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Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica
12 Howard Street, Miramichi

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The Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree, by Tissot

Third Sunday of Lent

'The Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent (Luke 13: 1-9) speaks to us about God's mercy and of our conversion. Jesus recounts the parable of the barren fig tree. A man has planted a fig tree in his vineyard, and with great confidence, each summer, he goes in search of its fruits, but he finds none because that tree is barren. Spurred by this disappointment which has recurred for at least three years, the man considers cutting down the fig tree in order to plant another. So he calls the field hand who is in the vineyard and tells him of

his disappointment, ordering him to cut down the tree so as not to use up the ground needlessly. But the vinedresser asks the master to be patient and asks him for one more year during which the vinedresser himself would take special and delicate care of the fig tree, so as to stimulate its productivity...

The master represents God the Father, and the vinedresser is the image of Jesus.

The fig tree is the symbol of an indifferent and insensitive humanity.

Jesus intercedes with the Father in favour of humanity – and He always does so – and implores him to wait and to give it more time so that it may bring forth the fruits of love and justice.

The fig tree represents a sterile existence that is incapable of giving, incapable of doing good, in an attitude of selfishness and spiritual barrenness.

This is compared to the vinedresser's great love for the fig tree. He asks the master to wait. He is patient, knows how to wait, and devotes his time and his work to it.

And this vinedresser's likeness manifests the mercy of God who leaves us time for conversion.

We all need to convert ourselves, to take a step forward; and God's patience and mercy accompanies us in this.'

- From Pope Francis' 2019 Angelus address on the Third Sunday of Lent.

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Lord's Day Mass Times: St. Michael's Basilica:

Saturday 4pm, Sunday 10:30am & 5:30pm

St Michael's By-the-Sea: Saturday 4pm

St Margaret's Church: Saturday 6pm

Daily Mass Times: St. Michael's Basilica:

9am Monday - Friday ; 4pm jeudi la Messe française

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am First Fridays

Confessions: St. Michael's Basilica: 3pm Saturdays

Weekly Mass and Prayer Intentions

Saint Michael's Basilica

Saturday March 22	4pm	Ernest Flett, Michael Fleiger, Irene Gorman, Michael Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Ivan Hallihan, Mrs. Stanley Daley, Harvey Young, Austin Johnson, David LeBreton, Ron Barry, Raymond McGrath, Julia Richard & d.f.m., Gerald Glynn & d.f.m., Bea Redmond & d.f.m, Lillian Quinn & d.f.m., and for a special intention
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>		
Sunday March 23	10:30am	William (Billy) Kennedy, Leon & Bertha Comeau, Julie Richard & d.f.m, and Shirley Buckley & d.f.m.
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>
Monday March 24	9am	Mary Eileen Lamkey, Jenna Handrahan, and Shirley Buckley & d.f.m.
Tuesday March 25 <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9am	Shirley Buckley & d.f.m., and for a special intention
Wednesday March 26	9am	Mr. & Mrs. James Grattan, Catherine Osborne, and for holy souls in Purgatory
Thursday March 27	9am	Judy McGrath & d.f.m, and for thanksgiving
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday March 28	9am	Carmel Williams, Dorothy Vautour, and Mr. Harold A. Fleiger
Saturday March 29	10:30am	<i>Syro-Malabar Mass</i>
	4pm	Gerald Fleiger, Carmel Gallant, Helen Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Ivan Hallihan, Ronnie Barry, Eva Foley, William Kennedy, Evelyn Corbett, Morris, Austin Johnston, Jeannette Williams, Father Leon Creamer, Helen & Stanford Richard, and for a special intention
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>		
Sunday March 30	10:30am	William (Billy) Kennedy, Lorraine LeBreton, and for a special intention
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>

Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday March 22	4pm	Paul & Cassie Lloyd, and Paula McIntyre
Saturday March 29	4pm	Wilfred Hachey, Gene Walsh, and Heather Arsenault

Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday March 22	6pm	Kenneth Cook, and William Dunn
Saturday March 29	6pm	Louise Dickens, and Anne Kane

Please Pray For: our Holy Father Pope Francis, in his month-long hospitalization.

And, let us pray for William Pallen and his family.

God our Father, You have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy.

When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in Your love.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Exodus 13:1-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-12; Gospel of Luke 13:1-9

Psalm: 103 R:8 *The Lord is merciful and gracious.*

Entrance Antiphon: from Psalm 25: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon: from John 4: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Parish News

Weekly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays at 9am at Sts. Peter & Paul (Bartibog),

First Fridays following the **9am** Mass at Saint Michael's Basilica,

First Saturdays at 9am at St. Mary's Church, and Last Sundays at 4pm at St. Samuel's Church.

Seeking a volunteer Parish Pilgrimage Coordinator, to help us make the Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Cathedral on June 7 a time of special blessing for everyone.

To volunteer, see bit.ly/SMA-PC . For more information about the Jubilee pilgrimages, see stmichaelsbasilica.ca/jubilee

Ecumenical Lenten Services every Wednesday, 12:15-12:45pm, March 5 - April 9, **Saint Andrews United Church** celebrating their 100 years of service, and **1,700 years of our shared Nicene Creed, our anchor of Faith**, followed by a luncheon reception.

Weekly Parish Bible Study 1pm Thursdays in the parish centre. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, this study will look deeper into the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, linking the two as bookends of need and response. In this, the focus will be on what is possible along the Miramichi River by the Catholic communities.

Weekly Parish Prayer Group 1pm Tuesdays in the parish centre. Our focus will be on the mind and words of Saint Paul in his epistles regarding prayer and how an encounter with Christ can change the way one prays.

Spring Faith Formation for anyone interested in **family and youth faith formation, join our diocesan catechists** by zoom **1-3pm or 7-9pm Tuesday March 25**. A 4-week online retreat will also be available April 24, details to follow. To register for these zoom sessions, us02web.zoom.us/j/83533326016 or us02web.zoom.us/j/86396438396

DATE CHANGE: Miramichi Regional Reconciliation Service 6pm Thursday April 10 at **Saint Patrick's Church**. Fr. Dan will share his story of conversion before confessions.

Howard Street partial closure community feedback open house 6-8pm Monday, March 24 from at the Knights of Columbus Hall, see more information at bit.ly/SMA-HSC

Our Lady of the Rivers Parish open house **celebration of Father Dan Melanson's 65th birthday 1-5pm Sunday March 30** at St. James Parish Hall 1675 Northwest Road, Sevogle.

Living Stations - walking with Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection - **Friday April 11, 2025** - doors open at **6:30pm with music - 7:30pm stations**. Goodwill offering.

Miramichi Youth String Orchestra concert at the Basilica 6pm Thursday April 3 . Welcome Spring with the sounds of Latin American music. Free Admission.

Grief Support Groups running **6-8pm April 2 - May 7** at Losier Hall, sponsored by Hospice Miramichi. For information call Kathy Avery 506-773-7607 x 201

March 15-16 collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$5,473	\$599	\$744
The Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier Family Foundation Inc.	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$30		
Capital Campaign	\$1,654		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$908	\$20	
Cemeteries	Basilica \$125 St. Andrew's \$150	\$110	\$50



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Fundraising Bingo - Sundays at 7pm, doors open at 5pm
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All are welcome to our accessible hall at 67 King Street!
Call 506-773-7225 for information or to join in service, in fraternity and charity!



Catholic Women's League of Canada

Saint Michael's Council

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.
Visit CWL.CA to see all our resources, and to join us in a sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment, for social interaction, personal development and community service.


Saint Vincent De Paul

Saint Michael's Basilica

Clothing for those in need, from community donations

The Saint Vincent de Paul clothing ministry is open to those in need, **Saturdays from 9am-Noon**, in the Saint Michael's Basilica Parish Centre.

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