



St. Mary's Pastoral Charge

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Dear Friends,

The Season of Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness, being isolated, challenged and tempted. It is meant to be a sombre season, a time of reflection and repentance. Both Lent and Holy Week, as we remember Jesus' last moments on earth, are designed to prepare us for the celebration of Easter and its promise of new and eternal life.

But in our reflection, repentance, preparation and celebration, it can be easy to focus too much on self, and not on Christ. The same can be said about our own wilderness moments, those times we all face of isolation, challenge and temptation. We are so busy concentrating on our problems, we get distracted from what is ultimately important; Jesus.

Only Jesus never fails. He is the way, the truth and the life. He is always the answer. He always provides. He always is victorious. He is our comfort, strength, joy and hope. He is all we need and He is enough.

So let us commit to making these days all about Him, coming to know Him more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly.

My family joins me in extending God's blessings to you all!

In Christ's Service,

Derek G. Elsworth
Minister

***"I'll worship only at the feet of Jesus, His cup alone, my holy grail,
There'll be no other gods before Him, just Jesus only will never fail."***

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services

Sundays in March... 9:30am at Kirk in Glenelg, 11:00am Bethany/Zion at Bethany in East River St. Mary's, 6:30pm at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

Palm Sunday... March 29, 9:30am at Kirk in Glenelg, 11:00am Bethany/Zion at Bethany in East River St. Mary's, 6:30pm at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

Maundy Thursday & Holy Communion ... April 2, 6:30pm at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

Good Friday... April 3, 6:30pm at 6:30pm at Kirk in Glenelg.

Easter Sunday... April 5, 9:30am Bethany/Zion at Bethany in East River St. Mary's, 11:00am at St. John's in Sherbrooke, 6:30pm at Kirk in Glenelg.

Financial Giving... Our gifts are an act of worship and thanksgiving for God's blessings. Please continue to prayerfully consider you're giving's to Christ and His church. Ask about PAR, Pre Authorized Remittance! This would be greatly appreciated! An envelope has been attached to this letter for a special Easter Offering. This additional gift along with your regular giving will help to sustain the church's vital ministry in our community! Thank you for your faithfulness and spirit of generosity. God bless you!

For more information... or to inquire about Sunday School, Youth Group, UCW, Men's Group or Bible Study, please call, visit us on Facebook, or visit our website at www.stmaryspastoralcharge.com.