

## From the Rector

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*Ite missa est.*

With these words, pronounced Ee-Tay Mee-Sa Est, the old Latin rite for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist would conclude. The congregation would offer the traditional response: “*Deo gratias*” - Thanks be to God – and they would head off to whatever duties or responsibilities lay before them that day.

The meaning of those three Latin words has been subject to much speculation. Roughly the phrase means “Go, it is sent,” without necessarily defining what the ‘it’ refers to. Some say that the ‘it’ refers to the congregation: “Go, the congregation is dismissed.” Some say that ‘it’ refers to the liturgy itself, the service, the ‘Mass,’ as it came to be called: “Go, the mass is (finished.) And some say that ‘it’ refers to the dismissal itself: “Go, the dismissal is (made).”

Yawn . . . bored yet?

But regardless of what the etymological and linguistic possibilities may be, there is a deeper meaning behind those few old Latin words that is at the heart of who we are as the People of God.

The Mass, the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, is never just a ‘one moment in time’ kind of event. While our Celebrations in these parishes are always scheduled at a particular time, they always, by their nature refer backwards and forwards at the very same time.

So, for example, as we know, every Celebration of the Holy Eucharist is an *anamnesis*, a ‘re-membrance’ of and re-participation in, the once for all time offering by Christ of his Body and Blood, offered symbolically at the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and literally on the Cross on Good Friday. Understood that way, every Eucharist is a window opened into that moment long ago when Christ fed his disciples with his Body and Blood. And in so doing, we are looking backwards. But the gift of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist, the Mass, is never just about what happened a long time ago. It’s also about what’s happening right now: about how Christ feeds us with that same Body and Blood this very day: Thanks be to God!

In that way, it’s a little like walking into a room where a conversation has been taking place, which we join in for a moment but then leave. The conversation was happening before we entered the room; and it continued after we left; but for that time when we were there, we shared in what

everyone was saying. That’s what we do when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist: we enter into a conversation that began in the Upper Room on the night of Christ’s arrest and will continue for all eternity. In the time that we are there, we share in a moment that spreads backwards and forwards at the very same time; and, in the process, we are fed for eternity: Thanks be to God!

But even that is not the end of the story. Because the purpose of this feeding is never just about us: about what we want or need. Which brings me back to *Ite missa est*.

These words may originally have been nothing more than a dismissal: a polite way of telling the congregation to go away! But as the Body of Christ, as those who have just been fed and nourished and renewed and strengthened with the spiritual Body and Blood of Christ, we are never just told to go away. Instead, we’re sent, which is the root of both the word *missa* (*mass*) and the word mission. We’re out as the Body of Christ, fed with the Body of Christ for a larger purpose: so that we can feed others in Christ’s Name, in every way that humanity needs to be fed: spiritually, physically, emotionally, and relationally:

Past; Present; and Future, all rolled into one amazing event.

So what’s going on when we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist? Well, we’re being fed today with food for eternity that we might be and do what Christ calls us to be and do every day. Thanks be to God!

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION UPDATE: Many of you have expressed a desire for the resumption of our weekly Coffee and Conversation social time on Sunday mornings. We’d like to get those started as soon as possible but to do that we’ll need to reconstitute our volunteer teams. Please speak to the Rector or the Curate if you’d like to be assigned to one of the teams.**

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi’kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### **FEBRUARY 13: PRE-LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

### **FEBRUARY 14: ST. VALENTINE, Bishop & Martyr**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

### **FEBRUARY 15: PRE-LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **FEBRUARY 16: PRE-LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

### **FEBRUARY 17: PRE-LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

### **FEBRUARY 18: THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### **FEBRUARY 19: THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA**

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
11:45 a.m. – Annual Meeting on Zoom  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer



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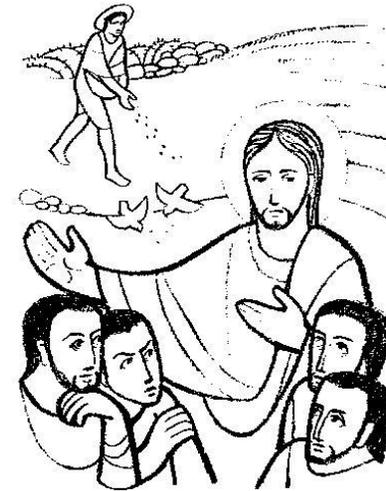
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## THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



Jesus' favorite speech form, the parable, was subversive. Parables sound absolutely ordinary: casual stories about soil and seeds, meals and coins and sheep, bandits and victims, farmers and merchants. And they are wholly secular: of his forty or so parables recorded in the Gospels, only one has its setting in church, and only a couple mention the name God. As people heard Jesus tell these stories, they saw at once that they weren't about God, so there was nothing in them threatening their own sovereignty. They relaxed their defenses. They walked away perplexed, wondering what they meant, the stories lodged in their imagination. And then, like a time bomb, they would explode in their unprotected hearts. An abyss opened up at their very feet. He was talking about God; they had been invaded!

Eugene H. Peterson,

*The Contemplative Pastor: Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction*

# THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA

*February 11, 2023*

*A Sower went out to sow!  
O come, let us worship!*

## **4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 60 & 61 | Genesis 17:1-22 | Romans 6

## **5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit Psalm 44:24-27:	<i>page 386</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 134</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 3:9-19
Psalm 43:	<i>page 384</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 134</i>
Gradual Psalm 17:6-9:	<i>page 346</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 135</i>
The Nicene Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: <b>Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayers:	<i>page 85</i>

# THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA

*February 12, 2023*

*A Sower went out to sow!  
O come, let us worship!*

## **9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 42 & 43 | Genesis 3 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (14-24)

## **10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>103</b> (ALBANO)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 134</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 3:9-19
Psalm 17:6-9:	<i>page 346</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 134</i>
♪♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	<b>493</b> (ST. BOTOLPH)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 135</i>
The Nicene Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♪♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>240</b> (SCHMUCHE DICH)
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Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♪♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>384</b> (RICHMOND)

## Parish Notices and Updates

**FAITH IN ACTION: Building hope for tomorrow in the face of climate change.** Did you know that the government will give you money to make your home more energy efficient? It just makes sense – for the environment and your wallet! St. Mary's is hosting an information session on **Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come learn from Andrew Mathis who will explain the funding options, eligibility, what can be covered, and how to access the grants and the \$40,000 interest-free loan. Questions about the event? Email [andrewmathis36@gmail.com](mailto:andrewmathis36@gmail.com).

**PARISH PRAYER LIST:** One of the most important ministries which we are blessed to share here at St. Mary's is the ministry of prayer. At every Celebration of the Holy Eucharist we reserve a significant part of our time to pray for those, both within and beyond our Parish Family, who are facing challenges; and our efforts are deeply appreciated by more people than we could count. Deacon Nicholas has taken over responsibility for updating our prayer list, so please send your prayer requests to him at [nicholas.saulnier@anglican.nb.ca](mailto:nicholas.saulnier@anglican.nb.ca) or 588-3304

**DEACON NICHOLAS WILL BE OFFERING CONFIRMATION** preparation to anyone wishing to be confirmed. It is hoped that there will be two programmes; one for those in late elementary and middle school and a second for those high school age and above. We hope to start in the next few weeks, so please speak to Deacon Nicholas or the Rector if you are interested or have any questions.

**ST. MARY'S BIBLE STUDY** is held each Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church. We're looking at a series called "Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus." Feel free to come along whenever you can!

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK,** will be held on **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, on **ZOOM** at approximately 11:45 a.m. All members of the Parish are encouraged to take part in the meeting as we review our work as a Parish in 2022 and make plans for 2023; and the Zoom link will be shared in the weekly email on February 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. **In anticipation of the meeting, we are looking for your assistance in filling leadership roles within the Parish for the coming year.** The Parish Corporation serves a critical role in developing and supporting our mission as the Church; and we are always looking to add new voices to the conversation. Please give very prayerful consideration to how God

may be calling you to share your gifts and talents. We will be preparing a Nomination Report for the meeting, so please speak to the Rector or one of the Parish Wardens if you are interested in being nominations, or if you have any questions about what this important ministry entails. **Copies of the audited financial report and the minutes of last year's meeting** are now available and are attached to this week's parish email. As well, some copies are available on the table in the narthex for those who prefer a paper copy. The reports will also be available as a pdf on the Parish website.

**THERE IS A LONG-STANDING CUSTOM** of using the palm crosses and branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration to prepare the ashes each year for the Ash Wednesday commemoration. If you wish to return your crosses and branches, please place them in the basket on the table in the Narthex by **Quinquagesima Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**THE SEASON OF LENT**, an important time in the Church's life, will begin on February 22<sup>nd</sup> with the commemoration of **Ash Wednesday**. For your convenience, you have the choice of attending either our morning celebration at **All Saints' Church in Marysville at 10:00 a.m.** or our evening celebration at **St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is warmly encouraged to set aside time to attend one of these two Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist that together we might begin the journey to the Cross.

**PLEASE JOIN US EACH FRIDAY IN LENT** at 7:00 p.m. starting on February 24<sup>th</sup> for the **Stations of the Cross**, which is a quiet reflective service in which we journey through Christ's steps on the road to the Cross. This brief service is an excellent and hopeful mediation on what Christ was accomplishing on our behalf by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. **In recognition of our Shared Ministry with the Parish of Marysville, we will be alternating the location between the two churches.** We'll be starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's and on March 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll be at All Saints'. Please join us whenever you can.

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR:** On Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, together with thousands of Canadians across the country, a team from our Diocesan Synod Office – Anglican Energy – will again be walking and fundraising to support hungry, homeless, and hurting people and families in our communities, raising funds for Youth in Transition and the John Howard Society. Please consider sponsoring the team by going to <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=990014>. You can also go to **cnoy.org** and search for the Fredericton event and support the team that way.