*“Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so the] sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.” John 6: 10 - 11*

All attempts to reduce the grand and glorious Christian faith to set of moral directives, a list of positive values to be affirmed, or a collection of noble philosophical platitudes are destined for failure.

The Christian faith is about the mystery of being met by Jesus, and being encountered, blessed, reassured, and fed.

God forgive us of our misguided attempts to whittle down the church to a mutual admiration society, a volunteer social service organization, a moral improvement club to make nice people even nicer, and all the other pettiness we inflict upon the body of Christ.

To be a Christian – to be here – is to be among that fortunate group of people who have been with Jesus, who have looked at this Jew from Nazareth and have seen the very face of God.

With him, we gather to wash in the waters of Baptism, we gather for a meal to break bread of the Eucharist and find ourselves in the presence of God. Just when we think all hope may be lost, hope comes to us in the form of the one who says, “Make the people sit down.”

Why do you come to church?

My prayer for you is that deep down you continue to come to church because it is here where you meet Jesus – maybe not every Sunday, but enough to keep coming back. Without that, why bother?

Why bother, indeed? *Canon Jotie, T.S.S.F.*

*Sustainer of the hungry,*

*like a mother you feed your children*

*until each is satisfied.*

*Turn our eyes to you alone,*

*so that, aware of our own deepest longings,*

*we reach out with Christ*

*to feed others with the depth of your love. Amen. (ACC)*

This Bulletin is given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for and Remembrance of our parents:

**Ralph S. Barnes**

**Florence & Ronald Torraville**

**John E. & Gladys Gavell**

by Stephanie & Philip Gavell

**We invite prayers for those who are sick**: Patricia B. Elaine M., Benjamin C., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Ruby H., Kelly R., Eva B., Hayden P., Cynthia W., Christine H., Danielle B., Denise P.

**Food Bank –** The food bank is currently in great need of cereal as well as canned milk – or take a decoration from our giving tree, purchase the item, and drop it off in our basket.

**Bible Study, LUKE** – Our next Bible Study will be, **Thursday, October 31, at 10:30 a.m**. Join us as we continue to study the Gospel of Luke references for Sunday worship. If you do not have a Bible, we can provide one for you, as well as a large print copy of the lesson for the study.

**Synod Prayer** - Heavenly Father, as the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador set sail into the waters of the upcoming Diocesan Synod, we pray for gentle winds of wisdom and unity to guide our path. May our hearts be open like sails to the breath of the Holy Spirit, leading us to new horizons of faith and cooperation. Let the waves of dialogue and understanding draw us closer to a shared mission, anchored in love and service. Bless this voyage with Your granting safe passage and fruitful outcomes for all who walk this path together. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Thank you*** **–** To all those who contributed to and attended our Flea Market on Saturday.

It was a great success!!

***Sunday Worship Schedule***

**Sunday, November 3**, St. John the Evangelist ACW 75th Anniversary, **10:30 a.m.** (White) **Holy Eucharist** followed by a Cup O’ Tea In the Parish Hall (AG Team 1) (EA – Gail Trewhitt) (Proper for All Saints)

Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44

**Remembrance Sunday, November 10**, Royal Canadian Legion joins us for The Blessing of the Colours, **10:30 a.m.** (White) **Morning Prayer**, Ukulele Ministry (AG Team 2) (Proper for All Souls)

Wisdom 3: 1-9 Psalm 116: 1-8 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 6: 37-40

**Sunday, November 17**, Pentecost 26, **10:30 a.m**. (Green) **Holy Eucharist** (BCP) (AG Team 3) (EA – Donald Sparkes)

1 Samuel 1: 4-20 Te Deum Hebrews 10: 11–14, 19 –25 Mark 13: 1-8