

# THE SUNDAY CALLED SEPTUAGESIMA

February 9, 2020

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## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

† Psalm 104 part 1 | Genesis 1:1-2:3 | Revelation 21:1-7

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

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**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:	page 132
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 1:1-5
♪ SURGE ILLUMINARE:	page 28
The Epistle:	page 132
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	<b>Eternal, Unchanging</b> <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Holy Gospel:	page 133
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	<b>The God of Bethlehem Praise</b> <i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	219 (Bread of Heaven)
Post Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	284 (Moscow)

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

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## From the Rector

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*Their names are Adam, Jonah, Uriel, Boaz, Judith, and Hannah, and their ages are—well, actually, this one's a bit complicated.*

Thus began a story in *The Atlantic* this past week which spoke of a successful effort to grow date-palm trees from seeds found in ancient archaeological sites. According to radiocarbon dating, the seeds were about 2000 years old; in other words, from the time that Jesus and his disciples walked the dusty roads of Israel. Sarah Sallon, a doctor at Hadassah Medical Center, picked 32 seeds from boxes of plant material at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which were then planted in a kibbutz in southern Israel. Six germinated successfully and, in celebration, were given names from Israel's history.

Now, in one way, this story is nothing more than a curiosity. These seeds serve as an interesting tie to some of the great events of two thousand years ago at Masada and Qumran, where the seeds were formed. And what researchers will be able to learn from trees grown from ancient seeds is yet to be determined. But in another way, this story serves as a powerful metaphor for the work that we do, even the very smallest things, to share the Good News of God's Kingdom.

Perhaps we sometimes wonder whether our words of love and forgiveness, of compassion and care, really make any long-term difference. Perhaps we wonder whether our efforts to share the faith with our children and grandchildren will produce any result. Perhaps, at times, we wonder if anyone's watching or listening.

But those little date-palm seeds remind me that we'll never know when the seeds of faith or hope or love that we plant every day will germinate and grow and bear fruit: sometimes immediately; in other cases, maybe not for months or years to come. Sometimes even decades. But knowing when is not really our responsibility. Our job is just to keeping planting those seeds, over and over again. Faith. Hope. Love. The seeds that Christ calls us to plant every day.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiik (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 Wəlastəkwiik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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The labours of the farm do not seem strange to the farmer; the storm at sea is not unexpected by the sailor; sweat causes no wonder to the hired labourer; and so to those who have chosen to live the life of piety the afflictions of this world are not unforeseen. Nay, to each of the aforesaid is joined a labour that is appropriate and well known to those who share it—a labour that is not chosen for its own sake, but for the enjoyment of expected blessings. For hopes, which hold and weld together man's entire life, give consolation for the hardships which fall to the lot of each of these.

St. Basil the Great (330?-379), *Saint Basil, the Letters*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN** will be meeting on **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with Lunch at the Ramada at 12:00 noon. A business meeting will follow in the Parish Hall. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Shirley Hupman.

**DR. JOHN VALK OF UNB** will speak on "Christianity Through a Worldview Lens" on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. at UNB's Renaissance College, 811 Charlotte Street, and on **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, at 12:10 p.m. at Christ Church (Parish) Church. This Christian Forum is presented by the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton and is free and open to the public.

**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 when you can.

**ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION** will be meeting on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. They invite you to join with them. For more information please speak to Shirley Hupman.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held next **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 12:15 p.m., following Coffee & Conversation. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the meeting as we review our work as a Parish in 2019 and make plans for 2020. **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 consists of 6 to 12 members who 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. We will also need to nominate up to three delegates to Diocesan Synod. Please give very 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.

**ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**, together with thousands of Canadians across the country, Archdeacon Cathy Laskey will be walking and fundraising to support hungry, homeless, and hurting people and families in our communities. She will again be part of Anglican Energy walking in support of Youth in Transition and the John Howard Society. Please consider sponsoring her by going to **cnoy.org** and searching for her name.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER** will be held on **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. **A signup sheet for those who can 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 prepare for our Lenten journey.

**THE SEASON OF LENT**, an essential time in the Church's life, will begin on February 26<sup>th</sup> with the commemoration of **Ash Wednesday**. Everyone is warmly encouraged to set aside time to attend the *Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with the Imposition of Ashes, at 7:00 p.m.* that together we might begin the journey to the Cross.

**THE ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT to Strike out Child Hunger in NB**, organised by our friends at All Saints' Anglican Church in Marysville, is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. We again hope to enter a team from St. Mary's, so please give some thought to whether you'd like to be part of this fun and rewarding event. A signup sheet for St. Mary's team is available on the table in the Narthex, so please add your name if you think you can help. Organisers would like to know the number of teams by March 1<sup>st</sup>, so please let us know by the end of the month.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **FEBRUARY 12: PRE-LENT FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

#### **FEBRUARY 15: SEXAGESIMA**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **FEBRUARY 16: SEXAGESIMA**

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