

# BRUNSWICK AND MORELAND CATHOLIC MISSION

## Weekly Newsletter



St Joseph



St Fidelis



Our Lady help of  
Christians



St Ambrose

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

15 JANUARY 2023

### MASS TIME

#### Our Lady's

Friday 10:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

#### St Ambrose's

Thursday 10:00 am

Sunday 10:30 am

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

#### St Joseph's

Wednesday 10:00 am

Saturday 6:30 pm

(Resumes on Saturday 5 February)

Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

#### St Fidelis'

Tuesday 9:15 am

Friday 9:15 am

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Italian Mass:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am – 11:00am

### BEATITUDES FOR OUR TIMES

Blessed are you, when you remain available,  
sharing in simplicity what you possess.

Blessed are you, when you opt for gentleness  
and dialogue even when this seems long and difficult.

Blessed are you, when you creatively devise  
new ways of donating your time, your  
tenderness and gems of hope.

Blessed are you, when you listen with your heart  
to detect what is gift in others.

Blessed are you, when you strive to take the first step,  
the necessary one to attain peace with  
brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Blessed are you, when you keep in your heart wonderment,  
openness and a free questioning of life.

Blessed are you, when you take seriously  
your faith in the Risen Jesus.

*By Louise-Helen Renou – Aylmer, Quebec*

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND COMMUNION SERVICE



*"God would not be so unjust as to forget all you have  
done, the love that you have for his name or the  
services you have done, and are still doing."*

*Hebrews 6:10*

**Tuesday 10.00am at ST JOSEPH'S  
ALL WELCOME!**

No Communion Services at St Ambrose for the month of January  
2023.

#### Prayers of Intention:

#### Recently Deceased:

*Cardinal George Pell and Antonio Brunello.*

#### Anniversaries:

*Francesco Petracca and Kath Reichter.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.  
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:  
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. **R.**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **R.**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. **R.**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

## REFLECTION

*by Dianne Bergant CSA*

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history. Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.