



**Is God calling you to be a priest?**  
 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart. . . He will direct your path.”  
 (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/topics/mental-health-wellness.html>

**Pope at Angelus: Open your eyes to God’s humble presence**

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 By Vatican News Staff Writer

Before leading the recitation of the Angelus, **Pope Francis offered reflections** on the Sunday Gospel reading which recounts when Jesus began to teach in the synagogue of his home town of Nazareth and the reaction of those present who questioned how he could have such wisdom coming from a humble family, the son of a carpenter. Their reaction was one of disbelief and resentment to which Jesus responded: “A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house” (Mk 6:4).

**Knowing and recognizing**

This attitude of Jesus’s fellow villagers reflected how they thought they *knew Jesus, but they did not recognize him*. The Pope observed that the difference between knowing and recognizing is something we need to all be aware of or we risk thinking we know everything about a person, when in reality our knowledge is superficial and we need to be open to learning more to “*recognize* the uniqueness of the person”. In the worst case, we can start labeling others and become closed within or own prejudices, he noted, as the villagers who knew Jesus for thirty years did by not realizing who Jesus truly was and refusing to appreciate what was new about Jesus.

**Closure vs. openness**

The Pope warned that if we let the ease of habit take over in us, it can lead to a “*dictatorship of prejudice*” where we close ourselves to novelty and the possibility of being amazed. We see this in our daily lives when we gravitate toward experiences or people who only conform to our ideas and world view, he noted. This can affect us in our faith life as well, where we can think we know everything about Jesus and have it all figured out. The Pope warned, however, that “without openness to what is new and to God’s surprises, without amazement, faith becomes a tiring litany that slowly dies out”. He underscored the importance of allowing ourselves to be amazed, which is the natural reaction to a true encounter with the Lord.

**The scandal of the Incarnation**

Returning to Mark’s Gospel, the Pope said the reason Jesus’s fellow villagers did not recognize him was because “*they did not accept the scandal of the Incarnation*”. For them, he noted, it would be scandalous to think that the immensity of God should appear in the smallness of our human condition, that “the divine should be hidden in the human” with the words and gestures of an ordinary man and simple life situation. Here too, he observed, we might be more easily attracted to the idea of a distant god who is up in his world and we in our world or also a “special effects” god who does extraordinary things, provoking strong emotions. The Pope said we too need to be aware of falling into this way of thinking and to learn to see that “God incarnated Himself: God is humble, God is tender, God is hidden, he draws nears to us, living the normality of our daily life”. The Pope said Jesus is our companion. He became one of us and therefore understands us, accompanies us, forgives us and loves us so much.

In conclusion, Pope Francis called on us to pray that we, like Mary, may welcome the mystery of God in our daily life and have “eyes and hearts free of prejudices and open to being amazed at God’s surprises, at His humble and hidden presence in daily life.”

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**SUNDAY JULY 11, 2021**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

**Reconciliation**  
 By Appointment

**Baptism :**  
 Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

**Matrimony :**  
 Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

**Communion at Home :**  
 Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins. Phone the parish office.

**Prayer-Line :**  
 Rose Marie Spina  
 254-4064  
 Alberta Mammarella  
 949-2963  
 (Italian)

**Visiting & Card Ministry:**  
 If you wish to send cards or have someone visit people who are confined to their homes. Contact the parish office.

**REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Parish Priest:**  
 Fr. Ron Ambeault

**Parish Council Chair:**  
 Santa De Marco

**Children Sacramental Prep. Coordinator**  
 Fran Boyle

**CWL President:**  
 Rose Linklater

**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Parish Secretary:**  
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**“Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home.”**  
 - Pope Francis

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**There will be no Sunday Masses until Fall.**  
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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

**4:00 PM MASS**

**For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.**



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## Saint Benedict - Feast Day July 11th

### **The thought of St. Benedict is the lifeblood of Europe**

Born in the central Italian mountain town of Norcia (Nursia) around AD 480, St. Benedict became one of the most important catalysts for the creation of a new European culture after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West (traditionally dated to AD 476). The system of monastic life he developed and nourished spread centers of prayer and hospitality throughout the continent. Benedictine monasteries were not only spiritual and cultural centers, but also a source of sustenance and relief for pilgrims and the poor.

### **Bright Star in a Dark Century**

St. Gregory the Great – who wrote the only ancient biography of St. Benedict that we have – called St. Benedict “a bright light” in an age marked by the most serious crisis. From his youth, Benedict’s life was marked by prayer. His wealthy parents send him to Rome to provide him with adequate training. There, however, Benedict found young people shaken, ruined by the ways of vice. So, he left Rome for a place called Enfide (modern-day Affile in central Italy), and then lived as a hermit for three years in a cave at Subiaco, which would become the heart of the Benedictine monastery Sacro Speco. This period of solitude preceded another crucial milestone on Benedict’s journey: his arrival at Monte Cassino. There, among the ruins of an ancient pagan acropolis, St. Benedict and some of his disciples built their first abbey.

### **The rule**

Benedict composed his Rule around AD 530. It is essentially a manual, a code for monastic life. Written in a familiar style, Benedict throughout the prologue and 73 chapters of the Rule exhorts his monks to reach out with “the ear of the heart” to “never despair of the mercy of God”: “Listen carefully, my child, to your master’s precepts, and incline the ear of your heart (Prov. 4:20). Receive willingly and carry out effectively your loving father’s advice, that by the labor of obedience you may return to Him from whom you had departed by the sloth of disobedience.”

### ***Ora et labora* – Pray and work**

“Idleness,” writes St. Benedict in the Rule, “is an enemy of the soul; That is why the brothers have to devote themselves to manual work, in some hours, in others, to reading books containing the word of God.” Prayer and work are not in opposition, but establish a symbiotic relationship. Without prayer, it is not possible to encounter God. The monastic life, however, defined by Benedict as “a school of the service of the Lord,” cannot be without concrete commitment. Work is an extension of prayer. “The Lord,” St. Benedict reminds us, “expects us daily to respond with facts to the doctrines of his holy teachings.”

