



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 10, 2025

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Trinity OFFICE HOURS: Our parish administrator works in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12-3 pm while working from the home office on Monday and Friday. All telephone messages regarding church business are to be directed to the office 506-693-8558 or trinsj@nb.aibn.com.

You Tube Trinity Services: You can view Trinity’s recorded services by going onto YouTube and typing in Trinity Anglican Church SJ. That will bring you to our channel and all of the previously recorded services.



Easter Memorials - As is our tradition at Trinity we are honored to remember those who are very dear to us that we see no longer however they are close to us as we continue our earthly journey. Trinity arranges for the flowers for Easter from the Easter Memorials.

Please let Denise Clapham know of your wishes to make an Easter memorial donation providing her with the wording of the memorial that will be printed in the Easter Bulletin. Memorials need to be in the office by Tuesday April 15th for inclusion in the Easter printing.

E-Offering Stewardship Option Thank you to all who are supporting Trinity through their regular stewardship, as this helps the Treasurer meet the ongoing financial needs of Trinity’s ministry. Should you wish to join the E offering program, you can do so from your home by contacting Denise at 506-693-8558 or through the church email, trinsj@nb.aibn.com. Trinity has currently 19 parishioners utilizing the E Offering option for ongoing stewardship. Thank you for your continued support.

Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper is Back!



Trinity is returning to pre-COVID with its' Maundy Thursday Pot-Luck Supper – followed by the Maundy Thursday Worship Service.

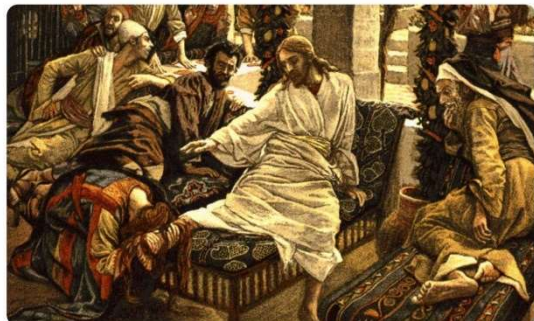
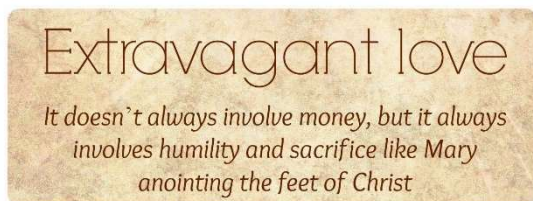
When You Ask? – Thursday, April 17, 2025

Kitchen Open at 4pm

Supper Served – 5pm

Worship Service – 7pm

Let us gather as community around the table prior to joining together for Worship. Let the Office know that you are planning on attending so we can plan for the numbers joining us



Last Sunday at Trinity: Last Sunday Trinity celebrated the Fifth Sunday of Lent with the Gospel Scripture John 12:1-8.

We are nearing the end of the Lenten Journey as next week we will be honoring the arrival of Jesus as He entered Jerusalem for the last time. We will gather on the road side waiving our palm branches and shouting our Hosanna's. Then we will walk with Him through Holy Week commemorating the Last Supper, the Upper Room, the Foot Washing, on to the Garden of Gethsemani, the Arrest, the Mock Trial and then up the foot path to the top of Golgotha and the Crucifixion. All this in a mere week of time. Much to take in if we truly could ever do so.

Here we find ourselves in the home of Jesus' friend, Lazarus with his sisters Martha and Mary with Mary being the centre of the story for us. Not dismissing as Judas Iscariot takes exception at the expression of true love Mary had for Jesus by applying her expensive perfume on Jesus' feet.

We find a whole series of little character sketches in this reading.

There is Martha who served in a very practical way and in doing so showed all there and Jesus Himself her love for Him. Many of us do the same for those we love by showing our love in ways we can give of ourselves our skills or talents. There is Mary who showed in a very physical way her love for Jesus and there is Judas who takes issue with Mary's actions for his own selfish needs.

We may wonder if Mary sensed that this would be the last time Jesus would be at her home. We don't know, but we do know that when you love someone you are able to sense things that others around them are not able to sense. It just seems that Mary had this certain feeling that she needed to do something special for Jesus. Maybe it was the way He looked at her when He came into the house. Maybe it was something He had said earlier that suddenly clicked in her heart and mind.

Mary knows that the greatest gift she can give Jesus is herself.

Mary pours out her heart, her future, herself and her glory. She holds nothing back. She is a living example of the depth of love that a person can have for the LORD.

Through Mary we get to see;

- Love's extravagance – Giving of her whole being – her life savings no doubt in the perfume
- Love's humility – Anointing Jesus feet – not His head – humbling herself
- Love's unselfconsciousness – As a woman in a man's world – not giving this a thought

Message Focus Love is when we deprive ourselves for others

Call to Action When we think we have done all we can do, just go a little bit further.



This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Lent, The Sunday of The Passion: - Palm Sunday. We will look at the entry of the King making sure that this was a very well-planned event, one with a very high price to be paid and making no mistake, Jesus was the Messiah – the one and only. Come out and be part of this special service on this, Palm Sunday.

Prayers

We offer special prayers for:



Prayers for Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft Bishop of Rupert's Land. Bishop Geoff has been recently diagnosed with a terminal illness at the young age of 63. Archbishop David Edwards updated me on Geoff's health, as he completed his first round of Chemotherapy and now starting round two. Keep Bishop Geoff and his wife Ven. Jennifer Sissons in your prayers.

Prayers for Ukraine Most Holy God and Father. Hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow and as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of Your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers for Russia – We pray for all those in Russia who have been affected by this ongoing war of Ukraine. For the lives lost, the families torn apart and for those Ukrainians who reside in Russia along with Viktoriia and

Alex and their boys. We ask for their continued safety, a speedy resolve to this unjust attack and for a lasting peace between these two countries. Amen

Special Prayers ongoing for Viktoriia (34) and Alex (34) Yezerskaya and their children, Daniel (4) and Samuel (7). Let us pray for their safety and the blessings they will share as God's hands, speech, and feet in their answering of His call on them as they continue as missionaries in Russia among their own people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of England, the Most Rev and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, and the appointment process for the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Samuel Rose. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Whitehorse: Church of the Northern Apostles and Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev Dr Vincent Fenga, the Rev Elsa Kolm Cheeseman, the Rev Dr Deb Bartlette, lay ministers David Robertson and Monica Dempster. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

Prayer for Israel and Palestine –we pray for the current peace actions and the safe release of those taken captive. We hold both communities in our prayers as they commence rebuilding their lives and that the peace presently experiencing will live on. Amen

Prayer for Canada, Mexico and the United States – We pray for a resolve to the ensuing economic war being launched against Canada and Mexico which will also involve the United States in response. We ask for the calming of the rhetoric and power influences that appear to be fueling this initiative and a return to these countries working in harmony for the better of the world.

Parish Prayer Requests Arthur Kristoffersen, Katie Kassner, Shirley Shaw, Winston Wilson, Ann Campion, Frank Rodgers. We pray for Ven. Canon Brent Hamm – Archdeacon in Moncton.



Congratulations Rev. Eric Phinney! Rev. Eric Phinney has been appointed as our new Regional Director for Canada for The Mission to Seafarers.

Eric first joined the Mission in 2015 as a Port Chaplain in Saint John, Canada. Before that, he served as the Rector of two parishes in the Diocese of Fredericton. His leadership experience also includes roles as Chair of Board of Alpha Ministries Canada and later as Board Chair for Wycliffe Bible translators Canada.

Beyond his professional commitments, Eric has a passion for sailing and enjoys installing and repairing marine systems on recreational vessels.

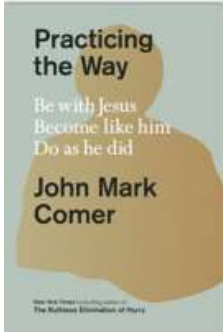
Eric officially begins his new role today. Please join us in welcoming him to this exciting new chapter within the Mission!

For us at Trinity, Rev. Eric Phinney will officiate the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 25th when he will baptize his granddaughter Lucy Logan Phinney. We welcome Rev. Eric for this very special service which we are all invited to share as we will renew our own Baptismal Promises. Lucy's other grandparents are Susan and John Logan.

On a personal note, at our annual Clergy Conferences held here in Saint John for the Diocese we have an afternoon where we can choose an activity from Kayaking, a nature walk, Stations of the Cross walk through the woods, possibly a pick up Basket Ball game and the one I have chosen year after year was to go out on Rev. Eric's sailboat on the Kennebecasis River. We are in good hands as Rev. Eric is an ocean-going sailor as

he and his wife Val, upon his retirement from St. James the Less Renforth sailed to the southern waters for his first winter of retirement.

Educational & Spiritual Opportunities:



Our Archbishop David Edwards has recommended this book for our Diocese Lenten study – **Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did.**

We are presently holding weekly lunch-hour Lenten Book Study sessions focusing on the work of this book and where these words might inspire our discussion.

Session 1 Thursday March 13 – 12 noon - `1pm – Apprentice to Jesus pg 3-31

Session 2 Thursday March 20 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 1 Be with Jesus pg 32-64

Session 3 Thursday March 27 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 2 – Become like him pg 64-117

Session 4 Thursday April 3 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 3 – Do as he did – pg 118 - 155

Session 5 Thursday April 10 – 12 noon - `1pm Goal 4 - How? Rule of Life / wrap up pg 156 – 221

TRINITY's SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Apr 13	Palm Sunday	BCP HC	Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 31:9-16 The Passion Narrative St. Matthew	Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday Supper – 5pm served			
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday – 7PM	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 18	Good Friday 12 noon – 3PM			Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 20	Easter Sunday	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 27	2 nd Sunday of Easter Baptism – Oliver Lawrence Bell- Estabrooks	BAS Baptism & Eucharist		Rev. Steven Scribner



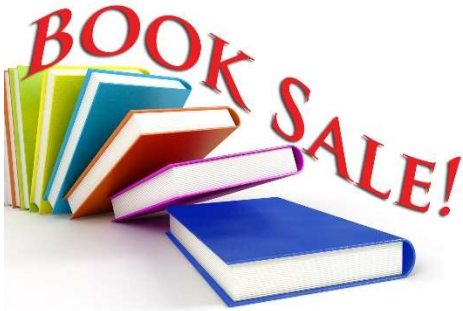
Trinity in a Glance:

- **April 17 –**
 - Maundy Thursday Parish Pot Luck Supper – 5pm
 - Maundy Thursday Worship Service – 7pm
- **April 18 –**
 - Good Friday – three-hour service – 12 noon – 3pm
 - 12noon – 1pm Significance of the Cross
 - 1pm – 2pm – Journey with Jesus – Last 24 hours
 - 2pm – 3pm – Christ's Seven Last Words
 - 3pm – retire to the Bennett Room for the traditional Hot Cross Bun social
- **April 20 –**
 - Easter Sunday 10:30am –
 - Bringing in the light to the Church
 - Flowering the Cross

Beacon Cove Donations Toiletries in larger size (not travel size), feminine hygiene products, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Also looking for clothing, shoes, socks, blankets and larger towels. Gift cards in small denominations. Paper products, toilet tissue, paper towels and facial tissue are welcomed.

Trinity will collect these products and deliver. Beacon Cove will also accept donations via the diocesan website – choose Beacon Cove from the drop-down menu: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13778>.

Keep up the great work and remember the great work Beacon Cove is doing in our community.



Trinity's Spring Used Book and Cookie /Coffee Corner is on!
Friday April 25th 4:00 – 7:00pm

Saturday April 26th 10:00am – 1:00pm

Pricing:

- **\$1.00 each or a Bag Full for \$5.00**

Come out to find your summer reading – all topics – and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie for a nominal fee.

Trinity Memories of Trinity Choir and Organists of our past:



We have three of our parishioners fashioning the Trinity Red Choir Gowns – Daphne Wilson, Nancy Young and Nancy Smith.

The Great East Window Campaign 2025

The fundraising is actively underway – below you will see the fundraising progress to date graphically displayed in the Thermometer.

Trinity has received the Heritage Permit for this project. The application for the Saint John Heritage Grant for this project has been submitted.

There are ongoing approaches being made to other options for grant support for this monumental project which will ensure the protection and life ongoing for The Great East Window.

Trinity appreciates any and all fundraising suggestions as the parish continues to firm up this projects' financial support. Should you require additional information you may contact the Great East Window Campaign Chair, Jacqueline Oland through the parish office or myself, Rev. Steven Scribner.

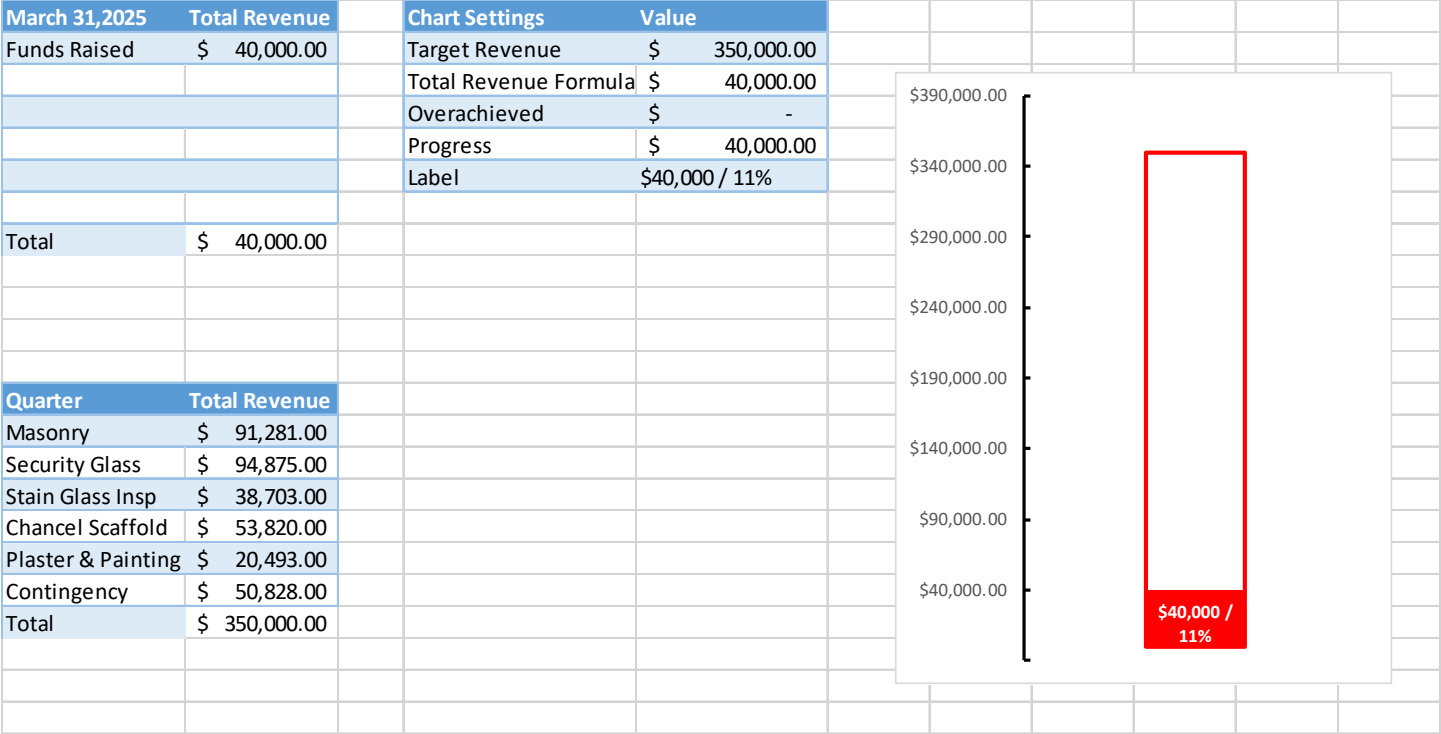


The East Window Exterior

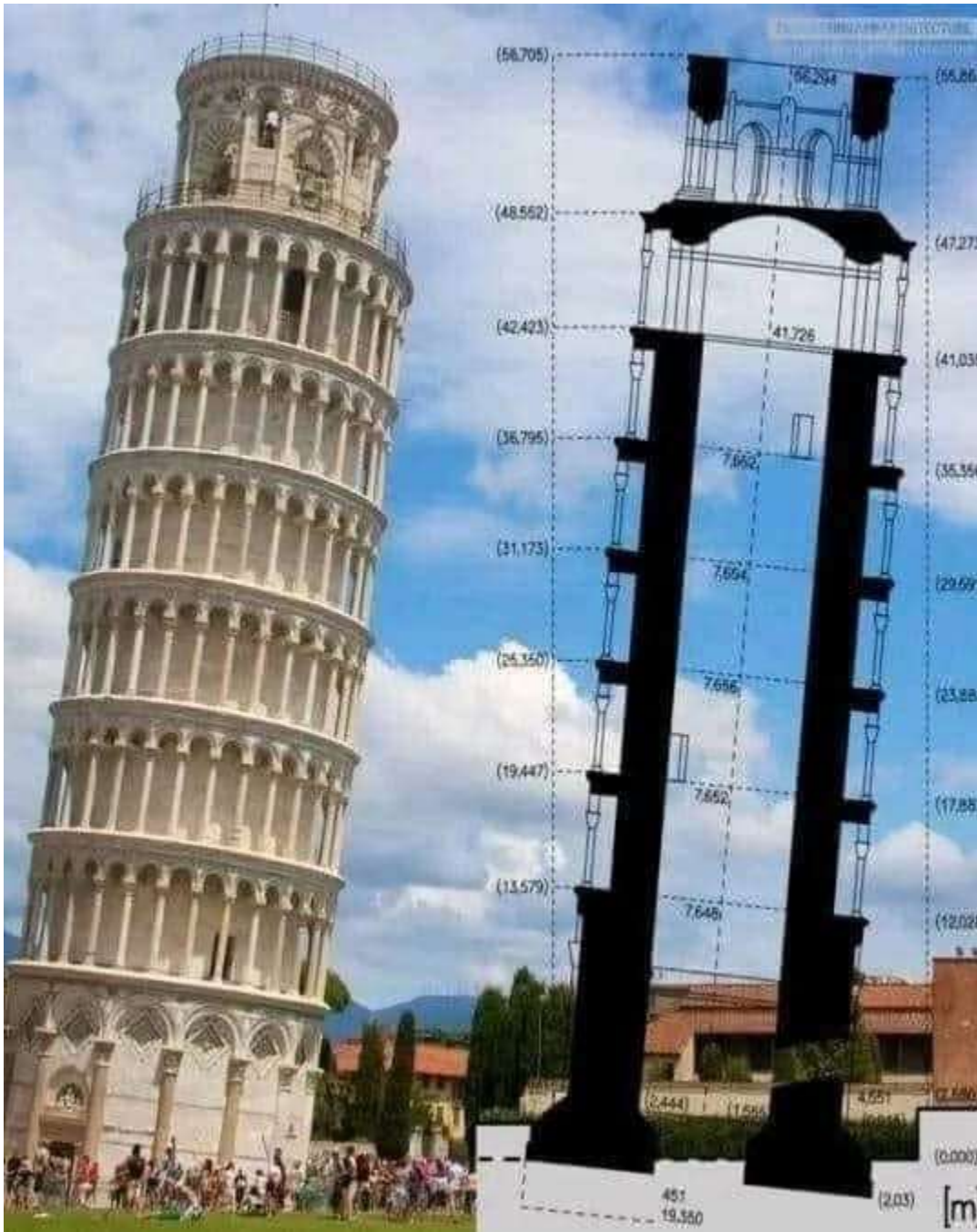


The East Window Interior

Thank you all for your consideration on this very critical restoration project for Trinity's future.



Did You Know This?



The Leaning Tower of Pisa is the bell tower of Pisa Cathedral, built in the Field of Miracles. Its' construction began in 1173 AD with the laying of a 3-meter-deep slab, upon which the walls were built. When the building reached the third floor, it was noticed that it was beginning to lean. We are talking about a 14,500-ton tower built on 3-meter-deep foundations resting on sandy and silt soil.

After detecting the slope, the engineers of the time built the walls of the remaining floors so that the height of the floor on the most sunken side was greater than its height on the other side, thus compensating for the angle of inclination. This tilted the tower even further due to the sinking of the foundations to a greater extent on the already sunken side than on the other due to the increased weight on that side.

Construction lasted 199 years, and the various stops in the process were one of the reasons that allowed the soil to become compacted. The compacted clay soil has been the reason the tower hasn't collapsed, withstanding four earthquakes without toppling over. However, if left standing on that type of soil, this jewel would eventually collapse. So modern engineering was needed.

Modern engineers calculated the tower's centre of gravity, and from the calculations it was concluded that the tower would collapse if a slope of more than 5.44 degrees was reached. The tower was closed in 1990 for repairs. 361 holes, 40 meters deep, were dug, and 90 tons of concrete were injected into the ground. (That's 361 column, with 13 stories high, driven in the ground). In foundation jargon, piles were driven under the slab. This is like placing columns that penetrate the unstable soil layer and "drive" into the deeper, stable soil layer to keep the slab equally stable.

The earth was then removed from the least sunken side of the tower so that it would sink on that side and reduce its inclination to the original four degrees, and finally steel anchors were used to fix the tower's bases to the ground, stabilizing it.



The tower could have been left vertical, but they didn't want the tower to lose its fame and tourist value due to its leaning. After confirming that it could stand for 300 years without leaning, the tower was reopened to the public.

The current Leaning Tower of Pisa Tour Ticket start at \$62 Canadian and takes 1hr 10 minutes which includes the Baptistry, Pisa Cathedral and Leaning Tower of PISA guided tour.

The Pisa Baptistry of St. John is a Roman Catholic ecclesiastical building which construction started in 1152 and completed 1363. In the tradition of the church, one did not get admittance to the church unless they were Baptized which is the reason that the Baptismal Font in most age-old churches is located at the entrance. In the case of Pisa, the Baptisms would have been done in a separate building.



Saint John's Uptown Peninsula The Peninsula is known as having the three steeples with Trinity to the far left, centre the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Waterloo Street and the one to the right being the old St. Andrews St. David United Church which has been sold and vacant for a number of years. Thanks to Trinity's parishioners, the Saint John community and those who have a love for Trinity across the miles, the three-year restoration capital program 2019,2020 & 2021 assured Trinity's Steeple to stand tall and the most recent 2024 capital program seen the restoration of the twelve-bell carillon and the upgrade to the 1926 four face tower clock. All in assuring Trinity's presence and musicality for the years to come.

If you don't like the weather – wait an hour or four:



We are certainly getting all seasons in a week – and in all seasons in a single day. Two weeks ago, I had to plow snow in the morning and at 4pm same day Heather and I were sitting on our deck in the warmth of the afternoon sun.

The picture above is that of the Terry Fox monument that is situated as you drive around Lake Superior heading into Thunder Bay ON. This is where Terry Fox had to stop his marathon. This picture was taken April 3rd after another snowstorm for Northern Ontario.

Here in Saint John, we had a sample of messy weather with freezing rain, Snow, freezing rain and rain. I captured this squirrel who was also checking his calendar to see what month it was as he finds the ground totally frozen.

Again last week Thunder Bay received 35 cm of snow and an ice storm in Ontario's Cottage country. We here in Saint John had another messy Tuesday this week with 4 inches of snow on the deck and then able to sit out at 4pm in the heat of the sun.

Being Canadian – Tariffs Announced April 2nd



Hard to imagine this got through their reviews. If nothing else, I now know more about Heard Island and McDonald Island – This territory is an Australian external territory comprising a volcanic group of mostly barren Antarctic islands, about two-thirds of the way from Madagascar to Antarctica. This group's overall land area is 372 km² and it has 101.9 km of coastline. Source Wikipedia. I feel for the Penguins!

On CTV with Todd Batis April 3rd - Mr. Frank McKenna shared his views on the recent tariff moves by the United States – which were quite inciteful. He mentioned the power that we, Canadians, have by our choices in purchasing and travel. In the area of buying Canadian, he mentioned that the only Canadian manufacture of diapers is Royal in Moncton and their sales have increased by four times. Then he shared a bit of humor; What is the similarity between politicians and diapers? Answer, they both have to be changed from time to time for the same reason.

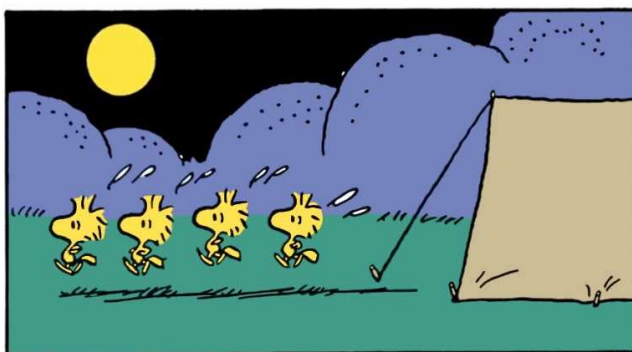
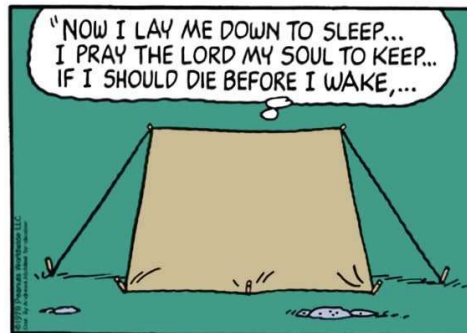
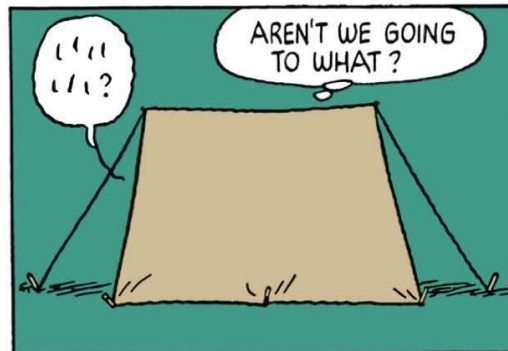
Mr. McKenna went on to say that because of the actions taken by the White House has forever changed the World Trade and has definitely reshaped Canada to become a stronger nation and has instilled a heightened sense of Canadian Pride. There was a good TJ article in April 5th paper from Mr. Frank McKenna as well.

Humor



Clock for retired people





This last article is thanks to one of our weekly readers. Thank you for this one!

Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven