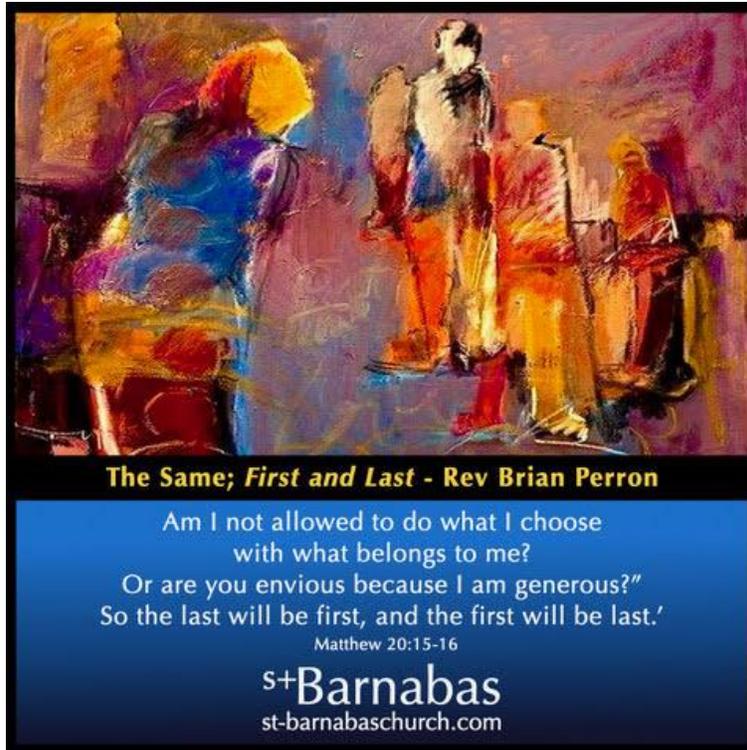


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*We encourage you to follow along with the service bulletin that continues below.  
Announcements and updates follow at the end of the service.*



Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?  
Or are you envious because I am generous?"  
So the last will be first, and the first will be last.' Matthew 20:15-16

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Ne puis-je pas disposer de mon argent comme je le veux ?  
Ou bien, m'en veux-tu pour ma bonté ?  
Voilà comment les derniers seront les premiers  
et comment les premiers seront les derniers. Matthieu 20:15-16

Welcome:

**Process of reopening:** St-Barnabas was open again today, September 20, for our 10 am service. We were pleased to welcome over 40 parishioners and guests. **Please let us know by email: [barnabas@bellnet.ca](mailto:barnabas@bellnet.ca) or by phone: (450) 672-5560, if you plan to attend our September 27th service. Please provide a list of the people who will be attending with you and remember to bring your masks. Please see the update following at the end of the service concerning the procedures and guidelines to attend. In the meantime, for reasons of safety, there should be no entry into our church facilities without prior agreement from management.**

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## Our opening hymn - #388 - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

[https://youtu.be/\\_TCPNr1XTSc](https://youtu.be/_TCPNr1XTSc)

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove;  
who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring,  
showing that the Lord is near;  
thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city  
I, thro' grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name;  
fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

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### THE PENITENTIAL RITE

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1.8, 9*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### MORNING PRAYER

Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

#### THE INVITATORY

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.

#### JUBILATE - *Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**



And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Exodus 16:8

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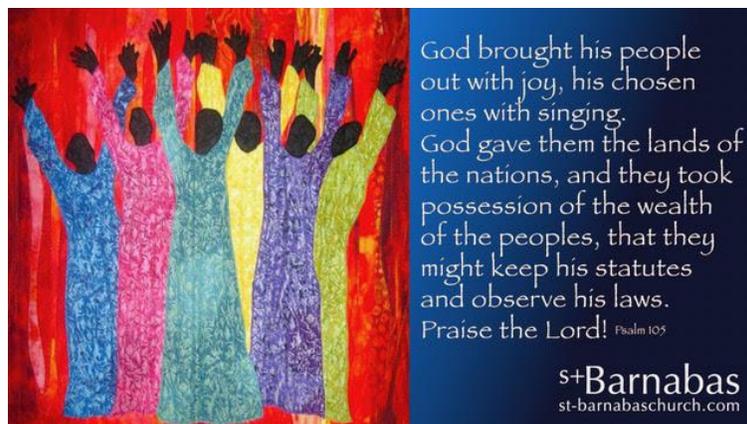
#### Proclaiming the Word - A reading from EXODUS 16:2-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have

brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

*The word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**



*Psalm 105 God's Faithfulness to Israel*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, *make known his deeds among the peoples.*

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.**

Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it. He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

**They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.**

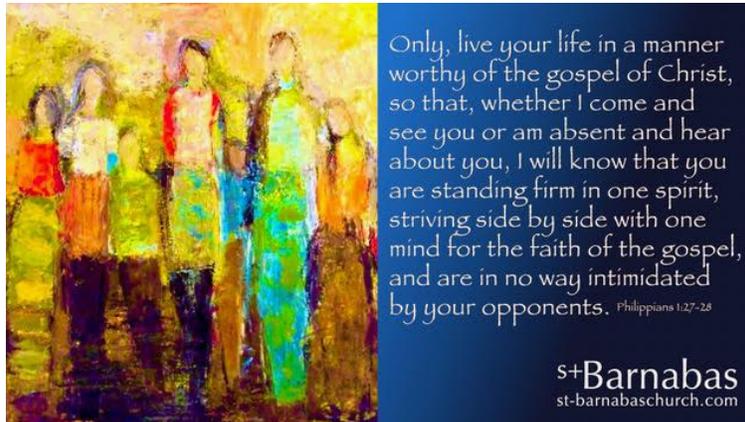
He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

**For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.**

*So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.*

**He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.**

**Praise the Lord!**



### A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30 (15-18)

<sup>15</sup>Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup>These, (the latter or last) proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence of the gospel; <sup>17</sup>the others proclaim (former preach or first) Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment.

<sup>18</sup>What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. <sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

<sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

<sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*The word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Our *gradual hymn* – Hymn #467 – Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

<https://youtu.be/HPBKk562hIo>

Forth in thy Name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day.

For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heav'n.



I choose to give to this last  
the same as I give to you.  
Am I not allowed to do what  
I choose with what belongs  
to me? Or are you envious  
because I am generous?"  
So the last will be first,  
and the first will be last.'

Matthew 20:15-16

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### The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MATTHEW 20:1-16 - Called from Idleness.

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### MATTHEW 18:21-35 *Forgiveness*

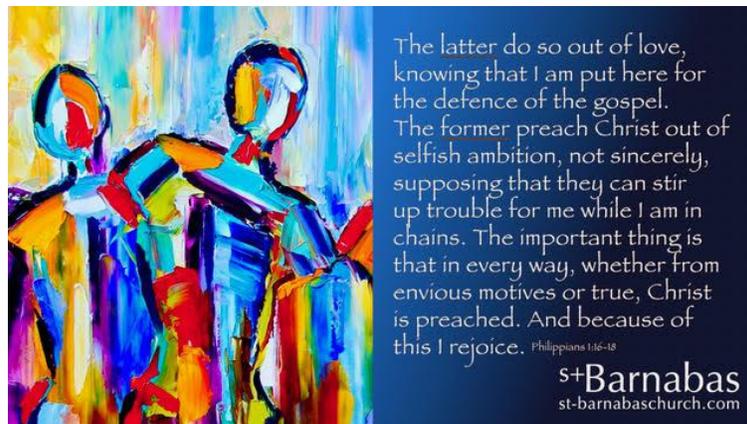
<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went

out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup>They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

*The Gospel of Christ.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: The Same; First and Last – The Reverend Brian Perron



An Anthem of Reflection: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

<https://youtu.be/SfzDBmY5pV0>

O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free  
Tell me Thy secret, help me hear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care  
  
Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong  
In truth that triumphs over wrong  
  
O Master let me walk with Thee  
In closer, dearer company  
O Master let me walk with Thee  
Let me walk with Thee

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way  
In peace that only Thou canst give  
With Thee, O Master, let me live

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - HEAR, O ISRAEL

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

#### INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

**"O Lord, you have taught us that without love, whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen."**

#### GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

#### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in the one body. Col 3:15*

Our closing hymn - Hymn # 590 - All Who Love and Serve Your City

<https://youtu.be/tDQ6pgG4rm0>

All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice,

all who curse and all who bless,  
In your day of loss and sorrow,  
in your day of helpless strife,  
honor, peace, and love retreating,  
seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wrath and plenty,  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus,  
"I must work while it is day.

For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near a world that spurns him,  
offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord! shall yet the city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;  
be its name, "The Lord is there!"

#### DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

#### **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. **Amen.**

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#### *And a Postlude:*

He Will Hold Me Fast - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Selah <https://youtu.be/30OphIqGkiM>

*Chorus:* He will hold me fast... He will hold me fast...  
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

*This is a time for us to meditate in quiet reflection and prayer.*

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#### Announcements -

Our lectionary readings for next week, Sunday September 27: "By What Authority; Truly I Tell You!"

[EXODUS 17:1-7; PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16; PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13; MATTHEW 21:23-32](#)

#### **Process of reopening St-Barnabas Guidelines for everyone's safety and well being**

- All parishioners are requested to wear a mask for the duration of the service.
- There will be no singing or Eucharist.
- Exit will be through the hallway connecting to the Dart Hall office door.
- Please sanitize your hands when leaving.
- Socializing after the service in the church building will not be allowed during Phase 2.
- Socializing outside the church in small groups will be allowed at your own discretion.
- Cleaning products are available in the washrooms for you to clean up after use.

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*"Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out;  
and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished" Matthew 12:44*

### Your Tithes and Offerings

At the end of each Service we ask you to remember your church with your offerings to God. We thank each and everyone one of you who have found a way that is comfortable for you to give. We understand these are new and different ways, and yet we are pleased to say that St-Barnabas has been able, because of you, to maintain itself financially during these difficult times. May you be blessed as you continue to safely give to God by supporting the work of your church by donating online though links found on the [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). It's easy; by [e-Transfer](#), [St-Barnabas CanadaHelps](#), or our new [PayPal link](#), or as always through Canada Post to: 95, avenue Lorne, Saint-Lambert, QC J4P 2G7. Your ongoing donations are critical at this time.

Regarding **discretion and confidentiality**, all donations by e-transfer or Canada Post are received and opened only by our Church Treasurer, so complete confidentiality is assured.

### Les Jardins Intérieurs

We are now broadcasting twice a week on the corporate TV Channel of Les Jardins: [Wednesday afternoons at 3:00pm](#) and [Saturday mornings at 9:15am](#).

The work of the church continues well beyond the Sunday morning as we the Church reach out to our neighbours

### Speaking of Neighbours...

**The ECS Food Bank** operates out of St-Andrews Church is still operating but could use some help with donations of food distributed to the needy in St-Lambert and Ville Lemoyne. At the moment Anita and Reverend Barry are filling the needs as best they can with a few other helpers. As the buildings are closed at this time, they are not receiving food directly from our churches in St-Lambert. At your discretion and always with safety in mind first, here is how they would like you to help. **If you can help, please call** the church at (450) 671-1862 or the Presbytery at (450) 923-0794 and leave a message. Donations should be brought on Thursday and/or Friday between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to the side door of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (corner Green and Birch). It is the door that has a small porch (overhang). Please ring the bell, leave the food on the stoop and then social distance. Anita and/or Barry will retrieve the food. Each delivery of food to the recipients includes a pamphlet and card that Anita produced with a message saying that 'this food is being delivered by volunteers and is from our 5 ecumenical churches with love'. Please spread the word to our parishioners who are able to help. For more information visit [http://st-barnabaschurch.com/volunteers\\_always\\_welcomed](http://st-barnabaschurch.com/volunteers_always_welcomed)

### Stay connected through our social media links;

Listen to our on-line messages posted on our [St-Barnabas website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, as well as in the emails that we send twice a week. I encourage you to share these posts and this bulletin with your families and friends, as words and thoughts of encouragement. Also, if you hear of individuals in need of something, let us know; we will see what we can do with members who have put their names forward to help in a safe and manageable way.

### Share your stories

Send us an email at [barnabas@bellnet.ca](mailto:barnabas@bellnet.ca) of what you have been up to, and to share your experiences of getting through this isolation. Share your stories with us to brighten the lives of others, and stay safe.

### Keep in touch

So stay tuned and reach out to members you feel concern for, allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to minister to those shut-in and alone at this time. Be safe, 'Stay Home', for your sake and for the well being of others, and... wash your hands!

God bless you and thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

### Brian and Joyce

The Reverend Brian Perron  
*St-Barnabas St-Lambert*

### A Word of Happiness for 2020

I myself am God, your God: Keep my statutes and live by my laws.  
Keep my Sabbaths as holy rest days, signposts between me and you,  
signalling that I am God, your God. *Ezekiel 20 :20*



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