

# THE SUNDAY CALLED SEPTUAGESIMA

*Being seventy days before Easter*  
February 12, 2017

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the Feast!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 104 part 1 | Genesis 1:1-2:3 | St. John 1:1-18

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 18:1-7:	page 347
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect and Epistle:	page 132
Gradual Psalm 119 part 4:	page 486
The Holy Gospel:	page 133
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: <b>Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85

## **9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall** *Time with Fr. Stockall*

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♫ Processional Hymn:	102 (Monkland)
The Gloria:	page 86

The Collect and Epistle:	page 132
<b>Gradual Hymn:</b>	90 (Tallis)
The Holy Gospel:	page 133
The Creed:	page 71
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♫ <b>Offertory Hymn:</b>	79 (Divinum Mysterium)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: <b>Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
♫ <b>Hymn during Communion:</b>	<b>The God of Bethlehem Praise</b>
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♫ <b>Recessional Hymn:</b>	284 (Moscow)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following the  
10:30 Celebration for Coffee and Conversation.*

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## *From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

Today we turn a page.

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany have ended. Our commemoration of the anticipation, the celebration, and the manifestation of the Word of God Incarnate has ended for another year, and we are now being asked to turn our attention away from the manger in order to look at the Cross. We have celebrated Christ's birth, and we are now being asked to focus on the work of salvation that was the cause of his birth.

In this morning's Epistle St. Paul reminds us that just as athletes train their bodies and exercise self-control and perseverance in order to achieve their goal, so Christians need to direct all their thoughts and efforts to attaining an even greater prize, an eternal prize, which is the kingdom of God.

But lest we should be confused about how we shall be saved by Christ, and lest we should be confused about how and why Christ died for us, we are reminded by this morning's Gospel that the prize for which St. Paul calls us to strive will never be earned. Unlike the world of business in which a person who works 12 hours would logically expect to be paid something like 12 times the amount paid to the person who works just one hour, in the kingdom of God there is no earning of salvation. It is freely given by the God who can see all of life more clearly; and with greater patience and with greater mercy, than we will ever have.

That, of course, is the purpose of the Cross, the Cross on which we are being asked to reflect through our Lenten journey which is about to begin. The point of the Cross is that Christ had to do it. No matter how many people tried to love and serve God, many in extraordinary ways; no matter how many people sacrificed time and energy and love in God's name, in the end, all efforts fell short. They fell short because not one of them could be perfect.

Christ came to offer the perfect sacrifice, to pay the price; to offer the sacrifice that no other person could. He came to bear the weight of all sin, so that we might be free from sin. He came to do the very thing that we could not do; the very thing that he had to do if we were to receive the prize. Without the Cross, the birth of Christ is incomplete. If we want to understand the whole story; if we want to know the meaning of the Cross, we need to turn over the page and read all over again the great story of God's great love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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There is an old custom in the Church of using the palm crosses from the Palm Sunday of the previous year to make the ashes in advance of the Ash Wednesday commemoration of the following year. If you wish, you are invited to bring your old palm crosses by Quinquagesima Sunday (February 26<sup>th</sup>) and place them in the basket provided on the table in the Narthex.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**FEBRUARY 15: ST. VALENTINE**, Bishop and Martyr

2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**FEBRUARY 18: THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**FEBRUARY 19: THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA**

*Being 60 days before Easter*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*The Anglican Church of Canada*

*The Diocese of Fredericton*

## THE PARISH OF ST. MARY (YORK)



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Jesus Christ is the end of all, and the centre to which all tends. Whoever knows Him knows the reason of everything.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), *Pensées*

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*Priest and Rector*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**A message from our sister Parish:** The Revd. Dr. Ross Hebb is offering a four week pre-Lenten Study on the four Sundays of February. Using C. S. Lewis' famous work *The Four Loves* as a guide, he will be examining each week one of the four loves: affection, eros, friendship, and agape. Everyone is welcome. The study will begin each week at 2:00 p.m. and run for one hour. They will meet in four different homes. This afternoon they will be at Anne & Dennis Klinck's (35 Gardenview St., off Freisen Drive in Islandview behind Valley Ridge furniture).

**The Diocese has a full-time opening for a Personnel and Safe Church Officer.** This position, located in Fredericton, will be responsible for all human resource, payroll and Safe Church administration. The full advertisement and job description can be viewed on the Diocesan website at <http://anglican.nb.ca/>. Applications can be sent to [application@anglican.nb.ca](mailto:application@anglican.nb.ca). The closing date is *February 15<sup>th</sup>*.

**The Men of St. Mary's**, and their friends, are invited to join us for **PINT of VIEW**, on *Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>* at 7:30 p.m. at *Bill & Adele Knox's (5 Ruby Court)*. Dr. John Valk, Professor of Worldview Studies at Renaissance College (UNB), will be leading a discussion on a very timely matter: Islam in a modern, democratic and secular state, the subject of one of his recent books. Please join us for a stimulating conversation while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer.

**St. Mary's weekly Bible Study "Faithful and True: a Look at the Women in Holy Scripture,"** resumes this coming *Friday at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

**The Family of Eva Stewart** will be gathering on *Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>*, to celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Eva was known Eva Humble when she and her family worshipped at St. Mary's many years ago.) Everyone is invited to a Birthday Party at the Boiestown Lions Club on Route 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**St. Mary's branch of Anglican Church Women** will be meeting tomorrow, *Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>*, beginning with lunch at 12:00 noon at the northside Pizza Delight, followed by a business meeting at the Parish Hall. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Joan Keswick at 472-2193 or the Rector.

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. Mary (York)** will be held on *Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>*, at approximately 12:15 p.m., following our weekly Coffee & Conversation. All members of the Parish are encouraged to take part in the meeting as we review our work as a Parish in 2016 and make plans for 2017. *We will also be looking for your assistance in filling leadership roles within the Parish for the coming year. Please give very thoughtful and prayerful consideration to how God may be calling you to share your gifts and talents; and speak to the Rector if you have any questions.*

**The Season of Lent**, an important time in the Church's life, will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> with the commemoration of **Ash Wednesday**. For your convenience you have the option of attending either a morning celebration at *All Saints' in Marysville at 10:00 a.m.* or an evening celebration here at *St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.* Everyone is encouraged to attend one of these two Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, with the Imposition of Ashes, that together we might begin the journey to the Cross.

**ADVANCE NOTICE! St. Mary's annual Shrove Tuesday Supper** will be held on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. *A signup sheet for those who are able to help with this event has been posted on the easel in the Narthex.* The menu will include pancakes, baked beans and sausage; gingerbread and whipped cream. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering can be made. Please plan to join us as we celebrate together before the beginning of Lent.

**Our friends in the Parish of Marysville** are challenging the people of St. Mary's and other neighbouring parishes to their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Charity Bowling Tournament to raise funds for Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary in Uganda. The event will be held on *Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>*, at Bowl-a-Drome (301 Main Street) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It's hoped that St. Mary's can organise two teams of 5 or 6 bowlers each, so please speak to the Rector if you're interested. To help with organisation, they'd like to know the names of the participants by the beginning of March. *A signup sheet is available on the table in the narthex. Plan to help make this excellent project a success!*

**The Women's Inter-Church Council** is having four World Day of Prayer Services for 2017 in the Fredericton Area. The World Day of Prayers has been prepared by the Women of the Philippines with the theme "Am I Being Unfair to You?" This service is a public event open for everyone. In some services they will show a CD of the Philippine or have a guest speaker. The service is approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour with a reception in the hall afterward for fellowship. You are invited to join with Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and in 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate in Solidarity with the people of The Philippines.

**The service for the Marysville & north side area will be at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, 1 William Street, on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The storm date is Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.**

**If you like to knit, St. Mary's Mothers' Union** invite you to use up some of your surplus yarn and help a number of excellent projects. In addition to their recent efforts to supply *Comfort Bears* for children at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, **they have two NEW projects.** Instructions have been posted on the Mothers' Union bulletin board in the hall for *Knitted Hats for Newborns* and a request from *Knitted Knockers of Canada* in support of women who have had mastectomy surgery. Feel free to pick up some instructions and get knitting!