

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 16, 2018

God is love; O come, let us worship!

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 90 | Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-end | St. Luke 9:46-end

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 146:1-6:	page 517
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 242
The Old Testament Reading:	1 Kings 17:17-24
Psalm 90:14-18:	page 447
The Epistle:	page 242
Gradual Psalm 146:7-10:	page 518
The Holy Gospel:	page 243
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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:	372 (Laudate Dominum RB 9)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 242
The Old Testament Reading:	1 Kings 17:17-24
♪ PSALM:	please see the bulletin insert
The Epistle:	page 242
♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	378 (Dix)
The Holy Gospel:	page 243
♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	475 (Puer Nobis Nascitur)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	242 (St. Philip)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	503 (Kingsfold)

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



From the Rector _____

Every year on September 21st the Church remembers and gives thanks for the life and ministry of St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles, who is traditionally understood to be the author of the first Gospel. We are told that he was the son of Alphaeus and was called by Christ to be an Apostle while he was sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. He is usually identified with the man named Levi who is mentioned in the accounts of the same story recorded by St. Mark and St. Luke. Following his calling by Christ, Matthew invited Jesus to his home for a feast, which prompted a harsh reaction by the Scribes and Pharisees, who would have viewed tax collectors

as collaborators with the occupying Roman government. Matthew's role as a tax collector meant that he would have been literate in both Aramaic, the language of daily communication in Israel, and Greek, the language of commerce in the eastern portion of the Roman Empire; and his literacy would have been an essential element in his future role as an Evangelist.

Following Christ's Ascension, his apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Israel and Palestine and nothing definite is known about his later life. There is a tradition that points to Ethiopia as his field of labour; other traditions mention work in Parthia and Persia. The Church has almost universally held that he died the death of a martyr, although no reliable account of that is available.

It's generally understood that St. Matthew's Gospel was written to speak to a primarily Jewish audience. For example, Matthew frequently shows how the life, ministry, and teaching of Jesus was in fulfilment of the promises which God had made to the people of Israel as recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures; to show that the Messiah had come in the person of Jesus, in whom all the promises of the Messianic Kingdom embracing all people had been fulfilled in spiritual terms rather than physical or political.

For those of us who live almost two millennia after the composition of the Gospel that bears Matthew's name, Matthew's efforts to show the reliability of God's promises to Israel hopefully serve to remind of the confidence that we can have in God's promises to us: a reminder that God's Word is a sure hope, no matter what challenges and struggles we face. If Christ has promised to be with us always, as we are told in Holy Scripture, then we may be sure that he will fulfill that promise in our lives as well.

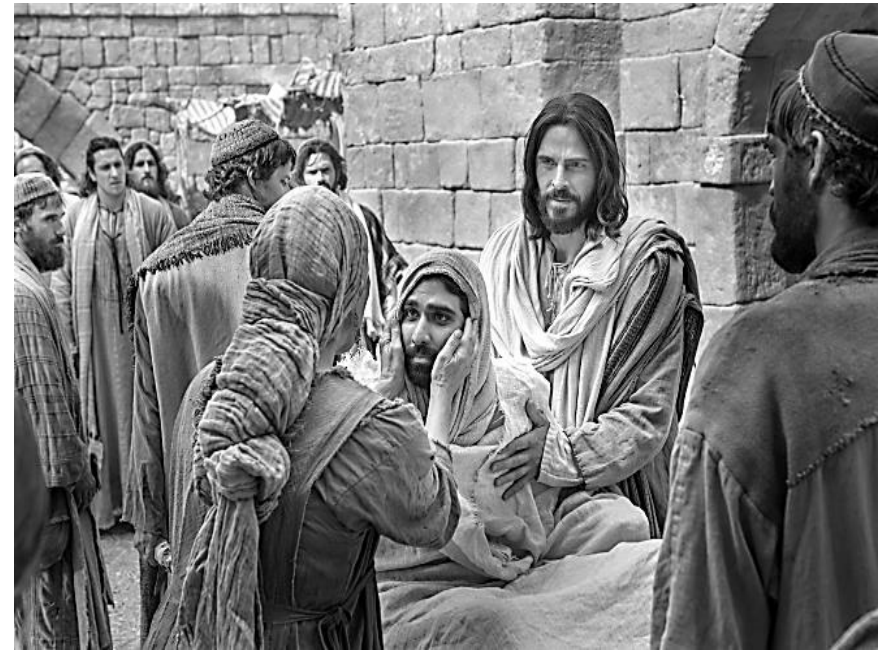
And hopefully we will also be reminded, when we think of Christ's call to Matthew, that we are challenged in Christ's name to look for the outsider and outcast that we might welcome them into the hope and joy of God's Kingdom.



WE INVITE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES to join us each Sunday morning, from approximately 9:45 and continuing until about 10:20, for an exciting, fun, and informative programme of Christian Education. Janice offers an interesting mix of crafts and instruction to help our young people to grow in their faith and to engage the Scriptures. Plan to join us as often as you can; and please invite your friends to come along as well. Everyone is welcome! *And anyone who would like to share in this wonderful and rewarding ministry is encouraged to speak to the Rector.*

✠ *And, while the children are learning in one part of the Parish Hall, all adults are invited to a conversation each Sunday with the Rector on matters of faith and life. Bring your thoughts and questions!*

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The valley of the shadow of death holds no darkness for the child of God. There must be light, else there could be no shadow. Jesus is the light. He has overcome death.

Dwight Lyman Moody (1837-1899)

Priest and Rector

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Parish Notices and Updates

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION (Wardens and Vestry members) are reminded of the meeting today, starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION will be meeting on *Tuesday, September 18th*, at 7:45 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. They invite everyone to join them. For more information please speak to Adele Knox.

LIKE TO SING ALONG TO THE RADIO??? Enjoy singing to your heart's content in the shower??? Are hymns some of your favourite things to sing??? Then you just may be a prime candidate for the Parish Choir!!! Weekly Choir Practices run each Wednesday at approximately 7:45 p.m. and we'd like to invite all enthusiastic choristers to come out. We gather each week to share the gifts that God has given us to praise Him in word and song; and we have a fun time too! *And please note, we plan on returning to practicing on Sundays after the Thanksgiving weekend.* Please speak to the Rector if you're interested!

THE RECTOR PLANS TO BE AWAY on vacation from Friday, September 21st until Thursday, September 27th. If you require the ministry of a priest during this time please contact Canon Ross Hebb at St. Peter's: 454-8752 (office); 450-9687 (home); or ross.n.hebb@gmail.com. Other parish matters should be directed to the Parish Wardens: James McElman (472-2649 or jamesdmelman@gmail.com) Thomas Geburt (geburtster@gmail.com or 357-5894). It should also be possible to reach the Rector using his cell phone number: 506-461-7685.

THE RECTOR IS VERY GRATEFUL to those priests will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist during his absence from the Parish: Canon Tom Smith on Wednesday; Canon Jon Lownds on Saturday; and Fr. Wilfred Langmaid next Sunday morning. The gracious sharing of their time and talents is very much appreciated.

A NEW LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S HOT LUNCH PROGRAMME for elementary-aged children from the Boys and Girls Club, which runs each Wednesday at noon, has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please have a look and see if there is anything that you might be able to donate to help reduce the costs for this important outreach ministry.

OUR VACUUM CLEANER HERE AT ST. MARY'S is giving us a little trouble lately. If anyone has a spare vacuum cleaner in good working order that they're willing to share or donate to the Parish, please speak to the Rector or our sexton, Cathy Lirette

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY will be starting up after our summer break on *Friday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We plan to resume our study of 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.

HAVE ANY FRESH PRODUCE? FALL DECORATIONS? Members of St. Mary's are warmly encouraged to assist with the decorating of our Church for our annual celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving by donating items that will help to fill our hearts and our vision with gratitude. *We will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving at all three Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on the holiday weekend: October 6th & 7th.* If you have any produce, flowers, leaves or other seasonal decorations that you can share with us we ask that you drop it off at the Church (or Rectory) by Friday, October 5th. *And everyone is reminded that donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome;* at Harvest Thanksgiving as part of our decorations; and all the time to help with our outreach ministry. All donations of food will be shared with the Fredericton Food Bank following our Thanksgiving celebrations.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 18: HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, Visionary, 1179

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by a Meeting of St. Mary's Mother's Union

SEPTEMBER 19: THEODORE OF TARSUS, Archbishop, 690

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

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

SEPTEMBER 20: ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE, (transferred)

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

SEPTEMBER 23: THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

SEPTEMBER 24: THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall