

RECTOR'S MESSAGE – January 30, 2026

We Are Called To "Seek and Serve Christ in All Persons..."

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8.

In our Baptismal Covenant, we are called as disciples of Christ to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbours as yourself?" We are also called and encouraged to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" And our response to these two calls among others is "***I will, with God's help.***" BAS 159.

This February in Canada, as we begin the celebration of the 30th anniversary of Black History Month with the national theme: "Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations — From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries," we as people of faith, although we may thrive as people of many cultures, we are still called as one people under God. Thus, the prophetic message from the Book of Micah 6:8 is still like a mic drop in our context here and now. This verse calls us to:

- Act justly with one another.
- Love mercy: Show compassion and empathy, working towards equity and inclusion of everyone.
- Walk humbly: Recognize the ongoing impact of history, listening to and amplifying Black voices within and beyond the four-walls of the church and in our communities.

We do this by telling our stories of the common grace we all enjoy from God as humans, especially stories of resilience, courage and strength among our Black community. Archbishop Desmond Tutu believed that "sharing one's experiences of pain and struggle is a crucial step towards healing and liberation." With this, as we are called to join one another in our parish to celebrate this milestone in the history of our beautiful country; we are called and encouraged to tell our stories of God's goodness that reflect, "*Seek and Serve Christ in All Persons.*" Thanks be to God. Amen.

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