

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 08, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK OF MARCH 09

Mon:		NO MASS
Tue	12:05 p.m.	Leoncio Yu
Wed.	12:05 p.m.	OMPH
Thu.:	12:05 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Fri.:	12:00 p.m.	Angeles Yap
Sat.:	4:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving
Sun.:	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Dunstan's
Sun:	5:00 p.m.	No Specific Intention

MAR. 01 OFFERING	\$4,007.00
MAR. 01 PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT	\$ 465.00
MAR. 01 E-TRANSFER	\$ 335.00
MAR. 01 FUEL COLLECTION	\$ 402.00
MAR. 01 CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 405.00

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. 15

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b,6-7,10-13
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14
Gospel: John 9.1,6-9,13-17,34-38

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), Healing (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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

March 20, Friday 10:00 am – 12 pm; 2 pm – 6 pm
 Please note that there will be **no confessions on Saturday, March 21.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HOLY WEEK & EASTER DECORATING. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare **St. Dunstan's Basilica** for the **Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, and Easter** on:

- Monday, March 30
- Thursday, April 2
- Saturday, April 4

Assistance with altar linens and flowers would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, **please contact Gwen or the Parish Office.** Thank you for sharing your time and talent as we prepare for these sacred celebrations.

K of C Council 824 is hosting its 2nd Annual **LENTEN FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 27, from 4:00–6:30 PM** at Glastonbury Hall, **St. Dunstan's Basilica.** Enjoy deep-fried haddock, roasted potatoes, coleslaw, dessert, and coffee or tea for \$20 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. Payment will be made at the event. To register, contact Mike White at 902-314-0334 or sign the registration form at the back of the Basilica. Home delivery is available upon request. Register early!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SUMMER VISITOR WELCOME TEAM. Each summer, **St. Dunstan's Basilica** welcomes thousands of visitors. We are looking for friendly volunteers to greet guests and offer simple information. If you would like to help, **please contact Gwen at the Parish Office.** Be a welcoming face of our parish this summer!

PEI Life's annual **Change4LIFE** campaign runs from **Feb 18th to Mar. 29th** to support LIFE on PEI. You can participate by taking a bottle from the back of the church, filling it, and returning it by **Palm Sunday, March 29th,** at the Parish office.

EASTER FLOWERS: Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers are welcome any time. Please include your name (and envelope number, if applicable) and those whom you wish to have remembered when you make your donation either in the collection basket, at the office, or by E-transfer. If using E-transfer, kindly indicate "Easter Flowers." In order for the names of those remembered to be included in the bulletin, please have them in before **March 31.** Many thanks!

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

May 13– 24, 2026: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Hector Caissie. Cost of \$2795 (plus taxes) includes airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **Payment by e-transfer, bank transfer or**

cheque gets a REBATE of \$250.00 INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

SAVE THE DATE: On June 6, Campaign Life Coalition will host the **PEI March for Life** from 2:00-3:30 PM. We will meet at the hall of Central Christian Church on 223 Kent Street in Charlottetown where we will hear from guest speakers with the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) and the Silent no More Awareness Campaign. Afterward, from 2:30-3:30, we will march from the church to outside the legislative assembly for an hour of peaceful prayer.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) invites you to the Annual Solidarity Sunday Celebration-workshop at 2:00 pm, March 22, in the MacKenzie Room, St. Pius X Church, Parkdale. Speakers: Sister Libby Osgood, CND, author of Green Saints for a Green Generation, and Adah Ogbe, animator. Our solidarity work, based on Catholic Social Teaching, supports our partner groups in the Global South to eliminate poverty and promote Justice, Peace and Dignity.

Save the Date - Cursillo of Cursillos. Mark your calendars for a special **Cursillo of Cursillos**, hosted by the Cursillistas of Prince Edward Island, taking place **June 25-28, 2026.** We are delighted to share that we will be joined by amigos from Mallorca, adding a rich international dimension to this gathering of faith, fellowship and renewal. More details, including registration information, will be shared soon. Stay tuned !

This year's Meeting of the Bishops of the Church in the Americas was held in Tampa, Florida, from 14 to 17 February. This meeting brought together the Executive Committees of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopal Council (CELAM). One of the fruits of this year's gathering is a joint message by the participating Bishops titled, *Message to the People of God on Pilgrimage in the Americas.* We encourage you to read this letter that been placed on our Diocesan website: <https://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/>.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST. On Saturday March 21st, from 8:30 to 10:30 am, Trinity United Church. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Please call 902-892-4114 to reserve your tickets. You may also purchase tickets at the door.