



**Please pray for the sick:** Nora Gagnon, Pat & Ed McGuire, Margaret Bridgeo, Andy McLean, Anne Marie Voutour, Cindy Ouellette, Sarah Ann Wright, Janice Ryan, John Hallihan, Noopa Abin, and Greg Cluff.  
**For those who have died:** Susan Smorbay, Joenard Jumiwat and Junard Minim, Stephen Cain & Sophie Morissette

**CWL- PRAYER LINE:** Prayers will be said daily for two weeks by the CWL women, on request. All requests are confidential; no information is required. To have prayers said, call Jocelyn Keirstead (328-9485) [jkeirstead21@gmail.com](mailto:jkeirstead21@gmail.com)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Monday Bingo: Open at 6 pm.  
**50/50 Mar. 27, 2022 – Non Winner** Jennifer Taylor **\$204.00** Tickets are \$2/week available at Martin's Corner Store on Broadway or Smart Stop Ultramar in Grafton Tickets must be purchased by 6 pm Sunday.

**Ministries Schedule**

*For St. Gertrude's, please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled Mass if you are a lector. Please arrive ½ hour before Mass if you are a Door Greeter or Screener. Please let Myrna or Ann know you are present to serve. If unable to serve, please let Myrna 328-9640 or Anne382-8398 know in advance or find a replacement. Thank you so much for your generous offer to serve.*

Date	Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Hospitality	Gift Bearer
09-Apr	4:00 PM	Barb Woodland Allison Chandra Narrator: Vicki McLean S parts: Ben Kilfoil Intercessions: Jean Wilson	Anne McEvoy	Gladys Dalton Marjorie Allison-Ross	Marg & Mike McCallum
Arp 10	11:00 AM	Jocelyn Keirstead John Lenehan Narrator: Brittany Sprague S parts: Ellen Culbert- Johnston Intercessions: Moira Bowlin	Diane Dube	Sharon Tenhave Rudy Nadeau	Carole Polchies Patricia Paul
Ap 10	9:00 AM	<b>1st Reading +</b>  Karen	<b>Second Reading + Prayers of Faithful</b>	Rita	

St Gertrude's: 58 lbs. of food was delivered to the Food bank for a approx.. value of \$150.00

All parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish join in a single voice of sympathy and support for Fr. Martin as he mourns the loss of his sister Kurandai Theresal. Theresal was 37 years of age when her family bid farewell to her on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> leaving behind her three young children. Fr. Martin will celebrate a Memorial Mass in her honour at a later date.

Fr. Martin came to the Diocese of Saint John in 2016 from his home Country of South India. He was appointed as our Pastor in 2020. In the midst of the Covid Pandemic Fr. Martin has been able to serve us via Zoom and Online services and meetings and has made personal contact as much as possible.

It is now time for Fr. Martin to journey back to his home Country and his Family. After Easter Services Fr. Martin will take a much deserved and needed 8 week break and will travel to his home diocese to the Divine Mercy Province near the capital of Tamilnadu, South India. Returning in mid-June.

To support Fr. Martin during his travels and the needs of his family, the ladies of The Catholic Women's League have organized a Benefit Coffee Party:

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon at St. Gertrude's Hall  
Admission by Donation**

Everyone is invited to join us for a time of fellowship. Please plan to attend and to be part of this small but heartfelt celebration in support of our Pastor. For this who are unable to attend, we will place a basket at the Church entrances (at both worship sites) on the April 2 and 3 weekend masses. Donations will not be eligible for Charitable Receipts. **Take-out available**

CWL Ladies (and all Parishioners who wish to help) are asked to bring Muffins, Donuts, Biscuits, etc. to the Hall between 9:30 and 11 am on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!!

**Youth 14 years of age or older** are invited to attend a zoom conversation with others your age about mental health. Special guest, Joe Townsend (Community Cares, Sydney Mines), will be leading the conversation with his own story on **Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 pm**. You don't have to feel alone facing *anxiety, depression, or loneliness*. To register email: Patricia at [mirreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:mirreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org) or by calling 506-622-5730.

**Offertory Mar 26/27**

	<u>St. Gertrude</u>	<u>Sts. Simon &amp; Jude</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>
Loose	121	25	-
Envelopes	945	1,313	70
PAD	1,417	222	77
E-Transfer	20	150	
Candles		75	
Initial Envelop	—	5	5
	2503	1790	152
Ash Wednesday	205	Indigenous Reconciliation	50
Dev & Peace	265	Lynn Lake	250
St. Bonaventure	50	global South	40

**Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation** toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Please complete this form and place in the collection or drop in at the office by Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>. Names will be placed in the Book of Memorials and in the Easter bulletin.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Envelop # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**SEASON OF LENT--This Week (April 3 to April 10)**

**Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace Share Lent Collection (April 2 and 3) *\*See the Development and Peace information in this bulletin.***

**Stations of the Cross--St. Gertrude (Friday, April 8, 7 pm, led by the Filipino community of our parish) Live-streamed**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK (APRIL 10 - 17)**

**Palm Sunday (April 9/10) regular mass times**

**Chrism Mass (Tuesday, April 12, Saint John, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 3:00 PM**

**Holy Thursday (April 14) 5 pm Sts. Simon & Jude, 7 pm St. Gertrude**

**Good Friday (April 15) 12 noon Sts. Simon & Jude, 3 pm St. Gertrude**

**Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 16) 9 pm, St. Gertrude**

**Easter Sunday (April 17) 9 am St. Gertrude**

**Please take note: There is only one Mass on Easter Sunday Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be at St. Gertrude's Church at 9:00 am**

**Living Stations of the Cross**

Calling all middle school and high school students!

We are planning to hold the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening, starting at 8 pm.

This has always been a youth group activity, and as youth group has been much affected by the recent COVID pandemic, this is an opportunity to come together with other young people and participate in this dramatization of the Stations of the Cross.

We need 4 male roles, 4 female roles and 3 readers. The "actors" have no words, it a dramatization that involves alternating music with still tableaux: re-enaction's of the stages of the journey of Jesus on the way to the Cross at Calvary. It is very simple, yet very powerful.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Allison Chandra: text or phone 506-3245347 or email [mchandra@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:mchandra@nb.sympatico.ca)

The first planning meeting and practice will be on Sunday April 10 from 7pm until 8:30 pm in the church and we will practice again on Good Friday from 4:30 pm.

Thank you for your willingness to participate!

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM** assists people with modest income to file their tax returns free of charge. At this time there will be no in person clinics but volunteers are available to do taxes with phone contact. For more information or to have your taxes done contact any of the following volunteers: Jocelyn 323-0343, Terrance 328-5162, Dorothy 276-4604, and Diane 328-7379

**SALT AND LIGHT** Canadian TV provides Vatican live events, documentaries, docu series, tv shows and much more. While it is a subscription service, for a limited time period (from now to Easter Sunday, April 18th) several TV segments are available for FREE PREVIEW on the Salt and Light website/Facebook ('slmedia.org'). For those parishioners who subscribe to Rogers Ignite TV, the Salt and Light TV Channel 224 can be viewed daily, for FREE, until Easter Sunday, April 18th.

**CATHOLIC FEAST DAYS (April)**

**SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE** (April 7) - Patron for teachers

Saint John de La Salle was a 17th Century priest who pioneered programs for the training of lay teachers. He dedicated much of his life to the education of the poor in France. He was a pioneer in founding training colleges, technical schools and secondary schools for modern languages, arts and sciences.

## CATHOLIC FEAST DAYS (April)

**SAINT BERNADETTE** (April 16) - Patroness of illnesses, poverty, shepherds/shepherdesses and Lourdes, France In 1858, at age 14, Bernadette Soubirous, was living in a small town in France with her family. Out one day, with her sister and friend, gathering firewood near the grotto of Massabielle, she experienced the first of 18 visions of the Virgin Mary. In each of these visions, Bernadette reported seeing a tiny lady wearing a white veil, a blue girdle, with a yellow rose on each foot, compatible with a 'description of any statue of the Virgin in a local church'. At the 13th apparition, the lady asked that a chapel be built at the nearby cave grotto. Bernadette's 'alleged' apparitions caused a sensation throughout the region with many divided in their opinion as to whether or not she was telling the truth.

After an investigation by the Catholic Church, authorities confirmed, in 1862, the authenticity of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary. Subsequently, a chapel was built to honour Our Lady. Today, Lourdes is a major pilgrimage site attracting more than 5 million pilgrims, of many faiths, each year.

**SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA** (April 17) - Patroness of ecology, the environment, people in exile and Native Americans

**Saint Kateri** was one of four North American Aboriginals 'venerated' by the Catholic Church and the first North American Aboriginal canonized as a saint. Born in 1656 and named 'Tekakwitha', her mother was a Christian member of the Algonquin First Nation and her father was a Chief of the Iroquois First Nation. At the age of 4, Kateri was the only member of her family to survive an outbreak of smallpox. Raised, then, by her aunt and uncle, a Mohawk First Nation Chief, she was greatly influenced by the Jesuits who had established a mission nearby. At the age of 19, Kateri converted to Catholicism and was given the Christian name of 'Catherine', in honour of Catherine of Siena. This decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and members of her community. Refusing to marry and amid false rumours of sorcery, she left her village and travelled to a Jesuit community in (now modern day) Montreal where she lived for the next 5 years, until her untimely death to poor health. Many miracles have been attributed to her intercession.

### CATHOLIC NEWS:

- \*Vatican News ([www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va))
- \* Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca))
- \* Diocese of Saint John + New Freeman ([www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org](http://www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org))
- \* The Catholic Register ([www.catholicregister.org](http://www.catholicregister.org))
- \* Catholic Herald - UK ([catholicherald.co.uk](http://catholicherald.co.uk))
- \* Our Sunday Visitor ([www.osvnews.com](http://www.osvnews.com))
- \* The Catholic Thing ([www.thecatholicthing.org](http://www.thecatholicthing.org))
- \* Catholic Insight Magazine - Canada ([www.catholicinsight.com](http://www.catholicinsight.com))
- \* Catholic World Report ([www.catholicworldreport.com](http://www.catholicworldreport.com))



### Week 5: April 3 – Solidarity Sunday

#### This Lent, give from the heart

**This Solidarity Sunday**, Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity.



Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, "Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods."

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection ([blue envelope](#) or [D&P brown envelope](#)) or at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for helping us build

a world of justice.

#### UPDATE ON OUR UKRAINIAN FUNDRAISING

Development and Peace is collecting [emergency relief funds for Ukraine](#). This money is going to our Caritas partners on the ground. Caritas-Ukraine and Caritas-SPES alone have already provided food baskets, accommodations, hygiene kits and other essential goods to over 350,000 Ukrainians fleeing the war or living in isolation.

So far, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has raised over **\$830,000** to help these vulnerable Ukrainians. **Thank you for your tremendous generosity and prayers!**

#### DONATE TO HELP UKRAINE---DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

People can go online on our webpage [devp.org](http://devp.org) to make their donations for call the emergency number:

Toll Free number: 1 888 664-3387



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH**

St. Gertrude’s Church, Sts. Simon and Jude Church

Mission Churches

St. Bonaventure, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joseph’s, St. Thomas of Canterbury

April 1, 2022

Dear Friend,

We invite you to church, or back to church, to celebrate mass with us and to participate within your parish community. We are presently in the season of Lent with Easter celebrations just around the corner. Since Covid-19 restrictions have lifted, we are now able to worship through the Liturgy of the Word, Holy Eucharist and singing more fully. You are no longer required to social distance or wear a mask; however, if you are more comfortable with these safety measures, please feel free to continue with them.

We are looking at having a Welcome Back BBQ on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at St. Gertrude’s church and an ice cream party at Sts. Simon and Jude in the summer (date and time to be announced in the bulletin at a later date) as long as Covid-19 restrictions allow. We hope these celebrations will give our community a chance to rejoin in faith and support for each other. We were not made to walk through this Christian life by ourselves. We are part of the Body of Christ and when one member is missing, the entire parish is affected.

Moving forward, we are hoping to involve children and youth more in the liturgy celebrations. In the fall, we plan to commence youth catechism, youth group, confirmation classes, and adult faith formation. We also plan to expand our outreach groups to help more in the community.

If you have stopped attending mass, we would like to hear from you! Why did you stop attending? What might draw you back? How can we support you today? Please speak to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, call the parish office at 506-328-3306 or email your feedback to [sjbnb@rogers.com](mailto:sjbnb@rogers.com).

Below are the regular and Holy Week mass schedules and the names of the Parish Pastoral Council members. We hope to see you there! God Bless you and your family.

<b>Parish Pastoral Council Members</b> Father Martin Sylvie Dempsey (Chair) Brittany Sprague (Vice Chair) Barbara Woodland (Secretary) Hugh Williams Moira Bowlin Ninfa Blaquiere John Ryan Noah Lenehan Gemma Cain Veronica Steeves	<b>Regular Mass Schedule</b>	
	<u>St. Gertrude’s Church (Woodstock)</u> Saturday – 4:00 pm Sunday – 11:00 am	<u>Sts. Simon &amp; Jude Church (Nackawic)</u> Sunday – 9:00 am
	<b>Holy Week Mass Schedule</b>	
	<u>St. Gertrude’s Church (Woodstock)</u> Palm Sunday – 11:00 am Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm Good Friday – 3:00 pm Easter Vigil – 9:00 pm Easter Sunday – 9:00 am	<u>Sts. Simon &amp; Jude Church (Nackawic)</u> Palm Sunday – 9:00 am Holy Thursday – 5:00 pm Good Friday – 12:00 pm

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