

Our Sacred Stories

Vatican II: The Legacy – Becoming the Church We Are Called to Be

Mark’s Gospel tells a wonderful story of the healing and conversion of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar (Mk.10:46-52). As much as it is one of the many Gospel stories of Jesus healing, this one is very much an account of a conversion. In this, it helps us to recognize our own conversion process. In so many ways, Bartimaeus is all of us, personally and as a church community of faith. Mark’s story relates how Bartimaeus was gradually **becoming** a disciple of Jesus. Vatican II revealed this vision of a church that is always **becoming** in a world that is ever-changing.

To capture the impact and the spirit unleashed by Vatican II is a bit like trying to swallow a horse. It is certainly too much for the 600 or so words of a reflection such as this. Perhaps, however, we can sense the Council’s vision and legacy in the opening words of its final declaration *Gaudium et spes – The Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*:

The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the [people] of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of men [and women] who united in Christ and guide by the holy Spirit, press onwards towards the kingdom of the Father and are bearers of a message of salvation intended for all.... (Gaudium et Spes, 7 Dec 1965)

Vatican II presents us with a vision of church that is open to the world. No part of God’s creation and certainly no member of the human family is outside the concern, the care and the saving vision of the Vatican II church. We are called to show our love and compassion to all corners of the earth. We are all God’s children. No nation, no race, no religion, no culture is beyond God’s loving care.

Vatican II presents us with a vision of church as a community of faith. We are more than an institution. We are the People of God, drawn together by our shared faith. We are energized by the gift of God’s Spirit. We are called together to share this Spirit through service to the whole world.

Vatican II presents us with a vision of church that lives in a communal, collegial relationship. We are co-responsible for responding to our call from God and serving all creation. This vision of church is less hierarchical and more respectful of the common baptism which we all share. We discover that together as God’s People we serve as priests and prophets, bringing God’s Reign to fruition in our world.

Vatican II presents us with a vision of church that accepts God as the God of all for all, a creating, life-giving God who became incarnate in Jesus the Christ. In Jesus, God has reached out to share our humanity. In so doing God expresses the great love in which we are all held. As well, God has called us to share the same love for one another.

What Vatican II initiated was a process of conversion, not just for us as church, but for each of us personally and for all humanity. The vision it offered 59 years ago and continues to offer today is one of gradual conversion, a conversion filled with hope. Rather than being an institution or a series of structures, tenets and rituals, Vatican II call the whole church to become aware that we are a Spirit-filled community marked by love and expressive of relationships based on faith in the person of Jesus the Christ. **This, in faith, hope and love, we continue to become.**

John Jennings



St. Gertrude

Sts. Simon & Jude

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Mass Times: St. Gertrude

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

St. Simon & Jude Sunday 9:00 am

Reconciliation Sunday 8:15-8:45 am

Oct 24, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Oct 23	4:00 pm St. Gertrude	Ray Cuevas
Sunday	Oct 24	9:00 am St. Simon & Jude	Parishioners
Sunday	Oct 24	11:00 am St. Gertrude	Agnes & Cyril Collette
Monday	Oct 25	No Mass
Tuesday	Oct 26	12:15pm.....	Rosary led by CWL
Wednesday	Oct. 27	9:00 am adoration 10:00 St. Gertrude ...	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Oct 28	7:00 pm Sts. Simon & Jude <i>Healing mass</i>	Joyce Gordon
Friday	Oct. 29	9:00 am St. Gertrude	Brian Markey
Saturday	Oct 30	4:00 pm St. Gertrude	Parishioners
Sunday	Oct 31	9:00 am St. Simon & Jude.....	Divida Creaghan
Sunday	Oct 31	11:00 am St. Gertrude	Filipino Parishioners

**Please have items for the Bulletin in by Wednesday afternoon
Please note that at weddings & funerals proof of vaccination is required.**

Please pray for the sick: Nora Gagnon , John Gallagher, Pat & Ed McGuire, Dorothy Hemsley, Margaret Bridgeo, Sandy McLean, Dorothy Deriet & Lynn Patterson.

For those who have died: Larry Amirault , Ronald Dow & Anna Gallivan

CWL- PRAYER LINE: Prayers will be said daily for two weeks by the CWL women, on request. All requests are confidential; no information is required. To have prayers said, call Jocelyn Keirstead (328-9485) jkeirstead21@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Mondays ***Bingo has been cancelled for the month of October.***
50/50 – Oct. 18, 2021 Winner David Lenehan **\$232.00** Tickets are \$2/week available at Martin's Corner Store on Broadway or bulk food store on Connell St. Tickets must be purchased by 6 pm Sunday.

Offertory Oct 16/17

	<u>St. Gertrude</u>	<u>Sts. Simon & Jude</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>
Loose	52	5	
Envelopes	863	337	150
E-Transfers	100		
PAD	<u>1,552</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>77</u>
	2,567	591	227
Lynn Lake	300	Global South	10
Dev & Peace	35	Evangelization of Nations	30
St. Bonaventure	30	Italian Dinner *	375
Parish Donation	3,000	Harvest Supper	25

- Includes \$20 missed from last week's bulletin

Ministries

For St. Gertrude's, please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled Mass if you are a lector. Please arrive ½ hour before Mass if you are a Door Greeter or Screener. Please let Myrna or Ann know you are present to serve. If unable to serve, please let Myrna 328-9640 or Anne 382-8398 know in advance or find a replacement. Thank you so much for your generous offer to serve during these unique pandemic times.

Date	Time	Lector	Hospitality/Door Greeter
30-Oct	4:00 PM	Marjorie Allison-Ross Ron MacDonald Lorraine Stone	Mike McCallum Marg McCallum
31-Oct	11:00 AM	Louis Pierce Michelle Nowlan Allison Chandra	Mike Chandra Debi Rae
31-Oct	9:00 AM	1st Reading + Prayers of Faithful Dilys	2nd Reading Pierrette

Faith Formation: we are still looking for people to volunteer and also names for classes.



Please contact the office or email: Vicki.mclean@nbed.nb.ca or Michelle.Nowlan@nbed.nb.ca

CWL fundraiser Jocelyn Keirstead will be selling blocks for \$5 for a chance to win \$250 at the back of the church on Sunday **Oct. 31st**.

The CWL meeting for Oc. 25th is cancelled. Will be held at a later date.

St. Gertrude's Church – **earring** – If you are missing one please contact the office at 328-3306.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD--SHOEBOXES- This is a hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes packed by **YOU**. Pick up your shoe box to be filled at **the table near the side entrance to the church**. Be sure to have **a label (boy or girl) for your box**. Remember to **include an envelope with \$10 in your shoe box**. This fee covers costs for transportation and processing here and in the receiving countries. **DO NOT SEAL CLOSED YOUR BOX**. Check the list on the table for the gift suggestions by age for shoe boxes. Read carefully they **DO NOT INCLUDE list** of items unacceptable as gifts. **RETURN DATE: SUNDAY, NOV. 14. Boxes can be returned at the Church or Parish Office.**

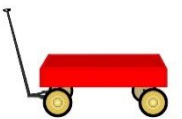
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Standing Committees are:

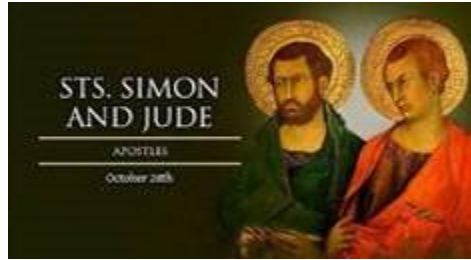
Sylvie Dempsey - Catechesis 292-9487 **Moira Bowlin** – Missionary Outreach 328-3487
John Ryan – Lay Ministry 259-999 **Brittney Sprague** – Spiritual Revitalization 324-3026
Debi Rae – Sacrament & Worship 324-9324 **Stuart Kinney**- Reconciliation –325-9777

If you can help out with any of these committees please contact them direct.

ST GERTRUDE'S FOOD DRIVE for FOOD BANK— Help families in our community through donations of non-perishable food items to our local Food Bank. Please consider bringing food items for our church **FOOD DRIVE for the FOOD BANK**. Space will be reserved at the main church entrance for your donations. Look for the wagons ! Thanks for your generosity.



We welcome all to **Sts. Simon and Jude Church** on **October 28th, the Feast Day of Sts. Simon and Jude, 7pm**. We welcome members of St. Gertrude and St. Thomas Churches in celebrating with us. A great day to celebrate together with a **Healing Mass!** (Covid-19 protocols in place so regret no reception, fellowship to follow)



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sts. Simon and Jude,
you witnessed the healing power of our Lord Jesus.
You saw his compassion for the sick and the dying.
You yourself touched the sick,
shared the sorrows of the mournful, and encouraged the despairing.
You received this authority and healing power to work wonders, to cure the incurable,
to make people whole.
We ask you to intercede with our brother, Jesus,
to send his saving grace to heal the sick and the suffering,
to uplift their despondent spirits, and to instill hope in their hearts. Amen.

Sts. Simon and Jude,
who did perform wonderful miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit, pray for us.

Light a Memory Tree - We remember in prayer our deceased family members and friends. Anyone wishing to have someone included in the Book of Memorials should complete the form below and put in an envelope with the offertory collection. These memorials will be included on the Light a Memory Tree during the Advent and Christmas Season. Please have these in by **Nov. 14, 2021**. (St. Gertrude's)

Name: _____ Envelope # _____ Amount _____

In Memory of:

WORLD MISSION DAY (October 24, 2021) - ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

On World Mission Sunday, we join Pope Francis in supporting his mission, an appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the lifegiving work of overseas missions and missionaries can continue. The theme, "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20) is a summons to each of us to 'own' and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. Pope Francis asks us "... to remember especially all those who set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message."

Pope Francis and his two predecessors (Pope John Paul 11 and Pope Benedict XV1) have all promoted the use of social media (Internet, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube) as a powerful means of evangelization. Social media allows the Church to connect with its members, it provides Catholic and global news, analysis, commentary, spiritual reflection, etc. Below are some Catholic websites that might be of interest to our Parishioners:

- Vatican News (www.vatican.va)
- Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.cccb.ca)
- Diocese of Saint John + New Freeman (www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org)
- The Catholic Register (www.catholicregister.org)
- The B.C. Catholic (www.bccatholic.ca)
- National Catholic Register (www.ncregister.com)
- Catholic News Agency (www.catholicnewsagency.com)

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Together, let's act for the planet and its defenders!



Development and Peace's annual **People and Planet First** campaign is inspired by the words of Pope Francis, who says that "a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*" (*Laudato Si'*, 49). These cries are too often silenced by powerful companies that plunder resources in countries of the Global South, without regard for people's fundamental human and environmental rights. Many such companies are Canadian.

COMING SOON TO OUR PARISH—SIGN PETITION—JOIN YOUR VOICE TO OTHERS AND PUT **PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST**

Act to end their impunity now! Will you sign a petition asking the federal government to enact laws that will compel Canadian companies to conduct due diligence across their overseas operations and that will give the victims of their abuses access to justice in Canadian courts? For more information visit <https://devp.org/en>
More information coming next weekend regarding our petition.