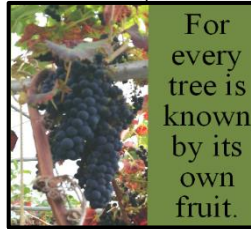
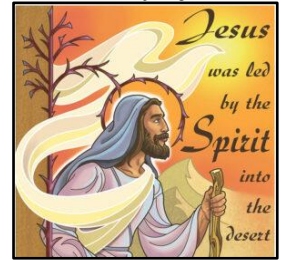


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March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



March 9, 2025
1st Sunday of Lent



MASSES: March 2, 2025 to March 16, 2025

2	Sunday	SA English Mass	9:30 a.m.	<i>Jacques Aumont by Paulette Lepage</i> <i>Eva Robichaud by Jo-Anne</i>
		French Mass @ SMC	11:00 a.m.	<i>Paroissiennes et Paroissiens par votre pasteur</i>
3	Monday	<i>Franciscan Community Day</i>		
4	Tuesday	<i>Mass at the Manor</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Roland Arsenault par Edna Proulx</i>
5	ASH WEDNESDAY		9:30 a.m.	<u>Messe Scolaire École Saints Martyrs Canadiens</u> <i>Roger Bernier par Suzanne & JC Rondeau</i>
			1:00 p.m.	<u>Saint-Anne School Liturgy of the Word</u>
			7:00 p.m.	<u>Bilingual Mass at Saint Anne Parish</u> <i>Cecilia Guindon by Flo Rioux</i>
6	Thursday	SA English Mass @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Deceased Relatives by Gord Dawkins</i>
7	Friday	SA English Mass @ SMC	10:30 a.m.	<i>Roland Arsenault by Mae Arsenault</i>
8	Saturday	French Masses @ SMC	4:30 p.m.	<i>Gerry Boucher par Monique & Léo Pépin</i> <i>Dons en mémoire et autres intentions reçues pour le mois de février</i>
9	Sunday	SA English Mass	9:30 a.m.	<i>Rita Corbeil by Dan & Tobi</i>
		French Mass @ SMC	11:00 a.m.	<i>Paroissiennes et Paroissiens par votre pasteur</i>
10	Monday	<i>Franciscan Community Day</i>		
11	Tuesday	<i>Mass at the Manor</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Faveur demandée à la Bonne Sainte Anne par Edna Poulx</i>
12	Wednesday	French Mass @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Roger Gravel par Rita Lepage et Richard Labine</i>
13	Thursday	SA English Mass @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Ste-Thérèse for favour obtained by Terra</i>
14	Friday	SA English Mass @ SMC	10:30 a.m.	<i>Jacques Aumont by Paulette Lepage</i>
15	Saturday	French Masses @ SMC	4:30 p.m.	<i>Fleur-Ange Lapierre par la famille</i> <i>Saint-Jude pour faveur par un paroissien</i>
16	Sunday	SA English Mass	9:30 a.m.	<i>Flo Rioux by Rosalie Madden</i>
		French Mass @ SMC	11:00 a.m.	<i>Paroissiennes et Paroissiens par votre pasteur</i>

➔ MEET & GREET TODAY, Sunday, March 2, 2025, in

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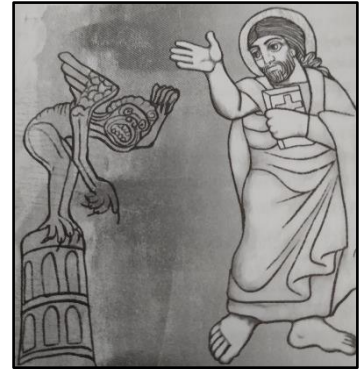


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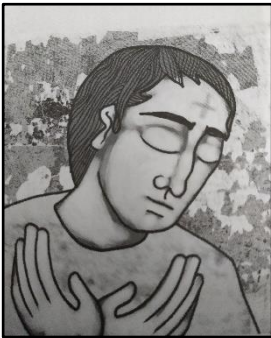


“He stops you from talking.
He’s a husher.”

March 2, 2025 – *“For every tree is known by its own fruit.”* Our labour is not in vain. It is certainly difficult to believe this when our work is not appreciated; when our work does not seem “good enough” to those for whom we have laboured, when we are not thanked for our work; or, perhaps worse, when our work is not noticed. But do we pursue our work so that we will be praised? Work that feeds the soul and serves our Lord may not always be lauded by those around us. But we are to hold firm, steadfast, and devoted to our calling in life: be it to our vocation that helps support our families or to the great labour to which all Christians are bond in baptism—living the Christ life.



“Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.”



March 5, 2025 – *Ash Wednesday* – *“But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing.”* Today, we are marked, literally, with a sign of our faith on our foreheads—the same place that was first anointed in our Christian baptism. Yet we don’t see this mark upon ourselves. We feel it and we know it is there, but it is most clearly visible to others—to those who encounter us, witnessing how we move and live and have our being. Our ashes remind us that we are ambassadors for Christ Jesus, serving as his witnesses.

Together, we begin this Lenten journey preparing for his paschal mystery. Today, with our conspicuous sign of the cross, we are a light to the nations, so that all might come to know his glory.

Gospel acclamation - “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

LENT



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT - Ash Wednesday is on **March 5, 2025** - Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer. The ashes that will be used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches blessed and distributed last Passion Sunday. **Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat...** Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others....

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: *"Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.



Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race, Jesus Christ our Savior as a
model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of
suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.

Papal Prayer Intentions for March 2025

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.



“**Jubilee 2025**” is a Holy Year of grace and pilgrimage for the Catholic Church. The Jubilee occurs every 25 years and is a time for Catholics to come together and grow in their faith. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is “*Pilgrims of Hope.*”

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Francis

2025 Jubilee Calendar – MARCH 2025

March 2, 2025 – Sunday	8 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
March 5, 2025 – Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY
March 8-9, 2025	<i>Jubilee of the voluntary sector</i>
March 9, 2025 – Sunday	1 st Sunday of Lent – Daylight Savings Time
March 13, 2025 – Thursday	12 th anniversary of the election of Pope Francis
March 16, 2025 - Sunday	2 nd Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2025 – Wednesday	Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church and of Canada
March 23, 2025 – Sunday	3 rd Sunday of Lent
March 25, 2025 – Tuesday	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
March 27 or 28 – Thursday or Friday	<i>24 hours for the Lord: confessions</i>
March 28-30, 2025	<i>Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy</i>
March 30, 2025 – Sunday	4 th Sunday of Lent

Parish (Church) Directory - REMINDER

Saint Anne Parish is collecting information from you, the parishioners, to compile a **CHURCH DIRECTORY**. **Registration forms** are available at the entrance of the church. Please bring them home, fill in your information and either mail it back to the parish or bring it to Mass and drop it in the box available at the entrance of the church. If you know of someone who cannot make it to church but belongs to our parish, please feel free to bring extra forms for them so that they can be part of the registry/directory of Saint Anne Parish. ***Thank you to all those who have completed and returned this form. Thank you for your support.***



walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.^[4] This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

Third, let us journey together *in hope*, for we have been given a promise. May *the hope that does not disappoint*(cf.*Rom5:5*), the central message of the Jubilee,^[5] be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, “the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: ‘neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord’ (*Rom8:38-39*)”.^[6] Christ, my hope, has risen!^[7] He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God’s help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God’s love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf.*Rom5:5*). Hope is the “sure and steadfast anchor of the soul”.^[8] It moves the Church to pray for “everyone to be saved” (*1 Tim2:4*) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: “Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one” (*The Exclamations of the Soul to God*, 15:3).^[9]

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey. *Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 February 2025 Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs.*

FRANCIS

Take just a few moments in prayer each Sunday of Lent, and you’ll be one step closer to who God is calling you to be: *Heavenly Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen.*



Jubilee Year: *Pilgrims of Hope*

On December 29, 2024, in our Cathedral filled with the faithful from the City of Timmins and the clergy, as in all the Dioceses around the world, at the request of our Holy Father Pope Francis, we began the Holy Year 2025, whose theme is “*Pilgrims of Hope*”.

- 1- Every faithful can make a pilgrimage to holy places: to Rome, Holy Land, to our national shrines, or in our Diocese to the Cathedral of St. Anthony of Padua and the Sainte-Croix Church in Haileybury. There is venerated Christ on the Cross; and everyone can receive a plenary indulgence for oneself or for the deceased under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the Pope's intentions, works of mercy).
- 2- This pilgrimage is not religious tourism: it's a journey of conversion, of renewed attention and greater love for the Lord, through a more intense Christian life.
- 3- In his letter *Spes non Confundit (Hope does not deceive)* of May 9, 2024, with which he established this Holy Year, the Pope invites us to become witnesses of Christian hope in a world struggling with war (n. 8), to prisoners (n. 10), to the sick (n. 11), to young people seeking meaning in life (n. 12), to migrants (n. 13), to the elderly suffering loneliness and abandonment (n. 14), to the poor lacking the necessities of life (n. 15), to countries overwhelmed by debt (n. 16).
- 4- The Holy Father insists on a too-often forgotten yet fundamental element of the Catholic Faith: **the hope of eternal life** (n. 19-22). The Creed (“*I believe in God*”) ends with this essential affirmation. We cannot restrict ourselves to living in this material world of which we are a part; we are made for God, and we need to open a window to breathe the pure air that comes from God.
- 5- I invite you to take advantage of this Holy Year to walk in the hope of living eternally with God.
- 6- To this end, I suggest that you take up my Lenten pastoral letter **2020 Die with Christ and live eternally in Him**. I published it just as the Covid 19 epidemic was beginning, with its accompanying restriction measures. As such, I don't think many of the faithful have read it.
- 7- In this Letter presented with the *Infobox* N. 67 of February 21, 2020, I invite us to look lucidly at the death that affects every human being (n. 1-10); I then meditate on the one that Christ wanted to know before reaching the resurrection (n. 11-26). Then I recall the Christian message on eternal life (n. 27-34), stressing the need for personal preparation for death and entering eternity (n. 35-42), inviting us to accompany our sick and dying brothers and sisters (n. 43-47) and, finally, by proposing Christian attitudes towards the deceased (n. 48-60).

- 8- God offers us eternal life: whether we accept or reject it is up to us. We can be witnesses and instruments of this hope for our brothers and sisters in humanity.
- 9- Let us be inspired by the words of Saint Paul: “*If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all*” (I Cor 15:19). “*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus*” (Phil 3:13-14).

With my blessing.

+ *Serge Poitras*

✠ Serge Poitras, Bishop of Timmins

February 6, 2025

Liturgical memorial of Saint Paul Miki and his companions, Japanese Martyrs.



It is with sorrow and sadness, though consoled by the promise of eternal life, that we share of the death of **Father Wayne Mills** in the early hours of the morning on February 15th in North Bay at the age of 65.

Ordained on May 26, 1994, for the Diocese of Timmins, Fr. Wayne served as a parish priest at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish (Timmins), Nativity of Our Lord Parish (Timmins), Holy Name of Jesus Parish (Kirkland Lake), Holy Trinity Parish (Englehart), and most recently at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (New Liskeard) and St. Patrick's Parish (Cobalt). He is predeceased by his parents, the late Oscar and Dora (Carver) Mills, and his sister, Judith Butler. Left to mourn are his nieces Kelly (Jeff) Whalen and Kimberly & Amber Roy and other extended family as well as the clergy of the Diocese of Timmins. His Mass of Christian Burial, presided by Bishop Serge Poitras, was held on Thursday, February 20th at 10:30 a.m. at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. Burial will take place in the spring at New Liskeard Catholic Cemetery. ***Our sincere condolences to his Family and Friends and be assured our prayers are with you all.***



The Altar Society is organizing a **PRAYER TREE INTENTIONS**

Fundraiser

Soon we will have a tree on display, and we will be selling prayer intentions. These intentions can be purchased at a low price of \$3.00 each. The purpose of our Prayer Tree is ***to provide spiritual support and healing for parishioners, their family, and friends, as well as our community.*** When placing someone on the prayer tree, please obtain their permission before giving full names and circumstances.

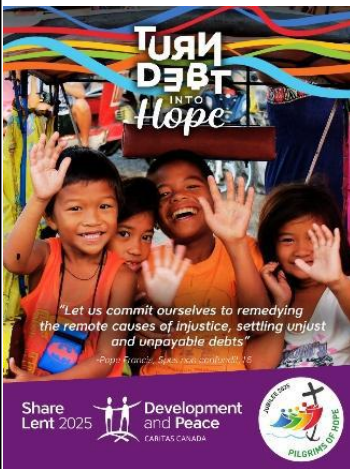
Development and Peace – 2025

This Lent, Turn Debt into Hope

2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to “*forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them.” (*Spes non confundit*, 16). Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign. Here are a few ways you can join us:

1. **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!

2. **Get the Mini-magazine** and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.

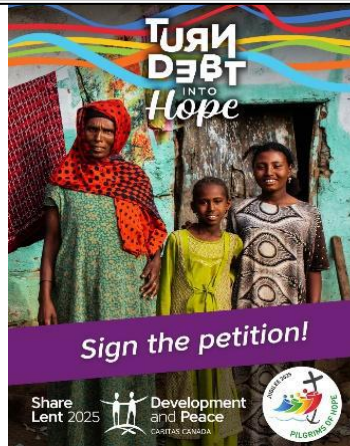


Development and Peace – 2025

A signature to Turn Debt into Hope

With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis’s call: “In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.” (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025)

Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures, which will feed into the global goal of 10 million signatures. **Sign now at devp.org/debt**. Thank you for your solidarity!



The *Daughters of Isabella* are preparing a *Spaghetti Supper* on



Sunday, March 9, 2025

from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Saints-Martyrs Canadiens Parish Hall
Menu includes bun, salad, dessert, and beverage.

ADULT: \$15.00

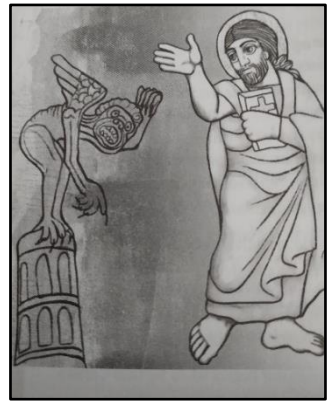
CHILDREN aged 5 to 12: \$10.00

TAKE OUT is also available.

Tickets are available at the door only!



March 9, 2025 – *First Sunday of Lent* – **“Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.”** In Luke’s gospel, we see that Jesus proceeds after his time with John the Baptist to a space of prayer and solitude in the desert; he goes from a public space where he is revealed to be God’s Son to a private place where his Sonship is put to the test. The devil wants to test him by having Jesus prove himself in ways that violate faith and humility, which are of God. For Jesus to prove himself would, in fact, be a kind of betrayal of his own divinity, which is reflected in service of others, in humble prayer and in unwavering fidelity to the Father.



“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”

Copies of Bishop Serge Poitras’ – Pastoral Letter - Lent 2020 are available at the entrance of the church. Feel free to take a copy. Thank you.

JUBILEE 2025 - CANDLES



I am purchasing a few Jubilee Candles. When I receive them, I will notify you and if you wish you can purchase one for \$15.00. The Jubilee Logo (in colour) is on the front and the Jubilee Prayer is on the back of the candle. It is a great souvenir for this Jubilee Year 2025. If you wish to place your order in advance, just let me know and I will keep a list. Thank you. Fran

Saint Anne Parish’s Financial Report for the year 2024 is posted at the entrance of the church for anyone who wishes to check it out. Thank you!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - March 7, 2025



Please join us for World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experiences of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands.

Theme: ***I Made You Wonderful***



Where: St. Mark’s Anglican Church, 20 Anson Drive

When: Friday, March 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.



For more information about our community’s service please contact Suzanne Bernier @ suzanne.bernier55@gmail.com This Service is organized by St. Mark’s Anglican Church.

The World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada



Let us journey together in hope

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:54-55). Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf. Jn 10:28; 17:3).^[1]

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to *journey together in hope*, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, *to journey*. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

Second, *to journey together*. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal^[2] Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travelers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters.^[3] Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. Gal 3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.

Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable