

# THE SUNDAY CALLED SEPTUAGESIMA

February 17, 2019

*So run that you may obtain;  
O come, let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 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:	<i>page 347</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 132</i>
The Old Testament Lesson:	Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 104:5-9:	<i>page 462</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 133</i>
Gradual: Psalm 119 part 4:	<i>page 486</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 133</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post-Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

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

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

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>102</b> (Monkland)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 129</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 1:1-5
♪ PSALM:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 129</i>
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	<b>287</b> (Rustington RB 144)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 130</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>The God of Bethlehem Praise</b> <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	<b>219</b> (Bread of Heaven)
Post-Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	<b>284</b> (Moscow)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:30 Celebration for  
Coffee & Conversation followed by  
the Annual Meeting.*

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## 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 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 clearly defining what the ‘it’ refers to. Some say that ‘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.)” Some say that ‘it’ refers to the dismissal itself: “Go, the dismissal is (made).”

Bored yet?

But regardless of what the etymological and linguistic issues may be, there is a deeper meaning 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 here at St. Mary’s are always scheduled at a particular time, they always, by their nature refer backwards and forwards at the same time.

So, for example, as we know, every Celebration of the Holy Eucharist is an *anamnesis*, a ‘re-remembrance’ 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. Every Eucharist is a window opened into that moment long ago when Christ fed his disciples with his Body and Blood. In that way, we look backwards.

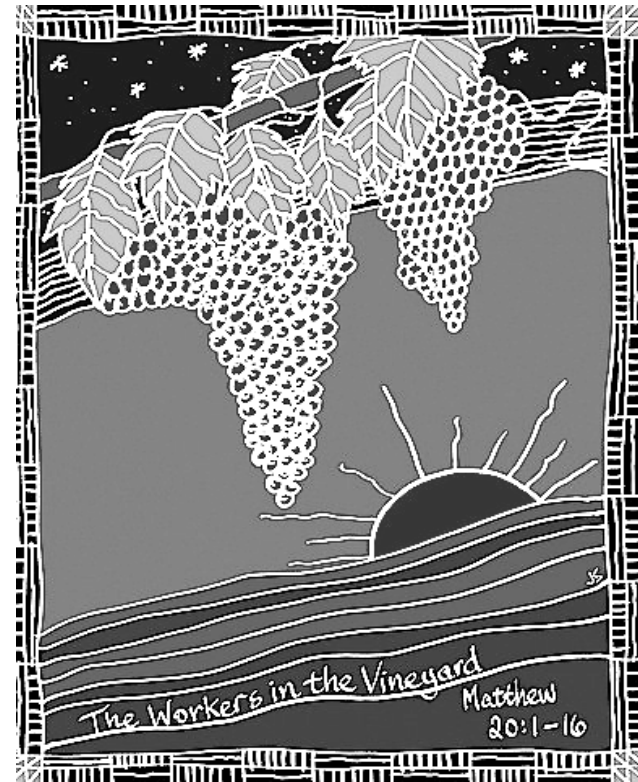
But the gift of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist, the Mass, is never just about what happened back then. It’s also about what’s happening right now: about how Christ feeds us with that same Body and Blood this very day: Thanks be to God!

But even that is not the end of the story. Because the purpose of this feeding is never just about us. 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. We’re sent, which is the root of both the word *missa* and the word mission. We’re fed for a wider 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.

Fed today with food for eternity that we might be and do what Christ calls us to be and do every day.

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No one is strong in his own strength, but he is safe by the grace and mercy of God.

St. Cyprian (Thascius Caecilius Cyprianus) (?-258),  
*Treatise IV. On the Lord's Prayer* [252],  
in *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, v. V

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK,** will be held today 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 2018 and make plans for 2019.

**YOUR RESPONSES FOLLOWING THE RECENT PRESENTATION** on the proposed renovation has been both constructive and positive. As the Parish Corporation continues to develop the plan, the next step will require us to explore ways to fund the project. *The Parish Corporation is asking anyone interested in working as part of a small group to help develop a funding plan to speak to the Rector or one of the Parish Wardens as soon as possible.* Please consider now whether you are being called to use your gifts to help us ensure a safe and effective facility for our ministry for years to come.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is held each *Friday, at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We're looking at the Gospel according to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us whenever you can. For more information please speak to the Rector.

**BEWAR BARZANI, HIS WIFE ATENA AND THEIR SON DANIEL,** are recent arrivals in Canada from Kurdistan and we have been pleased to welcome them to services here at St. Mary's. They have been learning English through classes at the Multicultural Centre and are learning what life is like here in Fredericton. Bewar has been looking for a job and has asked that we post his resume in case any members of St. Mary's are looking to hire someone for help with odd jobs. His resume has been posted in the Narthex; please have a look. If you have any questions please speak to the Rector.

**ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, TOGETHER WITH THOUSANDS** of Canadians across the country, Cathy Laskey will be walking and fundraising to support hungry, homeless, and hurting people and families in our communities. Again this year she is part of Anglican Energy walking in Fredericton in support of Youth in Transition and the John Howard Society. Please, pray for these organizations and for all who are employees, volunteers and clients. Please also consider sponsoring her by going to [cnoy.org](http://cnoy.org) and searching for her name.

**ST. PETER'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER** will be held a week early on *Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>,* from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall 2385 Woodstock Road. The menu includes pancakes, baked beans and ham; gingerbread, other cakes and whipped cream. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering can be made.

**EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US** for **PINT of VIEW** on *Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>* at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Adele Knox (5 Ruby Court). We're very pleased that Andrew Mathis has agreed to reschedule his presentation about his ongoing greenhouse project and other aspects of ecological sustainability, an excellent introduction to thinking about our God-given responsibility as stewards of his creation, which had to be cancelled last month because of bad weather. Plan to join us for a stimulating conversation while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer. For more information, directions, or a drive, please speak to the Rector.

**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 (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) and place them in the basket provided on the table in the Narthex.

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER** will be held on *Tuesday, March 5<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 includes pancakes, baked beans and sausage; gingerbread and whipped cream. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering can be made. Please join us as we celebrate together before the beginning of Lent.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**FEBRUARY 20: ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE,** (anticipated)

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

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**FEBRUARY 21: PRE-LENT FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**FEBRUARY 23: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**FEBRUARY 24: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall*