

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

Mon:	NO MASS	
Tue	NO MASS	
Wed.	NO MASS	
Thu.:	12:05 p.m	Francis Ivan MacDonald
Fri.:	12:00 p.m.	Sr. Mary Earle Doohan, SSND
Sat.:	4:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Sun.:	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Dunstan's
Sun:	5:00 p.m.	No Specific Intention

FEB. 15 OFFERING	\$ 2,435.00
FEB. 15 PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT	\$ 750.00
FEB. 15 E-TRANSFER	\$ 100.00
FEB. 15 FUEL COLLECTION	\$ 342.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

AUTOMATIC DEBIT AND E-TRANSFER are options for those who would like to contribute using those means. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAR. 01

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10
Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

PARISH NEWS

ADORATION CHAPEL: Please contact Jodi or Brady Grant bradyandjodi@gmail.com or (902-218-8282). You may request to have a candle burn in the Adoration Chapel. (\$7). Please contact the Office. This week, candles in the Chapel burn for: Souls in Purgatory (1), Special Intention (1),

FUEL COLLECTION is taken at the end of each weekend Mass to help with our annual heating expenses. Any donation you can share is deeply appreciated and helps support our parish community. Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY HOUR: each First Friday following the 12:05 pm Mass.

WAY OF THE CROSS: Friday's in Lent following the 12:05 pm Mass. Everyone is invited.

CLERGY DAYS – FEBRUARY 23–25. There will be **no weekday Masses** during this time. Please keep our priests in your prayers as they gather for prayer, renewal, and fellowship.

PARISH PARKING LOT BESIDE THE BASILICA. Parking is **free during Catechism class and weekend Masses.** If you plan to stay longer — to dine out or walk around downtown — please ensure payment of **\$2 per hour** is made. Unpaid vehicles may be subject to towing. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING. If you own a business or know of a reputable business that would benefit from this form of advertising, we encourage you to participate. For more information, please contact **Shani Court** at 902-314-5307 or church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com as soon as possible.

LIFT: A reminder that the lift is available for any who find the steps difficult. Please use the Dorchester St. door. A number is posted by which you may contact a greeter who will gladly assist you.



HEARING LOOP. is available in the two centre rows of the church. Please let us know if it is working for you.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Lenten Faith Formation: "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron. Join us this Lent for an inspiring journey through the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith. Each session is held on Tuesday at 7:00 PM at Holy Redeemer Church and will last approximately 90 minutes. Dates and session topics are as follows: **Feb 24 Happy Are We** (The Teachings of Jesus); **March 03 The Mystery of God** (Holy Trinity); **March 10 Mary, the Mother of God**; **March 24 St. Peter and St. Paul.** All are welcome to join us as we grow together this Lenten season!

Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre invites you to visit their new website, <https://hopepei.com/>. Check out their Facebook and Instagram pages as well, at https://fb.watch/F3al_SWVju/ and <https://www.instagram.com/>.

This Lent, **PEI Life Association** is holding its annual baby bottle campaign, **Change4LIFE**, from **Feb 18th to Mar 29th**, to promote **LIFE** on PEI. Join us in helping advance the beauty of **LIFE** on PEI. Change4LIFE is one of many ways that **PEI Life** aims to help the most vulnerable on PEI and make changes for **LIFE!** There are two ways to support: **In-person** by taking a bottle from the back of the church; choose a bottle, sign up bottle number and your name, fill the bottle, and return it on **Sunday, Mar 29th**, Palm Sunday or as an **Online option** at: www.PEILIFE.org. Questions: Call Pat at 902-894-5473 or email office@peilife.org

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, is now launched. Together, let's support the work with communities in the Global South who are working for Justice, peace and dignity, **by donating** to the Share Lent collection on March 22, or online at devp.org/give and reading the **mini-magazine** and following the **Solidarity Calendar**.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Jack Blanchard Centre. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Roast Beef Dinner. \$20.00 each. Doors open at 5pm. Meals served at 5:30pm. Call 902-213-1553. Sheena or Sunil to save a spot. Enjoy!

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Join us for our next event with guest presenter Dr. Doug Al-Maini from St. Francis Xavier University, with a talk on Greek mysticism leading into the Christian era. Join us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, **March 12th** at the Salvador Dali Cafe in Charlottetown.

The **Navigating and Surviving Eldercare Workshop** on Tuesday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. Led by Mr. Patrick Cassidy, KC, the session explores compassionate responses to the challenges of eldercare, drawing from professional and personal experience. Offered in person at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax or via Zoom. Cost: \$25 (free for students). To register or learn more, contact Lydia Hood at lydia.hood@astheology.ns.ca.

The second period of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), called the Catechumenate, will soon end with the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of the names of all the Catechumens seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. As we are without a bishop, our Diocesan Administrator, **Rev. James Willick**, will officially elect the catechumens based on testimony from godparents and catechists. The Rite involves affirming the intention of the catechumens, the enrollment of names in the Book of the Elect, and Father Jim declaring them the Elect. **The Rite of Election will be held at St. Dunstan's Basilica Cathedral on February 22, 2026, at the 10:00 am Mass.** Following this, the Elect enter a period of purification and enlightenment in preparation for receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. This year, the Easter Vigil will take place on Saturday, April 4.

World Day of Prayer 2026 Friday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church. Theme: *"I Will Give You Rest: Come"* (Matthew 11:28–30). Join in prayer for Christians worldwide and women facing injustice. Contact Linda Dennis: lma-kuch.dennis@gmail.com | 902-394-0818. Coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.



Create in me a good heart, O God.
 And put a new spirit within me.
 -Psalm 51:10