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2nd Sunday in Lent

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.
Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

Today's Readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:22-30;

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

~ The Reverend Dr. Patti Brace, Rector

New Dublin with Petite Riviere, Nova Scotia

~ The Reverend Oliver Osmond, Priest-in-Charge, and Rosalie

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

~ Bishop Sandra Fyfe

Council of the North

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. John's, Crapaud

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

March 3 – 3rd Sunday in Lent (violet)

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Doreen Cole, Jean R; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Savannah M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Mark's MP

Parish Annual Meeting will go ahead on the alternate date –

Thursday, February 29, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church.

World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday, March 1st,

10:30 a.m. at Kensington United Church. This year the service

has been prepared by Palestinian Christian women. All are welcome.

Diocesan Church Society Annual Meeting will be held on

Saturday, March 9, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown,

beginning at 10:00 am. Bishop Sandra Fyfe will be in attendance.

COLLECT (p 288)

Almighty God, whose son was revealed in majesty

before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive

his glory, that being strengthened by his grace

we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 289)

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word,

our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory.

We ask this in his name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 289)

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries,

which bring us now a share in the life to come,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish
are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of

Our Brother

MARVIN ADAMS

June 5, 1961 – March 1, 1984

*Your memory is our keepsake
with which we will never part;
God has you in His keeping,
we have you in our heart.*

Always loved and remembered
by Carl and Jessie



A READING FROM GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

A READING FROM ROMANS 4:13-25

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 8:31-38

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”