

Welcome to
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
March 23rd 2025 –3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C



“The Lord is kind and merciful” (Psalm 103:8)

Heavenly Father, thank You for the lesson of the fruitless fig tree which illustrates the barrenness that comes from a hardened heart which refuses to acknowledge sin and turn to Christ for forgiveness and life. I pray that I may abide in Him and He in me so I may be a fruitful branch during this Church age, when the gospel of grace is being preached worldwide. This I ask in Jesus' name, Amen.



March 2025—Pope’s Intention
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.



March 16th

Sunday Offering	\$ 1,901.00
Loose Offering	\$ 439.85
New Year envelope	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Initial offering	\$ 10.00
Snow Removal	\$ 15.00
Candles	\$ 95.20
Building fund	\$ 245.00
Development and Peace	\$ 520.00
Native Sector	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 3,261.05

PADP— Weekly for the month of Mar. 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 520.00
Building fund	\$ 126.00
Total	\$ 646.00

Required Weekly Income \$4,500.00

Thank you for your contributions!

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday to Friday at 12 Noon
WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am
CONFESSION: Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: after Noon mass on Thursdays

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Fr. Denis Vaiz - Parish Priest
John Noble - Deacon Emeritus
Carol Noble - D.O.S

MASS SCHEDULE WITH INTENTIONS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 25th March: *Annunciation of the Lord*

Novena Mass for intentions of a parishioner

Wednesday, 26th March: *Saint Catherine of Genoa*

Ronald Stephen Doyle and Florifa Jorolan by Enriqueta Jorolan

Thursday, 27th March: *Saint Gregory of Narek*

Kevin Coelho by Kevin Levac

Friday, 28th March: *Saint Catherine of Bologna*

Intentions of Cathy Butler by Walter and Pat

Saturday, 29th March: *Saint Ludovico of Casoria*

Carmela Maselli by Nina and Rose and Family

Vanda Notaro by Pina Castellani

Sunday, 30th March: *Saint Peter Regalado*

Genesio Gregorini by Elisa Gregorini and Family

Intentions of our parishioners by Fr Denis Vaiz



MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: Mar. 24th to Mar. 30th

Monday Mar. 24th	2 Kings 5: 1-15 Luke 4: 24-30	Psalm 42
Tuesday Mar. 25th	Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8:10 Luke 1: 26-38	Psalm 40
Wednesday Mar. 26th	Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9 Matthew 5: 17-19	Psalm 147
Thursday Mar. 27th	Jeremiah: 7: 23-28 Luke 11: 14-23	Psalm 95
Friday Mar. 28th	Hosea 14: 2-10 Mark 12: 28-34	Psalm 81
Saturday Mar. 29th	Hosea 6: 1-6 Luke 18: 9-14	Psalm 51
Sunday Mar. 30th	Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32	Psalm 34



The sign of the barren fig tree:

Jesus' parable of the barren fig tree illustrates His warning about the consequences of allowing sin and corruption to take root in our hearts and minds. Fig trees were a common and important source of food for the people of Palestine. A fig tree normally matured within three years producing plentiful fruit. If it failed, it was cut down to make room for more healthy trees. A decaying fig tree and its bad fruit came to symbolize for the Jews, the consequence of spiritual corruption caused by evil deeds and unrepentant sin.

The unfruitful fig tree symbolized the outcome of Israel's indifference and lack of response to God's Word of repentance and restoration. The prophets depicted the desolation and calamity of Israel's fall and ruin - due to her unfaithfulness to God - as a languishing fig tree. Jeremiah likened good and evil rulers and members of Israel with figs that were either good for eating or rotten and wasteful. Jesus' parable depicts the patience of God but it also contains a warning that we should not presume upon God's patience and mercy. God's judgment will come in due course - very soon or later.

Fr Denis Vaiz

**This weekend PowerPoint Documentary presentation (prior to mass)
Historical Place of the Way of the Cross**



This 4th Weekend

We remember those who have died in our families.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls.

O God! Listen to the prayers of Your Church on behalf of the faithful departed and grant to Your servants, whom we remember today, the inheritance promised to all. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

23rd Mar. Sunday: **Pasta Supper** (4:30 till 6pm)
27th Mar. Thursday: **Small Christian Community** at 10.45am
27th Mar. Thursday: **Stations of the Cross** after Noon Mass
28th Mar. Friday: **Ladies' Craft** following the Noon Mass.
29th Mar. Saturday: **Baptisms** at 11am

**SPECIAL
EVENTS**



Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights. These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled. Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, Advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our Mini-magazine.

Thank you to all who have signed the Global petition to Turn Debt Into Hope.

If you have not signed the Petition please consider adding your name in support of debt forgiveness for the impoverished communities of the Global South. You can sign online at devp.org/debt or at the Share Lent Display Table at the main entrance of the church.

Mary Jane Veinott, D & P Parish Representative, St. Andrew the Apostle

Easter Flowers



If you would like to remember a loved one through
a donation to our Easter flower fund,
please take an envelope from the basket at the back of the church;
complete the information on the front with your loved one's name
on the back and place the envelope in the collection.
Parishioners who have regular envelopes have the
Easter flower fund envelope in their box.

2025-'26 Discipleship Formation Program St. Malo, MB - Applications being accepted

Young Adults! It's time to apply! Take a year off to dive deeper into your relationship with God and Catholic faith. The DFP is an 8-month live-in program for post high school students 18 yrs or older, at the Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo Manitoba.

This is an opportunity to live in community, study the Catholic faith with the head and heart.

Experience the challenge and satisfaction of helping children and teens in Manitoba Catholic schools encounter the love of God.

Tuition is \$7,500...\$300 early bird price reduction when applying by April 30th.

Apply today at <https://www.catholicway.net/dfp>.

For more information please contact Louis or Mary at richards@catholicway.net .

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SATURDAY
MARCH 29, 2025

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- 8:30 AM GATHER
- 9:00 AM MASS
- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

GUEST PRESENTERS
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- EXPLORE PILLARS
Faith-Service-Social Justice
- LEARN MORE
League Position Papers
- ENGAGE
Local Community Resources

Lenten Mission

Annual Lenten Mission at
Our Lady of Hope Parish
On March 29, Saturday, 2025.

Theme:

The Ultimate Proof of God's love

Speaker:

Fr. Patrick Okenyi, sma

Confession at 8.00am

Morning prayer at 8.30am

Mass at 10.15am

(A reception will follow.)

All are welcome!

Invitation to Chrism Mass 2025

Bishop Thomas Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese
to the Chrism Mass

which will be celebrated on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm.**
at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, North Bay.

During this special Mass, Bishop Dowd will bless the oils
that will be used for the sacraments of the Church.

The priests will also renew their priestly promises.



The Anishinabe Spiritual Centre invites you to
A Day of Reflection & Reconciliation

A Quiet Day to Walk with the Lord

When: Saturday April 5th, 2025 / Where: Anishinabe Spiritual Centre
1091 Anderson Lake Rd, Espanola / Time: 11:45-6pm (drop-ins welcome)

Lunch: 11:45 – 12:45pm including Indian Tacos (by donation)

Contact Aaron at 705-869-4994 Or email Anishinabe.centre@gmail.com

Come be refreshed and renewed! Let the Spirit be your guide...

Need to know about the Stations of the Cross

- ◆ The custom may have grown from the tradition that the Blessed Virgin visited these places after Christ's Ascension and related this to St. Brigid in a vision .
- ◆ Devotion to the Passion of Christ, which became widespread in the 12th and 13th centuries, was promoted by many veterans of the Crusades who erected tableaux at home representing various places they had visited in the Holy Land.
- ◆ The first coherently related stations built outside Palestine were erected at the church of San Stefano in Bologna in the 5th century.
- ◆ When the Franciscans took over custody of the holy places in 1342 they saw it as part of their mission to promote devotion to these places and to the Passion of Christ, and this, as the practice became more common, found expression in devotion to the Stations of the Cross.
- ◆ In the 18th century St. Leonard of Port Maurice promoted the devotion so enthusiastically and successfully that he became known as the "**preacher of the Way of the Cross.**" He is said to have erected more than 572 stations between 1731 and 1751.



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Online Membership Registration:

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