



# ST PATRICK OF THE ISLAND

MARCH 2, 2025

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### MASSES

SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2025

5 pm Blessings for Wilson's Family

SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025

8:30am Rosary in the Church

9 am Blessed Virgin in Memory of Dick, Doris & Holy Souls

11 am Deceased Members of Demers Family from Lise

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**WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 2024**

**ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION**

**4 pm and 7 pm**

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SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025

5 pm Rose Alma Veilleux from Gaetanne

Ada DaCosta from Eric DaCosta

SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025

8:30am Rosary in the Church

9 am Raymond Brunelle from Marc & Gary

11 am Francisco & Maria Pontes from Elizabeth

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### SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

Week Mar 1: Rex Padida

Week Mar 8: Faith Ed Children

### COLLECTIONS

The collection for February 23<sup>rd</sup> was \$2215. Thank you for your generous support.

### MINISTERS

Sat Mar 1 5pm Heather

Sun Mar 2 9am Aaron

11am Frances

Sat Mar 8 5pm Andrew

Sun Mar 9 9am Tony

11am Ricardo

### FAITH ED

Safe & Happy Holiday.

### 2024 TAX RECEIPTS

*Please pick up your receipts.*

If you would like envelopes, fill out the form, email or come to the office.

### ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is open from 8am-8pm daily. Please sign in, even if you only stay for a few minutes, this is so we know if people are visiting the chapel.

### PRAYER LIST

Rex Padida, Eddy Taylor, Karen Williston, Bryan, Mary Martin, Nancy, Marilyn Bowles-Dove, Kate, Theo, Denyse Cochrane, Karen Urquhart, Adam Moss, Sharon LeClair, Josefina Rosario, Barbara Small, Cheryl Brunelle, Gaetanne Mercier, Patty L., Caroline MacDonald, Jean MacDonald, Caiti Dore, Wally Eddington, Alec Patterson, Cynthia B., Thomas Walsh, Pearl, Lyne, Janice Enos, Pam Jordan, Audrey S., Matthew Tapp, Ronnie Laporte, Heidi Daillarge

# PARISH BULLETIN

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### LENT STARTS MARCH 5

Mark your calendars for Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm or 7pm for our Ash Wednesday Celebration.

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, join Deacon Nic in the church, on Friday evenings at 7pm, for The Way of The Cross.

### FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

On March 15, we will be having a Pot Luck Supper. All are Welcome! If you are attending, please bring either an appetizer or main course or salad or dessert (enough to share with 6-8 people). There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance. Please sign up as we need to know how many people will attend.

### SNOW REMOVAL

We need people to shovel the walkways on the weekends! If you are available to help on one or more weekends, please check the sign-up sheet at the front doors.

### SAVE THE DATE

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

March 15 – Pot Luck

March 16 – “Irish Coffee” after 2 Masses

March 19 – Warden’s Meeting

March 23 – Pastoral Meeting

May 3 & 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

June 1 – Confirmation

June 14 – Garage Sale

### Ash Wednesday

*“We beseech you, in the name of Christ, let yourselves be reconciled to God.”*

What a beautiful invitation from Saint Paul at the start of Lent!

Most of the time, it's we who beg God for various reasons.

But today, it's God who becomes the supplicant.

The force of this exhortation astonishes me every time, because what is asked for with such insistence, as we do for the greatest favors, is in the end very simple: to let ourselves be reconciled with God. We don't have to do anything, no heroic deeds to perform, no feats, even spiritual ones, only the acceptance of a reconciliation that never ceases to surprise us.

We often have the impression that, if reconciliation is necessary, it is inevitably our fault, since God is perfect.

But Christ came not to accuse us of all the evil in the world, but to carry with us the complexity of this world, where we sometimes get hurt, where anger, frustration and a sense of injustice in the face of fatality can overwhelm us. God then begs us to look at Jesus, who has been through it all himself.

He would like to be able to come close to us and whisper: “I understand, I am with you, let me be your consolation, your courage and your hope.

*Grant us, Lord, to hear your prayer today and to answer it with all the love in our hearts, freed from our defenses and the excuses that keep us away from you.*