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The next issue of the Bene Dictus will be released on the weekend of May 4th/5th.

On the cover:

Part of the Iboi family baptisms. For the full story, see page 7.

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FATHER SIMON SAYS...



Fr. Simon Lobo, CC
Pastor

A WEEK SET APART

If Lent is meant to be like a hard workout, Holy Week is kind of like the double-scoop ice cream cone you get as a reward afterward. Each year we celebrate the powerful events of that first Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday (Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem), Holy Thursday (the Last Supper), Good Friday (the passion and death of Jesus), and the Easter Vigil (an epic liturgy celebrating the resurrection). On Easter Sunday the celebrations continue. I would encourage you to make Holy Week truly holy this year; the word holy means 'set apart' from what is regular or routine. Please try to set apart time to join us for all three liturgies of the Triduum as they form one complete story.

A great way to prepare for Holy Week would be to make a good confession, repent, and receive the free gift of Jesus' mercy. We will have another Lenten Reconciliation Drama at 7pm on Tuesday, April 9th followed by individual confessions. There will also be several priests coming to help with confessions between 10am-5pm on Wednesday, April 10th.

This Holy Week, I'd ask you to come not as a guest, but as a host ready to welcome all those who will be visiting us during this time of year. Please be mindful of parking in appropriate spots, and consider parking farther away if you are able to walk. We are so blessed to have nine people in the process receiving sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers!

If Easter has arrived and you are new or visiting Saint Benedict, on behalf of the whole parish I

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FATHER SIMON SAYS *continued*

want to extend a warm welcome to you. I hope that you have been touched by your time with us and that you will come back soon.

WORSHIP HELPS US PRAY

We were blessed by Peter Togni and his choir at the Gregorian Prayer Night on March 23rd. Fr. Alex and I both remarked how prayerful and contemplative the experience was for us.

On Good Friday, we will have the Stations of the Cross with musical accompaniment led by Kim Sampson's choir (from Sunday evening Mass). During these 14 stations, we pause and reflect on how Jesus suffered and died on our behalf to save us. I encourage you to join us for the Stations on Good Friday at 7pm. Again, it's an opportunity to put away distractions and set apart time during these holy days.

ONGOING NEED FOR STAFF SUPPORT

We recently posted two part-time jobs and are in the process of receiving applications and conducting interviews with the help of Human Resources professionals. Thanks for all who have taken that huge step of faith to apply. Let me give a little more context to these areas of need.

From the time that I was taking over from Fr. James Mallon as pastor, he encouraged me to get a personal assistant. He has been working with a full-time personal assistant for years. We hired Matt Vaughan, who has been wearing several hats on staff, including scheduling appointments and assisting me when possible (perhaps a little less than 10 hours per week). However, the lion's share of his position is focused on communications, and his responsibilities continue to increase as he brings his creative gifts to that role. Several people were encouraging me to hire

someone who could be more dedicated to assisting me (perhaps 15 hours per week) as the expectations on me continue to grow.

Over a year ago, we had two full-time positions, one focused on Alpha and another focused on Engagement. After some reflection, we thought it made sense to streamline the positions into one, and last June we hired Tanya Noye, who has brought so much to both areas. However, it has become clear that she is working much more than full-time, which is the case for most of the staff who put in long hours. We decided it was appropriate to hire a part-time person to support Tanya as we try to ensure that there is A Next Step for Everyone. This new 'Game Plan Support' person will be responsible to help everyone to take the next step on the journey.

I should add that both of these part-time positions were planned for when we made our 2019 budget last Fall, and they were approved by the Finance Council. Please pray for wisdom as we try to discern who God is calling us to hire.

SEMINAR OF HOPE

We are so grateful to have had Vernon Robertson lead us through this year's Parish Mission. Thank you for all who attended and who gave generously to offset the expenses for bringing in such a gifted speaker. He wanted to make sure that all participants were able to get a copy of the workbook. For the fruits of this mission to continue to deepen, I would encourage you to form small groups to discuss and pray with the content in the workbooks.

May we all be filled with a new sense of hope this Easter Season! 🙏

TRUTH AND DARKNESS



Lori MacDonald
Bene Dictus Team

This reflection is on next Sunday's Gospel, the Passion Narrative, Luke 22:14–23:56.

The midday sun is beautiful: it is the height of warmth and illumination. I liken its warmth to the feeling of being loved and see illumination as truth. Barely a shadow exists when the sun shines directly upon me, but with the slightest move out of alignment with it, long shadows are cast and darkness ensues.

As I prayed with Jesus' Passion, I reflected on the elements of darkness and light within it. Even in His darkest hours, Jesus, the Light, was perfect innocence. He spoke not a word nor performed any deed in sin. In the midst of the darkness besieging Him, Jesus unified and healed. He mended the relationship between Herod and Pilate, he restored the soldier's wounded ear. He solicited forgiveness for the men who taunted, beat, and killed Him. He offered hope to those who wept for Him and to the repentant criminal on the cross beside Him.

Though there were some who courageously carried the light of Christ alongside Him, they were merely occasional stars in a blanket of darkness. It pains me to say it, but my own actions often more closely align with the darkness; the oppression responsible for the great persecution of my Lord.

In the darkness of greed, Judas betrayed Jesus—sold his friend and saviour to Darkness himself. How many times have I chosen affluence over generosity?

In the darkness of night the Roman Soldiers apprehended Him; out of the darkness of envy and fear, they rejected Him. How has my envy and fear stifled my ability to be grateful for the gifts God has given others, and to trust in the good plans He has for my life?

In the darkness of anger, Peter cut off the ear of a soldier; out of the darkness of his pride and selfishness, he denied any association with Jesus. How often have I hidden my faith in order to blend in with the crowd?

The ultimate sacrifice of perfect innocence had to take place to compensate for all these deeds I do in the dark—for all the temptations I succumb to each day. As I sat with this uncomfortable truth, I soon found myself belting out Elton John's song, *Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me*. One line in particular stood out to me: "But these cuts I have... they need love... to help them heal."

My cuts, the brokenness that cowers in the deep, dark corners of my heart, can only be healed by Love Himself. And we all have these cuts, these wounds in need of healing so that we don't continue to harm the Body of Christ out of the pain they stir up within us. So then, collectively, as the Body of Christ, how do we heal? We step out of the darkness and into the Light by aligning ourselves with the Son, allowing Him to illuminate the truth, and receiving the warmth of His love.

Lord Jesus, I am deeply sorry.

Lori is a contributor to Ora, where you can read reflections for the weekend Mass readings. Go to oraministry.weebly.com to read more. 

A DESERT JOURNEY



John Rae


Bene Dictus Team

I once heard a story about a fellow who had prepared himself for a journey. He was overconfident in his ability to manage his own adventure, and packed what he felt was sufficient food and water for any situation.

A few days into the journey, he got turned around and found himself in a desert. It didn't take long for him to use up all of his water supply. He had led himself into the temptation of self-sufficiency and now was in a situation that could lead to his death. On the verge of dying of thirst, and half delirious, he came upon a well pump. However, no matter how much he pumped, no water came out of the spout. He was beside himself. Just then, he noticed a note on the pump. It said, 'Just to the right of this pump, you will find a bottle of water buried in the sand. Whatever you do, do not give in to the temptation to drink, even a little bit of it! It takes the full litre of water to prime the pump. Pour all the water into the priming cylinder of the pump and after a few strokes of the pump handle you will find

that there will be more than enough water to fill all your water containers. All that I ask is that when you are done, please refill the bottle and bury it in the sand for the next person."

What was he to do? He was being asked to trust the word of another, and have faith that what he was being asked to do was reasonable in the situation. The temptation to drink the priming water would be overwhelming, and he already had practice giving into temptation. In his distress, he had to engage the word of the message and say, "Not my will, but thine be done!" and pour out every last drop of water into the priming chamber. Drinking the priming water would only bring temporary relief, but trusting and acting on the message attached to the pump could bring him the gift of life-giving water. His salvation involved taking a counterintuitive, but not irrational, risk.

Notice that his salvation is not a purely solitary and self-centred act, but by re-burying the priming water he sets up the conditions for the possibility of the salvation of the next person who comes along. Salvation is always missional; we are all links in a chain forged by faith of others. 

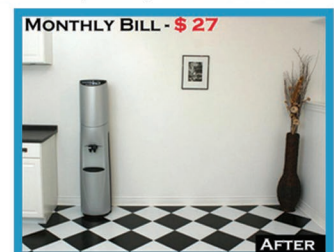
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A FRESH START



Taya Vaci
Bene Dictus Team

The most recent Alpha Weekend Away had a remarkable 167 attendees. An invitation for the weekend was extended to four other churches to join the guests from Saint Benedict.

The weekend ends with an open invitation for guests to come forward and share their story. Sandy Pelham, an attendee from Saint Joseph Parish in Bridgewater, came forward. He started by thanking Saint Benedict Parish for 'giving' them Fr. Jim O'Connor, our former associate pastor. Sandy finished, "The South Shore felt dead and Alpha brought new life to our community."

After the Weekend Away, Sandy, his wife Kay, and some other guests graciously shared more about the impact Alpha has had on Saint Joseph Parish.

What was the parish like before this Alpha session?

The community is filled with wonderful lifelong Catholics. They have a strong Saint Vincent de Paul ministry and celebrate monthly prayer breakfasts. Even with that, at times the South Shore can feel like a desert.

How was the introduction of Alpha perceived?

Sandy said he was a bit of a skeptic. Alpha had been run nearby and didn't catch fire. Everyone, however, was thrilled to see how many people jumped onto the Alpha train

and were excited to get involved. Father Jim's "enthusiastic pastoral support" is seen as a major reason for Alpha's successful launch.

What did the parishioners think about the Weekend Away?

One guest shared that they "were so tired of being on the periphery in a spiritual sense. The Weekend Away turned it around." A self-described "cradle Catholic" surprised herself when she found her hands raising during praise and worship. Another said, "Suddenly the Holy Spirit has taken a foothold, and things are coming alive."


What impact has Alpha had?



Kay shared the happiness she experienced with the vulnerability that comes with journeying together. People who have known each other for 20 years

are opening their hearts and sharing on a spiritual level like never before. Most people had not experienced this type of environment. It surprised and transformed them. "It has brought a fresh start."

What's next?

"This journey has been contagious." A guest who attended Alpha has experienced such growth that she feels called to rise into leadership. The parish is already planning their next Alpha session. After Alpha, they want to keep the momentum by continuing to meet in small groups. There is a deep desire within the community to grow together in their relationship with Jesus. "The South Shore has a long way to go, but it starts here." 

SERVANT HEARTS



Susan LeRue
Bene Dictus Team

Meet the Iboi family from Nigeria. They are Millicent and Andy Iboi, and their five children Lena (11 years old), Lisa (9), Lucy (8), and Leroy and Lacey, twins born this past February. They have been part of our parish family since January 2018.

As active members of our faith community, the three girls received instructions for the Sacrament of Baptism through our PACT ministry (Preparing and Celebrating Together).

Many hands and generous hearts gathered around this beautiful family to offer support and help as Millicent prepared to deliver the twins, while she had three energetic, delightful school-aged little girls at home.

One of Millicent's initial contacts with Saint Benedict was through 'Moms, Love, Coffee', which she came to for the first time last year. 'Moms, Love, Coffee' is a group aiming to welcome Moms with preschoolers, especially those who may feel a bit isolated and disconnected being at home with their babies. These awesome moms, along with a few other ladies from Saint Benedict (lovingly referred to as 'the Nannies'), planned and hosted a baby shower for Millicent. The results

were overwhelming: Millicent received an abundance of beautiful gifts, even car seats for the soon-to-arrive twins.

As Millicent's due date grew closer, plans were set in place in the event that her husband Andy was away on business at the time Millicent would need to be hospitalized.

A number of wonderful parishioners really stepped up. They scheduled babysitting for the three girls, organized drives to and from doctor appointments for Millicent, and overnight babysitters for the three girls were booked just in case. So many other day-to-day things, like meals for the family, were all taken care of.

And as it turned out, Andy WAS out of town when Millicent went into labour, but these amazing people were ready and eager to come to the family's aid.

Working with each other, these volunteers were flexible, made themselves available, and in the end Millicent was taken to the hospital where she delivered twins, Leroy and Lacey, on February 12th. The girls were well attended to until Andy arrived back home to meet his new babies and be with his family a few days later.





All the months of preparation and excitement came to a conclusion when Millicent & Andy's five children were all baptized during the 9am Mass on March 3rd.

The following is taken from an email written by Millicent to Dinah Simmons, who helps run PACT, and it speaks to all who helped the Iboi family during these last months:

"I don't know the words to use to show my appreciation. You and the wonderful church members stood by me and my family throughout my complicated pregnancy. My prayer is that may the almighty God continue to bless and show mercy and reward you all accordingly. A million thanks to you for yesterday's baptism of my family. It was a really wonderful day in my family." – Millicent Iboi

Well done Church family! You have shown us all what it means to be followers of Christ by your wonderful service.

This is community! This is family! This is Church!

The picture above of the volunteers is not complete as some were not available at the time this photo was taken.

Special thanks to Dolores D'Entremont without whom I've wouldn't have been able to write this article. 🙏

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FINDING A HOME



Matt Vaughan
Communications Coordinator

Peter Mallette has been a parishioner at Saint Benedict Parish since 2015 and has been involved in Alpha and the Bene Dictus team for the last few years. Peter is leaving Nova Scotia this Spring, and I spoke to him about his experience at Saint Benedict Parish.

MATT: How did you first come to Saint Benedict?

PETER: I was attending another church from 1994 to about 2015, and I felt great there. I was very busy. But being born and raised a Catholic, as much as I was enjoying that experience, it got to a point where it wasn't fulfilling me spiritually.

I have breakfast once a month with a dear friend, she's sort of my spiritual advisor. She was the one who said, "If you're that dissatisfied in the church you're in, why don't you try Saint Benedict? I've heard wonderful things about this guy named Fr. James Mallon. Why don't you just try it?"

So I showed up at Saint Benedict one day, and I sat in the back. And I was gobsmacked by the Spirit here. But I kept to myself, I was always prepared to be rejected. I was basically rejecting everybody before they had the chance to reject me. But it never happened.

MATT: How did you get involved in Alpha?

PETER: One day, I'm sitting there in my pew, and this woman just sidles up very close to
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me and says, "Hi, have you ever tried Alpha?" I said, "Well, no, but I know what Alpha is." And she goes, "You know, you might enjoy it. Why don't you think about it?" So I thought, "Well, there's a sign from the Holy Spirit." So I signed up for Alpha. And that woman was Susan LeRue.

At the Weekend Away, I found myself standing in line for prayer. I didn't know what I was going to say. They asked, "Why do you need prayer?" I was trying to stay in control of my emotions, and I just lost it. I said, "I feel like I'm carrying all of this guilt and shame." And they helped me lay a lifetime of guilt and shame at the foot of the cross. And it completely transformed my life.

MATT: What made you come back to Alpha?

PETER: I met other people who were as broken as I was, I met other people who had big questions about their faith, who weren't afraid to open up about it. And my story wasn't as weird and odd as I thought it was.

MATT: How long have you been part of a Connect Group?

PETER: Two years, and that's a whole other interesting story. I longed to be in a Connect Group. But I was told it would be a while before I could join one. I thought, "Okay, well, the time will be right." And I remember it was the summertime, and I was having a really bad day, and I was feeling disconnected and awful, and I remember just standing in the middle of the driveway, and I just looked up to the sky and said, "There's something missing in me, and I don't know what that is."

That Sunday in church I ended up sitting next to Ron Huntley and a couple other people, and the message from the pulpit that day was about Connect Groups, and Ron just turned to me and he goes, "Are you in a Connect Group?" I said, "No." He said, "Do you want to join ours?" And I said, "Sure." And it wasn't until I was driving home that I realized that God had answered my prayer. The Connect Group was a whole other extension of Alpha for me.

In the past year, I took Life's Healing Choices. And that was also a game changer for me. Personally, I think that would be a great next step for people after Alpha. There's stuff in life that has a hold on you, which you may not realize. After a couple of weeks in Life's Healing Choices, it doesn't have control. It's a course that requires you to go very, very deep and to be very, very honest and to say things and admit things that perhaps otherwise you wouldn't say or admit. It's an amazing course. And it's run by people who have a real desire to see change in people's lives.

MATT: You're leaving Nova Scotia, where are you heading?

PETER: I'm going to Kelowna, BC, which is in the heart of the Okanagan Valley. When you Google 'places to retire in Canada', Kelowna is always on the list.

MATT: Do you have plans for finding a faith community when you get there?

PETER: I have been on the lookout for a faith community. Here's the problem: you get spoiled attending Saint Benedict. You get real spoiled. I made a pact with God at the last Easter Vigil that He can use me in any way he sees fit. So I'll just keep myself open to the possibilities, and I trust that it'll all work out.

MATT: Will you ever come back to visit us?

PETER: Oh yeah. I certainly love this place. I grew up in a small town where the church was the focal point of the community, and I spent a lot of years there when I was a kid. And it has a special place in my life and in my heart, but Saint Benedict just takes the cake. I don't know if people realize what they have here. You don't know what you got 'til it's gone... and it's gonna be gone! Tick tock, tick tock. 🕒



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PRIESTLY FORMATION



Susan LeRue
Bene Dictus Team

I had the extreme pleasure of catching up with our own parish's seminarian, Patrick Salah, regarding his formation this past year.

SUSAN: What have you been up to this past year?

PATRICK: In May 2018, I spent a week on retreat with the priests of our Archdiocese.

Then I went to Spain to walk the Camino with two other seminarians. We walked for 32 days, 815 kilometres. It was a great experience with lots of challenges and lots of fruit. We were able to spend a couple days in Santiago at the Cathedral of St. James. We went to Portugal for a few days and made a pilgrimage to Fatima.

The next thing I knew it was the Tuesday after Labour Day and I was driving to Dartmouth to start my year of pastoral internship at St. Thomas More Parish, which is kind of a big deal. As I was driving over the bridge I remember thinking, "Where did the time go? I am starting Year 4." It was definitely surreal!

My time in the parish will conclude on Easter Sunday. I will return to Halifax in May, when I begin a Clinical Pastoral Education Program, for anyone coming to offer spiritual care. I will have some time off in August, and then it's

back to St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto.

SUSAN: What has been your favourite thing about your pastoral internship?

PATRICK: I love preaching! When I approach the ambo, I am totally dependent on the Holy Spirit, and I have as much need to have the Word broken open for me as the people in the pews. Preaching has definitely been a beautiful experience for me.



Even though I spent several years on a parish staff, parish ministry takes on a whole new dimension as a seminarian preparing for the priesthood. Suddenly now, they're not just your fellow parishioners, they're the sheep you're supposed to take care of. This whole relationship is totally different.

SUSAN: Any other thoughts?

PATRICK: Seminary to me is like the refining fire, because as you engage and submit into this process, which is ultimately a process engaged with the Holy Spirit, you're being refined, and it sucks! You get burned and it hurts, but in the end, you come out more beautiful. That's the refining fire. There have been many occasions on this journey that have been painful, but ultimately they are to my benefit and consequently to the benefit of everyone!

Thank you Patrick, and God bless you for discerning a call to priesthood. ♥

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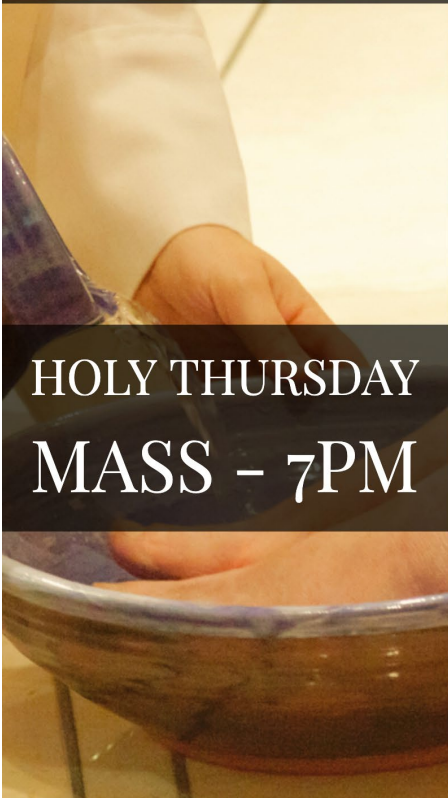
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FINANCIAL UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	REC'D	TOTAL	AVG/
ENVELOPES	1,223	\$31,635	\$25.87
PAR (PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)	405	\$53,572	see note
LOOSE	-	\$5,615	-
TOTAL	-	\$90,822	-

Note: PAR options include weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly withdrawals; therefore a weekly average is unavailable.

PARISH DEBT REDUCTION	REC'D	TOTAL	AVG
ENVELOPES	148	\$4,017	\$27.14
PAR (PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)	62	\$3,032	see note
MORTGAGE BALANCE (AS OF MONTH END)		\$468,393	
PRINCIPAL PAID (ON MORTGAGE)		\$9,807	
INTEREST PAID (ON MORTGAGE)		\$1,631	
TOTAL PAID (ON MORTGAGE)		\$11,438	

Principal payments include principal portion of monthly mortgage payment plus additional principal payments made from Parish Debt funds received.



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