

June 24, 2018 – Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

[Zechariah] asked for a tablet and wrote: "John is his name," and all were amazed.

Luke 1: 57-66, 80

A prophetic "No"

Nearly 740 doctors in Quebec have done something seldom seen in modern medicine - or in any professional field, for that matter:

They turned down a pay raise.

This past February, the doctors, residents and medical students petitioned the provincial government in Quebec to take money that would have been used to increase their incomes and give it to nurses and other health care workers who are dealing with crushing workloads and limited resources.

The pay raises amount to just under two percent.

But the group of doctors - a small minority within Quebec's medical community - believes turning back the raises is a first step in changing a medical system that has revolved too much around physicians and hospitals at the expense of patient care and services. The doctors call the proposed pay increases "indecent" in light of the growing awareness of the low pay and heavy workload among Quebec's nurses, who are forced to work repeated overtime, sometimes mandatory, because of a chronic lack of staff.

In their petition to the government, the doctors wrote:

"These increases are all the more shocking because our nurses, clerks and other professionals face very difficult working conditions, while our patients live with the lack of access to required services because of the drastic cuts in recent years . . . We, Quebec doctors, are asking that salary increases granted to physicians be canceled and that the resources of the system be better distributed for the good of the health care workers and to provide health services worthy of the people of Quebec."

[The New York Times, March 9, 2019; CNBC.com, March 6, 2018.]

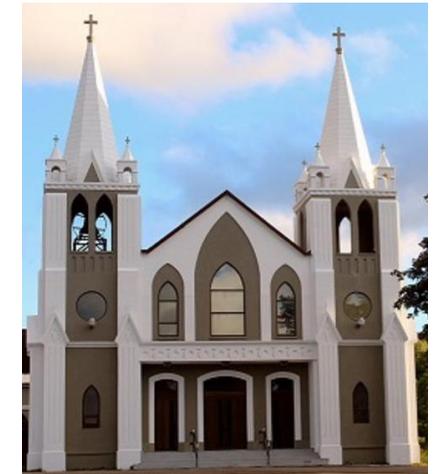
The stand by these doctors can only be described as "prophetic": putting aside one's own interest for the sake of the greater good, placing justice and compassion before personal profit and gain. Their stand (which has not been welcomed by all doctors in the province of Quebec) mirrors the spirit of John the Baptizer, the last great prophet who heralds the coming of God's Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, who reveals God's Kingdom of mercy, justice, reconciliation and peace. As John was called, so are we all called to the work of the prophet - "one who proclaims." In baptism, God calls each one of us to be agents of integrity; illuminators of the light of truth in every dark and hidden place; consciences of our homes, our schools, our workplaces. As we celebrate the birth of John, the last great prophet and herald of the Christ, may we recommit ourselves to the call of our baptisms to be prophets of God's mercy and justice along our own highways and Jordan Rivers.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Robyn C. Gallant

Office Hours: Monday and Friday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm
Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (June 17, 2018)

Regular Collection	1639.25
Parish Insurance	20.00
Building Fund	45.00
Cemetery Fund	60.00
Votive Candles	67.85
Word Among Us	5.00
Mass Stipends	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

June 25	No Mass
June 26	Late Edna Dwyer
June 27	Late Ray Dunphy
June 28	Late Marie Pennell
June 29	Late Col Healey
June 30	The Roche and Tompkins Family
July 1	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

June 30	
Basil English Janet Jackson	Eileen Moore Joanne Connolly Joan Penney
July 1	
Mike Leonard Cavin Gillis	Margaret Dalley Don Gallant Barbara Neville
Communion to the Sick	
Gerard Brake	

NOTICE OF CHANGE: Weekday Mass Schedule - Beginning with July 2, weekday masses will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays **AND** Thursdays, Wednesdays at 10:00 am, and Fridays at 10:00 am, except First Fridays mass will be 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE: Beginning July 3, 2018 the office hours will be changing. The new office hours will be **Tuesday and Thursday 9 am-12:30 pm and 1 pm-5 pm, Friday 1-5 pm.**

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

4 YOUTH: June 24th is the feast day of Saint John the Baptist. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Newfoundland and the city of St. John's was named in his honor. John the Baptist lived at the



same time as Jesus. He lived in the desert as a hermit but, at the age of thirty, he began to preach against the evils of the time and to challenge people to turn away from sin and to be baptized. He baptized hundreds of people, including Jesus himself. John's preaching was meant to prepare the way for Jesus, the Messiah. He is a model for how we too should point others toward Jesus by how we live our lives and show our faith in Him.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The Poor Box collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place the last weekend of the month, June 30th - July 1st. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: St. Vincent de Paul Society is in great need of used furniture. In particular, we are looking for: mattresses, box springs and frames of all sizes; kitchen tables and chairs; dressers/bureaus; sofas. Please call 638-9010

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL: June 29th is celebrated as the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. We celebrate these two saints together because they are considered the founders of the Church of Rome through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Saint Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and he made sure that the true faith was kept alive. Although Saint Paul



started out as a Jewish Pharisee who actively persecuted early followers of Christ, he had a conversion encounter with Jesus that caused him to spend the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. His letters are included in the New Testament and it is because of these writings that he is the patron saint of writers and public relations.

MT CECILIA CEMETERY MASS:

Mt. Cecilia - July 10th at 7:00 pm
In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart Church.

MT PATRICIA/TOWNSITE CEMETERY MASSES:

Mt. Patricia - July 24th at 7:00 pm,
Townsite - July 25th at 7:00 pm
In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Cathedral.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CEMETERY MASS:

Old Cemetery - July 17th at 7:00 pm
In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

COUNTDOWN TO CELEBRATE: Have you registered yet? Don't miss out this exciting Catholic faith-filled weekend. Inspiring talks from international speakers, children's age appropriate streams, Mass, worship, and a variety of workshops. Fun and faith for everyone. To be held at All Hallows Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary School on Humber Road in Corner Brook, July 14th and 15th. Call Amelia at 709-388-1048. Website: www.celebratenl.ca. Facebook: Celebrate Conference NL. Let this weekend be the highpoint of your summer activities!

HUMOUR: In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery: "Here lies an Atheist / All dressed up and no place to go." In a cemetery in England: "Remember man, as you walk by, / As you are now, so once was I. / As I am now, you soon will be. / Prepare yourself and follow me." To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone: "To follow you I'll not consent / Until I know which way you went."

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is started in Humber Arm South again. Draws will take place Sunday evenings from 6-7 pm at the Humber Arm South community hall. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the town of Humber Arm South.

GROS MORNE SUMMER MUSIC: Gros Morne Summer Music presents the GSMC Choir Festival featuring Youth and Children's Choirs from across Canada, joined by local youth and adults from the Graham Academy Choir Camps. Held at the St. John the Evangelist, 25 Main Street, Corner Brook, on July 5th & 6th at 8 PM.