

Our Sacred Stories

Journeying Together – Discovering Who We Are As Church, Now

The Gospels tell many Jesus-stories. They were part of the faith memories of Jesus shared by the earliest Christian communities. In chapter 12:28-34, Mark relates two contrasting stories. The first recounts what Jesus sees in the scribes. The second story tells of a poor widow.

Like all of the stories in the Gospels, these two are lessons on the Kingdom of God, the reign that was at the centre of Jesus’ life and mission. In this sense, the Good News, or the Gospel is a proclamation of who we are as church, as a community of faith. What Jesus calls his disciples to was not either of the two stories, but rather to recognize in ourselves that in a way we are both. The scribes in the first story meticulously followed the law. They sincerely sought to be seen as holy and to be honoured in the Temple as examples of holiness. The widow in the second story had little, but she held a sincere relationship with God and expressed it by her generosity and integrity.

As church, we are both stories. In fact, we are many stories and over the centuries we have had to acknowledge that we are an evolving community of faith. In 1962-65, the Second Vatican Council addressed the question of how open we are to evolving as church in the midst of a changing world.

The Council called our church to take on a prophetic role as it expressed who we sought to be in the late 20th century. Now in the 21st century Pope Francis calls us to a synod of the whole Catholic community. We are being asked once more to be a prophetic church, to be the community of disciples that Jesus the Christ established, a communion of people who despite our variety and differences can take up our call to live and share the Good News.

As a prophetic community, Pope Francis has called us to enter a process of synod. It is intended to involve the whole church in considering who we are and where we are early in the 21st century. The entire church is called to this journey through reflection, discernment and action. This broad synod process has its roots in the Second Vatican Council, which Pope John XXIII saw as an effort to bring about an openness of the church to the world through reflection on “the signs of the time”.

Like John XXIII and Vatican II, Pope Francis is turning to the ancient and traditional assembly or synod to address “the signs of the time” now. The journey began with the opening on October 9 2021, it will continue to a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 2023. The two-year process is intended as an experience of “synodality” for the whole church, helping us to recognize that the Spirit speaks through all members of the People of God.

The Preparatory Document for the Synod captures the aim of the Synod: *This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to Mission. Our “journeying together” is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.*

John Jennings



St. Gertrude

Sts. Simon & Jude

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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

Nov 7 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov	6	4:00 pm St. Gertrude	Enrique Magat
Sunday	Nov	7	9:00 am St. Simon & Jude	Guy Beaulieu
Sunday	Nov	7	11:00 am St. Gertrude	Parishioners
Monday	Nov	8	No Mass
Tuesday	Nov	9	9:00 Adoration 10:00 St Simon & Jude Theo & Germaine Francoeur	
Tuesday	Nov	9	12:15pm St. Gertrude	Rosary led by CWL
Wednesday	Nov	10	9:00 am adoration 10:00 St. Gertrude	Helene Ouellet
Thursday	Nov	11	No Mass
Friday	Nov	12	9:00 am St. Gertrude	Brian Markey
Saturday	Nov	13	4:00 pm St. Gertrude	Buenaventura Pamplona
Sunday	Nov	14	9:00 am St. Simon & Jude	Francois Thebeau
Sunday	Nov	14	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.

For those who have died: Adrienne Taylor, Therese Senechal, James and Joyce Sweeney

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 - Doors open at 6:00 pm.
50/50 – Nov 1, 2021 Winner Mae Atkinson **\$229.00** 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 for Oct 30/31

	<u>St. Gertrude</u>	<u>Sts. Simon & Jude</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>
Loose	85	5	
Envelopes	1,348	463	
PAD	<u>1,727</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>77</u>
	3160	717	77
Lynn Lake		Global South	15
Dev & Peace	5	Fall Supper	150
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Bonaventure	30	Italian Dinner *	140
St. Bonaventure Cemetery		In Memory Anna Gallivan	555.3

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:

CEMETARY NOTICE

This is to remind families to remove and/or clean up their family burial site of all plastic flowers, solar lights and other items prior to the first snow fall. If the families remove these, they can be reused next year otherwise they will go to the transfer station.

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
13-Nov	4:00 PM	Gloria Yachyshen Tom Bridgeo Ron MacDonald	Barb Woodland Charlene Prosser
14-Nov	11:00 AM	Jocelyn Keirstead Brittany Sprague Louis Pierce	Rudy Nadeau Patricia Paul
14-Nov	9:00 AM	1st Reading + Prayers of Faithful Karen	2nd Reading Jacqueline

LAUDATO SI' – Encyclical Letter of The Holy Father Francis

Copies of this book are available at the back of St. Gertrude's Church by donation.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Liturgy Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 10th**, beginning at **6pm** via Zoom. The main focus for the meeting will be plans for Advent and Christmas liturgies.

REMEMBERANCE DAY

Sunday, November 7 at 11am mass at St. Gertrude's – we will be honouring our Veteran's at this mass.



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) 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 GERTRUDE'S – Donation to Food Bank totaled 126 pounds

St Gertrude's Church Annual Memorial Service Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 2 PM

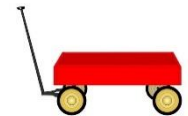


The St Gertrude's Bereavement Ministry invites you to attend the upcoming Memorial Service to be held at St Gertrude's Church. If you have a loved one that you would like to have remembered in this service, please contact Sharon Tenhave at shtenhave@hotmail.com or 375-6800.

The Memorial Service consists of Music, Prayer, Scripture, Reflection, and reading of the names of the deceased and lighting a candle to remember the loved one(s). We invite you to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and place next to the candle on the Memorial Table.

COVID-19 Protocols will be followed.

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.



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.**

ST GERTRUDE'S – Votive Candles are available at the back of the church at no cost.

SALT AND LIGHT CATHOLIC MEDIA

Salt and Light Canadian TV provides 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 invoking an end to the pandemic, documentaries, etc.) These can be accessed on the Salt and Light Media website (slmedia.org), as well as on its Facebook and YouTube sites.

GLASS RECYCLING

CIEVA (Community Industries Employment Vocational Association), 113 Moffatt Street, Woodstock is accepting (up to February 28, 2022) 'grocery' glass jars and bottles (jam, pickles, spaghetti sauce, instant coffee, glass ketchup bottles, olive oil, salsa, maple syrup, etc. and homemade wine bottles). Lids are to be removed. Glass may be clear, brown or green but must be bagged separately in clear bags - one for clear glass, one for coloured glass. Items MUST be CLEANED thoroughly. Not accepted are cookware, dishes, ceramic , window/door panes, vases, pyrex items, auto glass or unclean items. In Woodstock, drop off locations are at Vail's Bottle Exchange, 522 Main Street (below St. Gertrude's Church) and CIEVA Recycling, 113 Moffatt Street.

UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, Glasgow - October 31 - November 12

World leaders, including a delegation from the Vatican, are coming together in Glasgow, Scotland, October 31 - November 12, to show their joint commitment to caring for the Earth and to appeal to world leaders to deepen their commitments to cut emissions causing climate change. Pope Francis has said that caring for creation is "the defining issue of his papacy". In a joint written appeal, Pope Francis, other faith leaders and scientists, warned that "... future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert to our children."

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR (November 12, 2021)

The fifth World Day of the Poor will be celebrated on November 12. In a recent address, Pope Francis expressed the hope that "... the World Day of the Poor will grow in local churches and inspire a movement of evangelization that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach out to them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres...How evangelical it would be if we could say with all truth: we too are poor because only in this way will we truly be able to recognize them, to make them part of our lives and be an instrument of our salvation." More information on this observance is available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website (www.cccb.ca).