by the children.

Lenten Parish Reconciliation Monday April 7th at 6:30 pm Notre Dame School Gym.

**CWL Memberships**

**CWL Memberships are due for 2025. Cost is \$45.00**

**Invitation From Bishop Gary Franken Chrim Mass**

On Tuesday, April 15, 2025 6:30 pm at the St. Paul Cathedral all members of our diocesan family are cordially invited to celebrate with me the Chrim Mass

During the Chrim Mass, the Lay faithful, along with the priests, the Deacons and the Religious gather around their Bishop as a sign of unity and communion, It is the celebration of the Risen Lord's power of life active in the church.

Following the homily, the Priests will renew their commitment of service and ministry to the people of God in our Diocese. Then the Holy Oils used in the Sacramental life of the Church are blessed.

As pilgrims of hope during this is the jubilee Year, I encourage you to come to the St. Paul Cathedral and make it part of your Holy Week celebrations!

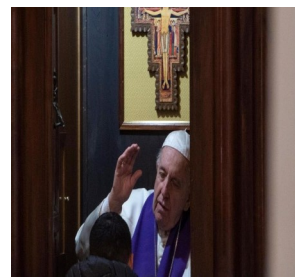
As in past years the altar servers are invited to bring their alb and participate in the procession.

Following Mass, coffee and doughnuts will be served at the St. Paul Senior Citizen centre.

**Lenten Parish Reconciliation**

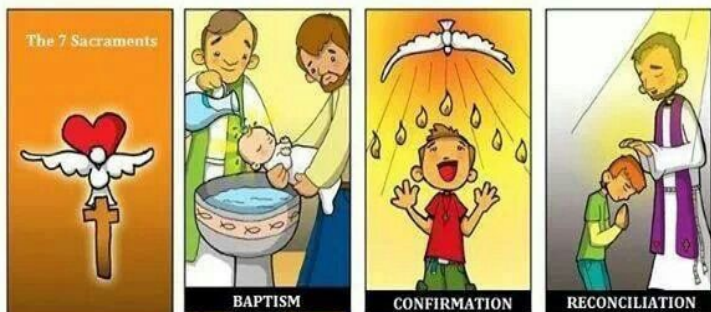
On Monday April 7th at 6:30 pm at Notre Dame school.

Fr Trini along with 2 other visiting priests will be available for confessions



**Upcoming Stations of the Cross**

April 11th—Led by the Catholic Women's League  
 April 18th—Led by the Knights of Columbus



<b>March 16, 2025</b>	Collection	<b>\$ 2,620.00</b>
	Restoration	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
	Camp St. Louis	<b>\$ 170.00</b>
	Automatic Bank Withdrawals	<b>\$ 1,153.67</b>

**THANK YOU**