

Worship Calendar
Sunday, March 9, First Sunday in Lent, 10:30 a.m. (Purple) **Holy Eucharist (BCP)**
(AG Team 2) (EA Iain Hollett)
Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11 Sharon Smith Psalm 91: 1 – 2, 9 – 16 Romans 10: 8b – 13 Glenda Tapp Luke 4: 1 – 13

Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday in Lent – Compline & Address

Sunday, March 16, Alongside Hope Sunday (PWRDF), 10:30 a.m. (White) **Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 3) (EA Gail Trew hitt)
Ukulele Family Ministry – Amazing Grace – My Chains are Gone
Hebrews 13: 2 – “Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers”
Deuteronomy 24: 17 – 22** Psalm 146 Ruth 1 – 2** Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday in Lent – Compline & Address

2025 Envelopes - If you need a new box of envelopes for 2025, please contact the parish office by email sjtetopsail@nfld.net or call 709-834-2336. We also have the option of Pre-Authorized payment or e-transfer. To learn more about these options please call the Parish Office.

A Note from the Treasurer: Please ensure your **envelope number is on** all financial **correspondence - including weekly envelops** - so that we can credit your account for income tax purposes.

Parish Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

2025 Bulletins - If you’d like to give a weekly bulletin to commemorate the life of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for an event in your life, please contact David in the office for the dates available.

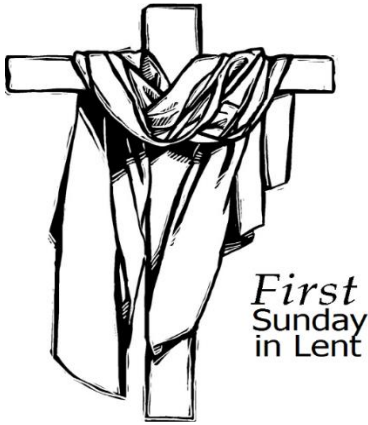
<u>Service Roster:</u>	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Sound Room</u>
March 16 th	Betty H.	Jim S.
March 23 rd	Don S.	Philip G.
March 30 th	Jo-Anne R.	Bob D.

Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Samuel Rose
Diocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene Taylor
Rector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F. (Third Order, Society of St. Francis)
Parish Deacon: The Reverend Lisa Cox
Organists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-Ledwell
Parish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Donald Sparkes
Office Administrator: David Kelland

Welcome to the Parish of St. John The Evangelist

Conception Bay South, Newfoundland

March 9, 2025



This Bulletin is given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Louis Walters
by wife, Maud & Family

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Our Parish Mission Statement
We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey
The Parish live-streams our regular Sunday Services and posts to Facebook

“So, Who Needs a Church Anyway?”

There is a real and intrinsic value to being part of a local faith community – an integral component as we respond to Jesus’ invitation to love God and love our neighbour.

The gathering of those who have dedicated their faith and life to the teachings and life of Jesus Christ is the essence of what it means to be ‘church’. Over the past two thousand years we have created ‘church’ into a Diocesan and Parish structure.

My intention as part of our mid-week sermon course is to demonstrate that the essence of what it means to be a Christian includes being active in a faith community. Interacting with our neighbours as an expression of gratitude for the grace and love of God through Jesus Christ is a fundamental mark of discipleship.

This reality has been a focus of life since the earliest Christians attempted to live following the teachings and walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. May our faith community be nurtured and challenged as we reflect upon five components of early church life – patience, behaviour (habitas), school (catechesis and worship), forgiveness and ferment.

Wednesday in Lent 1, March 12 - *The Faith Community Waits* – **Patience**

Wednesday in Lent 2, March 19 – *The Faith Community Learns How to Live* – **Habitas**

Wednesday in Lent 3, March 26 – *The Faith Community Goes to School* – **Catechesis & Worship (Prayers & The Eucharist)**

Wednesday in Lent 4, April 2 – *The Faith Community Perseveres through Sin, Repentance, **Forgiveness** & Restoration*

Wednesday in Lent 5, April 9 – *The Faith Community Proclaims by Word and Example* – **Ferment**

*Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings
With thy most gracious favour,
and further us with thy continual help,
that in all our works begun, continued,
and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name,
and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (BCP)*

We invite prayers for those who are sick: Cassidy B., Patricia B., Elaine M., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Ruby H., Kelly R., Eva B., Hayden P., Cynthia W., Scott S., Don M., Colin C.

A donation has made to the Parish, to the to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Sister, Valda
Brothers, Stan, George & Albert
And Brother-in-law Harold
by Elizabeth Power

Parish Home Visits – The dynamic of the times still provides many issues for clergy home visit ministry. As we continue to emerge out of the pandemic and still live with it, Canon Jotie is ready, willing, and able to visit you in your home. Under the circumstances, this offer comes with the understanding that he will respond to invitations. Please call him to invite him to visit your home if you wish for conversation, prayers, or Home Communion.

The Laying on of Hands – In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. we have started our Confirmation Class. Confirmation Candidates should currently be in Grade 6 or older. Please contact the Church Office to register or for more information 709 834-2336 or sjtetopsail@nfld.net).

We are ready, willing and able to prepare adults for Confirmation if you may be interested. Please contact Canon Jotie for details.

Family Ukulele Group - The Family Ukulele Group is a music ministry of the parish and is open to ALL ages. No prior musically knowledge or experience is needed. Practice lessons are the **second** and **third Sundays** of each month immediately following the 10:30 service. We resume lessons in January 2024. Ukuleles are available for purchase through the office for approximately \$50. To register for the group call David at the office. Be sure to let him know if you will be needing a Ukulele. If you are unable to purchase one, please contact Canon Jotie.

Bible Study - We are meeting on Thursday mornings, at 10:30 upstairs in the Church, for a more comfortable setting. as we walk through the Gospel of Luke. We will provide a copy of the Lesson for this study. All are welcome.

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting for the parish will be scheduled shortly; This is reminder for all groups and organizations to prepare their reports and submit them to the office as soon as is possible.

CREATION, CLIMATE, AND YOU

An introductory discussion on
climate change and faith

Thursday, April 3rd @ 7:00pm via zoom

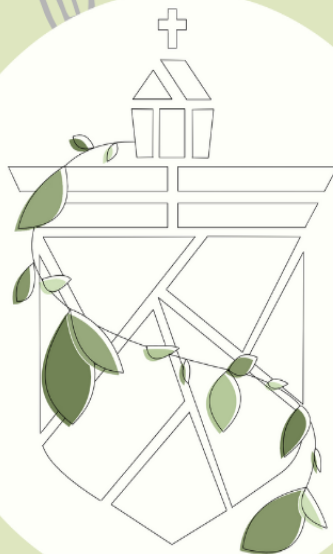
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