

**Our Sacred Stories**

**The Kingdom of God: Making the Reign a Reality**

Sometimes to know where we are, we have to know where we came from. The message and the mission of Jesus is to proclaim the Kingdom, the Reign of God. This is what he lived throughout his life. And it is what he shared with his disciples and the people who surrounded him. As followers of Jesus, this is what we are to reflect. But what does this mean, for us, in our lives, at this time in our own world?

On the Feast of Christ the King last year we listened to a piece from Matthew’s Gospel (Mt.25:31-46). Its focus was on living the reign by reaching out to the needs of the vulnerable among us. Next year, we will hear from Luke, as he tells of Jesus’s sacrifice of his life for all (Lk.23:35-43). This year we turn to John’s Gospel (Jn.18:33-37). Appearing before Pilate, Jesus asserts his life’s mission as a relationship with God and his call to testify to that relationship for the world. It is to announce the Reign of God among us.

This testimony by Jesus is not new in the Gospels. As Mark speaks of Jesus beginning his mission and calling his disciples, Jesus proclaims: *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe the good news* (Mk 1:13). Matthew expresses this good news as Jesus speaks to the crowds in the Sermon on the Mount (ch. 5-7). John’s Gospel presents Jesus responding to a Pharisee named Nicodemus (Jn.3:1-21). In the course of the encounter, Jesus reveals the purpose of his mission: *For God so loves the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life* (3:16). The reign of God permeates the Gospel message of Jesus.

The Feast of Christ the King comes at the end of the cycle for our church year. Next Sunday, we enter the new year with the Advent season. It seems like the Feast of Christ the King provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what Jesus was all about and what his message and mission was to effect in our world. Jesus the Christ, reveals God’s dream for us, for all creation, God is ever among us.

Jesus’s incarnation is God’s love coming to live among us. In him the reign of God has come near. Calling his disciples to follow him, he gave them a message that called them to share the good news of God’s love universally. It is for all humanity. A message of the heart, like the dream and visions of Daniel in the Old Testament (Dan.7:13-14), it is a message for all ages and all peoples.

This was the message expressed in the last major proclamation of the Second Vatican Council. Vatican II was a pastoral effort to bring the good news to the whole of humanity and creation. If Pope John XXIII saw the council as an opportunity to “open the windows of the church” to the world this document expressed this open vision of God’s reign as the council was ending:

*The joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and the hope, the grief and the anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of people who, united in Christ and guided 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, Preface, 1)*

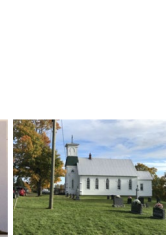
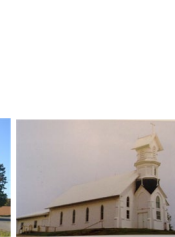
John Jennings  
Feast of Jesus the Christ  
King of the Universe



St. Gertrude



Sts. Simon & Jude



Mission Churches

# St. John the Baptist Parish

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**Pastor:** Fr. Martin Arputham

**Mass Times:** St. Gertrude

Saturday 4:00 pm

**Office Manager:** Debi Rae

Sunday 11:00 am

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Stuart Kinney

*Reconciliation* Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

**Property & Finance Chair:** Marg McCallum

**St. Simon & Jude** Sunday 9:00 am

**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm**

*Reconciliation* Sunday 8:15-8:45 am

**Nov 21 2021**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|           |        |  |                       |
|-----------|--------|--|-----------------------|
| Saturday  | Nov 20 | 4:00 pm St. Gertrude .....                 | Ron Dow               |
| Sunday    | Nov 21 | 9:00 am St. Simon & Jude .....             | Tom Richards          |
| Sunday    | Nov 21 | 11:00 am St. Gertrude .....                | Parishioners          |
| Monday    | Nov 22 | .....                                      | No Mass               |
| Tuesday   | Nov 23 | 12:15pm St. Gertrude .....                 | Rosary led by CWL     |
| Wednesday | Nov 24 | 9:00 am adoration 10:00 St. Gertrude ..... | Anna Gallivan         |
| Thursday  | Nov 25 | 7:00pm St. Gertrude .....                  | Ethel Bridgeo and DMF |
| Friday    | Nov 26 | 9:00 am St. Gertrude .....                 | Larry Linkletter      |
| Saturday  | Nov 27 | 4:00 pm St. Gertrude .....                 | Eugene Bowlin         |
| Sunday    | Nov 28 | 9:00 am St. Simon & Jude.....              | Janice Morrison       |
| Sunday    | Nov 28 | 11:00 am St. Gertrude .....                | Parishioners          |

**Please have items for the Bulletin in by Wednesday afternoon**

**Please pray for the sick:** Nora Gagnon , John Gallagher, Pat & Ed McGuire, Dorothy Hemsley, Margaret Bridgeo, Andy McLean, Dorothy Deriet & Lynn Patterson, Anne Marie Voutour, Cindy Ouellette, Harold Sharkey and Fr. Michael Leblanc  
**For those who have died:** Diane Black, Paul Richard, Fr. Vince Donovan and Donald Cox

**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](mailto:jkeirstead21@gmail.com)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Mondays Bingo - Doors open at 6:00 pm.  
**50/50 – Nov 15, 2021 Winner** Grace Veysey **\$225.00** 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  
 November 14/2021**

|   | <u>St. Gertrude</u> | <u>Sts. Simon &amp; Jude</u>  | <u>St. Thomas</u> |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Loose   | 20                  |                               |                   |
| Envelopes   | 1,128               | 389                           |                   |
| E-Transfer  |                     | 100                           |                   |
| PAD   | <u>1,552</u>        | <u>249</u>                    | <u>77</u>         |
|   | 2700                | 738                           | 77                |
| Poor & Needy  | 750                 | Global South                  | 30                |
| Dev & Peace   | 5                   | Fall Supper                   | 1490              |
| Memorials   |                     | Retired Priests&Seminararians | 80                |
| Canadian Church                                     | 15                  | Light a Memory                | 155               |
| St. Bonaventure                                     | 30                  | Italian Dinner *              | 20                |
| St. Bonaventure Cemetery in Memory of Anna Gallivan |                     |                               | 446               |

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY:** Thursday, December 23,7pm  
**ST GERTRUDE:** Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec 24 @ **5pm**(Family mass), **7:30pm**(Evening mass)  
 Christmas Day: Saturday, Dec 25 @ **10am**  
**STS SIMON AND JUDE:** Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec 24 @ **10:30pm**

**CEMETERY NOTICE:** Seasonal Closure of Calvary Cemetery is in effect until Spring. Vehicles are not permitted beyond the barricade but people can still visit the cemetery bit it be done on foot.

**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 Anne382-8398 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           |
|--------|----------|---|------------------------------------|
| 27-Nov | 4:00 PM  | Marjorie Allison-Ross<br>Ron MacDonald<br>Heidi Steeves | Mike McCallum<br>Marg McCallum     |
| 28-Nov | 11:00 AM | Louis Pierce<br>Michelle Nowlan<br>Katherine Sutingco   | Debi Rae<br>Patricia Paul          |
| 28-Nov | 9:00 AM  | <b>1st Reading +<br/>Prayers of the Faithful</b><br>Tom | <b>2nd Reading</b><br><br>Pierette |

**BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY:** The Knights of Columbus will set up the Holy Family Nativity near the vestry entrance of the church on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm  
 The blessing of the Nativity will be held Saturday at 3pm prior to the 4pm mass. Parishioners are encouraged to attend for this commencement of Advent. Masks are required during the ceremony.

**MITTEN TREE:** There will be a “mitten tree” at St. Gertrude's, located at the main entrance of the church beginning Nov. 27/28. If you have knitted mittens you would like to donate, please bring them and hang on tree. If you would like to make a monetary donation, there will be a box for donations and you can hang a mitten ornament of the tree. All monies and knitted mittens are donated to the two elementary schools in our area, in the new year.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Sunday, December 12, St. Gertrude from 6-7pm

**MASS AND SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Thursday, November 25, St Gertrude @ 7pm. This celebration will include mass for the day and the sacrament of the sick will take place at the end of the service. Anyone seeking healing of mind, body or spirit is invited to come for the sacrament.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: PARISH FUND RAISING

As you know, St. John the Baptist Parish could not hold its annual *Italian Dinner* (Nackawic) or *Harvest Supper* (Woodstock) this year due to the pandemic. These are important events in our parish and we rely on the revenue from them to meet our annual budget.

During the month of November, members of the organizing committees for these events will be *canvassing parishioners* by *phone* seeking donations in place of what you would normally contribute to these events. Calls have already begun in Nackawic.

We understand that not everybody will be able to contribute, but if you can, please consider donating an amount of money that would be similar to what you would spend buying food or supplies or purchasing meal tickets for the event. And, if you normally make an additional donation in support of this event, we ask you to do that as well.

Donations may be made by **e mail transfer** ([sjbnb@rogers.com](mailto:sjbnb@rogers.com)) or by delivering a *cheque* to the parish office or placing in the *offertory basket* at Mass. In all cases, *please indicate* that the donation is for the "*Italian*" or "*harvest supper*" (as the case may be).

On behalf of our organizing committees and the parish finance council, we *thank you* for any support you can offer. We appreciate whatever assistance you can provide as we attempt to make up the revenue shortfall from these two events.

If you have any questions about the donation process, please call the parish office – 328-3306.

Let's all look forward *with hope* to a time when we can gather again for these important community events.

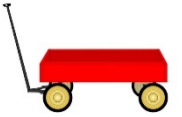
### **ST SIMON & JUDE**

#### **CCW**

The CCW will once again be holding their Memory Tree Fundraiser during Advent and the Christmas season. Please put your donation, your name and the name of the person(s) you are honouring in an envelope and put in the collection basket by November 21. Angels will be placed on the tree the following Sunday.

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes are due on November 21. Thank you for your continued support.

**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.



CWL collected 59lbs and St Gertrude's collected 87lbs for the Food Bank.

### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

The Church of God is convoked in Synod. With this convocation, Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality, which means "walking together". He has called this "a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church." Your prayer and your voice are important! To find out how you can participate, contact your parish or visit <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synod-2021-2023>. Let us give God permission to move in power in our diocese and the universal Church as we listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit during this Synodal process.

**Christ the King Collection – November 21, 2021:** This collection is taken up in every parish and mission church in our diocese to help support our priests who, on sick leave, need special care. Your generosity will be a way of saying "thank you" to those priests and all priests who have responded to God's call to serve and be there for you. Know that your contribution, large or small, is eligible for an income tax receipt.

### **THE SALVATION ARMY-CHRISTMAS KETTLE CAMPAIGN 2021**

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers for their Kettle Campaign that runs from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer, please call either Majors Angel & Marlene Sandoval at 506-328-8276 or Community and Family Ministries at 506-324-4565

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-SHOEBOXES**

A big thank you to those parishioners who donated a total of 19 boxes to this year's Operational Christmas child project. The mission of Operation Christmas child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. A project of Samaritan's Purse Canada (an international relief organization), Operation Christmas Child partners with local churches worldwide to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to millions of children around the world. Shoeboxes are filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for children. Since 1993, more than 188 million children, in more than 170 countries, have received an Operation Christmas child shoebox. Last year alone, more than 9.1 million shoeboxes we collected and distributed. Thank you, again for you generosity.

## CHALICE CANADA

CHALICE CANADA is a Catholic international aid charity founded in 1992. It works in impoverished communities to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. Education is the first and most important step in breaking the cycle. Too often, children must skip class or drop out of school to carry water, care for siblings or earn money for their families. Sponsorship gives children the support needed to overcome obstacles so that they can attend and stay in school and allows families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstance, regardless of race, age, ability, gender or religion.

CHALICE CANADA was named one of the top Canadian charities in MacLean's '2020 Best of Charities' list; it was tied for 2nd place overall and ranked first in international charities.

Within our own Parish, St. Simon and St. Jude sponsor three children through the Chalice program and St. Gertrude's CWL sponsor one child through the program.

For further information on how you can sponsor a child, please go to the CHALICE CANADA website ([www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca)).

## SALT AND LIGHT CATHOLIC MEDIA

Salt and Light Canadian TV provided Vatican live events, documentaries, docu series, tv shows and much more. While it is a subscription service (\$3.99/month and \$39.99/year + tax), there is much 'free' content (daily Masses from Montreal, Vatican events: Papal Masses, weekly General Audiences, Apostolic Visits, Rosary from Shrines around the world, documentaries, etc.). These can be accessed on the Salt and Light Media website ([slmedia.org](http://slmedia.org)), as well as on its Facebook and YouTube sites.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: MEMORIAL SERVICE

St Gertrude's Church Annual Memorial Service scheduled for Sunday, November 21, 2021 has been postponed until a later date.

## MEMORIAL SUNDAY NOV 21, 2021

On this Feast of Christ the King, we remember our loved ones of all faith traditions. Following are the individuals and families that we pray for in a special way this Feast Day.

*Paul Poulin  
Ivy Poulin  
Sean Kelly  
Rhonda Cox  
Stacy Coilier  
"Boss" MacDonald  
Georgina Cameron  
Sheelah Craig  
Christopher Coughlan  
Frank MacDonald  
Anna Gallivan  
Percy & Florence McCallum  
Shirley McCallum  
Bill McCallum  
Mary & Henry Keenan & DMF  
Harold & Leota Hanon  
Sister Shirley L. Hanson  
David Hanson  
Tom Hanson  
Doug Hanson  
Lynn Hanson  
Shirley M Hanson  
Rachelle Hayward  
Anna & Marinus Bovee  
Marie & Toine de Jong  
Deceased members of McCarthy Family  
Deceased members of Paul Family  
Lloyd Markey  
Foster & Kilfoil Families  
Robbie, Jason, Hannah & Jack Porter*

*Deceased members of Woodland Family  
Eugene & Mary Bowlin  
Rufina Carreon  
Bonifacio Buenviaje  
Delia Roadilla  
Mary Ann Simon  
Oscar Buenviaje  
Edgardo Buenviaje  
Brian Markey  
Caroline MacMullin  
Brian Williams  
Stephen Joseph Dalton  
Stephen Porter Dalton  
John Kidney  
Joseph O'Toole  
Jeanette Marshall Sappier  
Tom & Barb Adams  
Kim O'Toole  
Donald, Gertrude, and Lorne Sacobie  
Deceased members of Tucker, Gratton,  
Donovan & McEvoy Family  
Lilia Alonzo  
Conrado Alonzo  
Cesar Alonzo  
Edwin Villasaya  
Deceased members of Murphy Family  
Deceased members of Cronin Family  
Helen Ross  
Lewis Stone  
Geneva King*