

Sunday June 13th, 2021

We are invited (commanded!) to see as God sees and to love as God loves. In an ideal world that would be easy, and our shining example would inspire others to do the same...and, in the words of John Lennon, 'the world would be as one'.

It seems that these past two weeks have been filled with events that shake our sense of justice and Christian love to the core. How could we as Canadians, both past and present, have been so blind and complacent to what continues to be a reality for our Indigenous sisters and brothers? How can we be so blind and complacent to the discrimination and violence directed toward our Muslim sisters and brothers? These are wake-up calls...again. We know better and we have the responsibility to do better.

This week's gospel reading talks about sowing seeds, something we can all relate to, whether we are farmers or gardeners. When we plant the seeds of justice, mercy, love, compassion and kindness what grows shelters and nurtures us all. When we plant the seeds of hate and discrimination what sprouts is intolerance and violence.

Whether or not we recognize or acknowledge we possess many privileges that others do not, we have a responsibility and obligation to confront discrimination and racism of all kinds. We have the responsibility and obligation to see as God sees and to love as God loves.

Its time we moved from thoughts to actions. What are we, as a community of faith going to do? What are you and I, as followers of Jesus, going to do? We were made for a time such as this. AMEN