

From the Rector _____

As you know, the Parish of St. Mary, York, and the Parish of Marysville have been in a Shared Ministry for the past 16 months, as well as for 2 ½ years in 2015 to 2017. This Shared Ministry flows out of the long and fruitful relationship between the people of this area for the past 200 years, most of which was spent as one Parish with one priest.

As I mentioned in my annual report, it has become apparent to me that the future ministry of these two parishes is likely to be intertwined; we are, as I have said many times, stronger when we work together. We have seen that during the past year in a number of different ways, including our very successful Safe Food handling course last Spring; our Vacation Bible School in August; our Parish Advent Party in November; as well as in the close cooperation of the two branches of the Mothers' Union; in the participation by members of both parishes in our weekly Bible Study; and in our joint Stations of the Cross this year during Lent.

All of this has been a blessing to both parishes, as well as to me, especially as we try, with God's Grace, to rebuild and restructure our ministries following the very challenging years of the pandemic.

In my opinion the next logical and necessary step in this Shared Ministry will be the restructuring of our schedule of Sunday services to allow one priest to lead services at both Churches each week. We have been able to call on the help of visiting clergy to lead services at All Saints'; and from time-to-time Deacon Nicholas or I have been absent from St. Mary's to lead services in Marysville; but it is incredibly hard to minister to the people of both parishes without being present with them each week. That will become that much harder when there is just one cleric serving in both parishes, as will be the case when Deacon Nicholas becomes the priest in charge following my retirement, as well as when a new incumbent is appointed following his return to the military in mid-2024.

Therefore, following consultation with both Parish Corporations, I have made the decision to shift the service schedules a little to ensure that I can be in both churches each week.

Starting on the first Sunday in April the new schedule of Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist each weekend will be as follows:

Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's

Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. @ All Saints'

Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. @ St. Mary's

I recognise that no schedule is perfect. Some at St. Mary's will prefer an earlier time; and some at All Saints' will prefer a later time. On the other hand, some of you will appreciate the extra time to get going in the morning that the later service will allow. But the blessing of the Shared Ministry is that people in both parishes will have the choice of three different services to find the time that works best for them. And, as is already the case with our services on both Saturday and Sunday, people will have the option of worshipping at a different time if their schedule occasionally makes it impossible for them to attend at their usual time. I'm always greatly encouraged, for example, when people attend on Saturday on those occasions when their regular Sunday schedule won't allow.

So I ask for your patience and your prayers as we work our way through this transition. I believe that it will make both parishes stronger and will allow for a more effective ministry in both congregations. I encourage your questions and comments. Please speak to me at any time.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

UPDATE!!! COFFEE & CONVERSATION: We are very happy to report that Coffee & Conversation will be returning **next Sunday**, almost precisely three years after the pandemic suspended this important Parish ministry. Those who wish to are warmly invited to join us in the Parish Hall following the service. Many thanks to our volunteers to helping get this started; please speak to the Rector or the Curate if you'd like to help.

PARISH PARTY FOR LENT: We're planning another special parish event for pre-school and school-age kids (and their families!) We're organizing a **PARISH LENTEN PARTY** on **Saturday, March 18th** from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. There will be crafts and activities for all ages. Everything will wrap up with a Family Lunch. Plan to join us on the 18th and please feel free to invite a friend. For more information please speak to the Rector or the Curate.

FAITH IN ACTION: Building hope for tomorrow in the face of climate change. Have you considered switching to an electric vehicle? Electric vehicles can save you money, pollute less, and help us care for creation, but there are several things you should know before you buy your first electric vehicle. Join Andrew Mathis to discuss the different types of electric vehicles, the options for charging electric vehicles, and what to consider when choosing an electric vehicle. This event is taking place here at St. Mary's from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11th**.

THE DIOCESE IS OFFERING A LENTEN RETREAT starting on Friday, March 31st and ending on Saturday, April 1st at the Villa Madonna Retreat Centre in Rothesay. Archbishop David Edwards will be the retreat leader and will provide teaching to help prepare for the journey of Holy Week. All are welcome but pre-registration is required. The costs are: - overnight: \$125 | couples: \$200 | commuter: \$75 (meals included). The registration deadline is March 23, 2023; spaces are limited and some bursary funding is available. For more information, contact Shawn Branch: 506-459-1801 ext. 1008.

THE MAILBOX PROJECT: Do you want to make a difference in the life of a senior; volunteer with a small commitment of time; be part of an organized & supportive environment; help combat loneliness in seniors; connect seniors with community; and have a rewarding and fun volunteer experience. You are invited to join a pool of Mailbox Messengers to deliver and read incoming letters and cards to seniors at Shannex Neill Hall and York Care Centre nursing homes. The simple act of receiving mail can not only help to reinforce and preserve long term memories, but also re-connect seniors with community, help reduce feelings of isolation and depression and bring joy into the lives of the residents. For more information please contact swahl@bellaliant.net



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi’kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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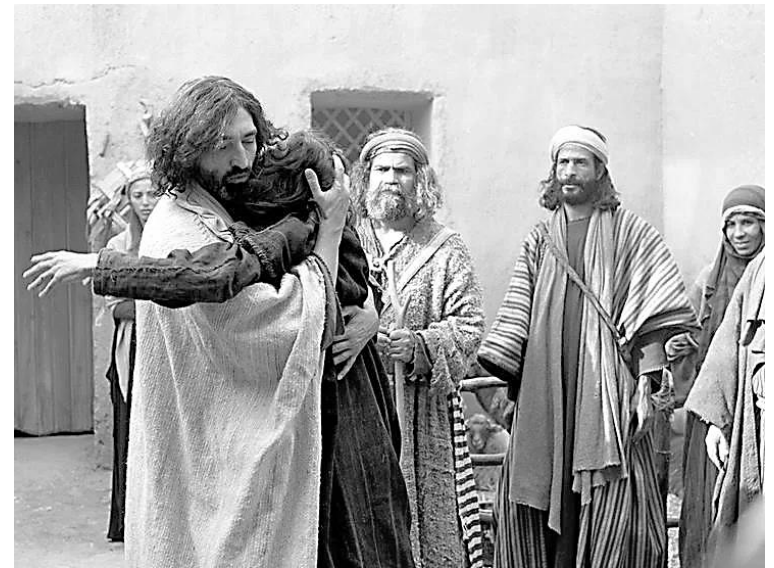
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Enemy-occupied territory-that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage. When you go to church you are really listening-in to the secret wireless from our friends: that is why the enemy is so anxious to prevent us from going. He does it by playing on our conceit and laziness and intellectual snobbery.

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2023

*Be ye therefore followers of
God; and walk in love!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 57 | Exodus 12:21-36 | Ephesians 2

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 54: *page 397*

The Gloria is omitted during Lent

The Collect: *page 145*

The Collect for Ash Wednesday: *page 138*

The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 22:21-31

Psalm 25:8-15: *page 358*

The Epistle: *page 145*

Gradual Psalm 25:16-22: *page 359*

The Holy Gospel: *page 146*

The Nicene Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

The Consecration: *page 82*

Post Communion Prayers: *page 85*

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023

*Be ye therefore followers of
God; and walk in love!*

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

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

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** **544** (REPTON, RB 249)

The Gloria is omitted during Lent

The Collect: *page 145*

The Collect for Ash Wednesday: *page 138*

The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 22:21-31

Psalm 25:16-22: *page 359*

The Epistle: *page 145*

♪ **GRADUAL HYMN:** **490** (ST. PETER)

The Holy Gospel: *page 145*

The Nicene Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

♪ **HYMN:** **231** (ADORO TE)

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

The Consecration: *page 82*

Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*

♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** **406** (CWM RHONDA, RB 269)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MARCH 13: LENT FERIA

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 2:00 p.m. – Requiem Eucharist: Hazen Haines, RIP
- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

MARCH 14: LENT FERIA

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

MARCH 15: LENT FERIA

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 16: LENT FERIA

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*
- 2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, *Paradise Villa*
- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

MARCH 17: ST. PATRICK, Missionary & Bishop, 461

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, *All Saints'*

MARCH 18: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 19: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the
Parish Hall*
- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer



Lent @ St. Mary's

Everyone is encouraged to spend time during the Season of Lent in the traditional Lenten exercises: **prayer, fasting, self-examination, and reading and meditating on God's Word.** Here are a few ways in which parish programmes can help you with that:

✠ **One very helpful exercise that many** choose to 'take on' during the Season of Lent is the reading of a book that will help us to explore our relationship with Christ and his Body more deeply. A book table has been set up at the entrance to the church with lots of excellent choices for your Lenten reading. Please speak to the Rector or the Curate if there is something else that you'd like to read this Lent.

✠ **St. Mary's Bible Study** is held each Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church. We're looking at a series called "Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus."

✠ The *Stations of the Cross* are prayed each Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. This 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. ***In recognition of our Shared Ministry with the Parish of Marysville, we will be alternating the location between the two churches.*** This coming Friday, March 17th, we'll be walking the Way of the Cross at here at All Saints'.

✠ **Some take the time during Lent to attend** our Wednesday evening Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

✠ **Or perhaps you might think about arriving a little earlier** than usual when you attend on Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday and attend Morning or Evening Prayer prior to the start of the Holy Eucharist.

✠ **And if you want to learn more about** the very important work being done by the Clewer Initiative in the UK to combat modern slavery, go to <https://theclewerinitiative.org/resources/journeys> to look at their Lenten resources, especially their new series called Journeys, which offers short first-person videos that speak of from the perspective of those who have been caught up by this evil.

✠ **And, for a bit of fun** you're invited to follow the saintly 'competition' organised by Forward Movement, an Episcopal ministry in the USA. Go each day to learn about some of God's saints, to cast your votes and to see who wins the golden halo: <https://www.lentmadness.org/>