



*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.*

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:
St. Bernard's (Moncton) Saint Vincent (Sackville),
Saint Clement (Port Elgin) & Saint Bartholomew (Melrose)**

MASS TIMES WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17, 2017

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM, Saturday @ 4 PM & Sunday @ 11AM
St. Vincent's	Sunday @ 9AM
St. Clement's & St. Bartholomew's	Saturday @ 7PM (alternating - call 538-2262 to confirm)

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator: Rev. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice: Claudia McCloskey
Assistant: (part-time) Rev. Charles Broderick	Catechetics: Lorella Dunnett
Liturgy: Rick Shaw, Deb Gillespie	Adult Faith: Dr. Andrew Wilson

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS - WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 - 15, 2017

Monday to Friday	9 AM -12 Noon & 1 - 4 PM
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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 - 17, 2017

Thurs.	Dec. 14	9:30 AM	Late Tommy Hogan	St. Bernard's CWL
Sat.	Dec. 16	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Jack & Doris MacLeod	Francis & Debbie
Sun.	Dec. 17	11:00 AM	Anniv. late David Murphy	Family

OFFERINGS FROM DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

Loose	\$ 686.45	All Souls	\$ 5.00 (1)
Envelopes	\$ 8,079.00 (320)	Christmas boxes	\$ 600.00 (5)
Christmas	\$ 20.00 (1)	Needy Fund	\$ 295.00 (10)
Evang. of People	\$ 5.00 (1)	Reconnect	\$ 92.90 (1)
Christmas Flowers	\$ 560.00 (15)	Syrian Relief	\$ 70.00 (3)
Karing Kitchen	\$ 116.00	Bequest	\$ 170.27

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS		
Carmelites	Second Saturday of the month - 10 AM - 12 Noon	Stage Area
Prayer Group	7 PM - 2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month (after the 25 th)	Church Hall
RCIA	Resumes	Stage Area
Circle of Friends	After 9:30 AM Mass (Dec. 14 last one before Christmas)	Church Hall
Next Baptism Preparation	Wednesday, Dec. 13 @ 7 PM	Stage Area
Next Baptisms	January 28, 2018	Church
Evening Prayer	Thursdays, December 14, & 21 @ 7 PM	Church
Advent Penitential Service	Sunday, December 10 @ 2:00	Church

CONFESSION	
St. Bernard's - Thursdays - before 9:30 AM Mass (9:00-9:20 AM upon request/availability of the Priest)	
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Saturday afternoons from 1-1:30 PM	
St. Bernard's @ 1 st Saturday of the month Mass (9:00-9:20 AM upon request/availability of the Priest)	
Notre-Dame-de-Grace (854 Mountain Rd.) - 3 rd Saturday of the month 1-2 PM	
St. Bernard's prior to 4 PM Mass (upon request/availability of the Priest)	



Ecclesiastes 3...
Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...

*Willow Drover, Ron Briffett, Stella Gallant,
 Carl Swift, Ann Vautour, Kim Courtney,
 John Crawford, Yolanda Tristan, and Charles Burns.*



A time to mourn...Our sincere sympathies to the families of:

Betty McHale, Gerard Biddiscombe and Donald Young.

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...



Please slow down when entering / exiting the park lot.
 Most especially near the elevator entrance where parishioners are exiting.
 Due to mobility restrictions they may not be able to react as quickly as needed to avoid a car that is going too fast. **Thank you.**



**IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
 CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:**
 St. Bernard's Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca
 Or by calling our phone line at: **857-0425.**



Prayers for our Troops
 We pray for all those who serve and for families separated from their loved ones in the military; and for the strength they need to face this time of isolation and uncertainty.



St. Bernard's Faith Formation

Sundays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Years 1,2,3: 9:15 - 10:45 AM Years 4, 5, 6: 12:15 - 1:45 PM Year 7: 12:15-1:45 PM	Years 1,2,3: 6 - 7:30 PM	Years 4, 5, 6: 6 -7:30 PM
December 10	December 12	December 13



Calling All Knitters

Yarn is available at the Parish office for knitters who wish to make hats, mittens, etc. for the Advent Mitten Tree.

Thank you to all the dedicated past and present knitters!



Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 @ 7:30 PM @ the Wesleyan Celebration Ctr., St. George Blvd., In support of the Food Depot Alimentaire, the Karing Kitchen, & the Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen. Admission \$ 10.00 plus non-perishable food item(s). Tickets available at: Jean Coutu Pharmacies, Read's Newsstands, Sobey's, Vaughan Harvey Blvd., The Hospice Shoppe, People's Park Tower Variety, & from any chorus member.

Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral. The work done at the cathedral is on schedule. We are pleased to announce that the cathedral will be open for the usual French Christmas masses: Dec. 24th at 7:00 PM and December 25th at 10:00 AM. Welcome to everyone. The various organizations under the management of "Station Acadie" will move during the coming months to their new offices on the ground floor. Station Acadie will announce later on the date of the official opening of the offices (Place de la Cathédrale).



DONATIONS TO THE PARISH - YEAR END
All donations must be received prior to December 31st
 if they are to be included in the 2017 tax year.



A big thank you from ReConnect. To all those who donated the cozy socks for those in need. Please know that your kindness is greatly appreciated!



Advent Penitential Services			
St. Bernard's	Sunday	December 10	2:00 PM
St. Augustine's	Monday	December 18	7:00 PM



**From the Offices of Faith Development,
Liturgy & Youth Faith Development**

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Advent Photo Challenge 2017: Join us as we take a photographic journey through Advent towards Christmas. You can post as many photos as you want, providing they follow the designated theme for the day/week. For more information, follow the youth office at **#YouthFaithMoncton** in Instagram and check out the daily challenges. People of all ages are encouraged to join us. For more information, contact Trevor at trevord.diocese@gmail.com, or PM the youth office on Instagram.

Emmanuel, God with Us: understanding incarnation in light of the Universe Story:

We sit in Advent, a season of hope, a season of waiting, a season of increasing light at a time when we experience decreasing light, a season of preparing for the birth of the Christ child. Join Sr. Denise Lirette, f.j. on Tuesday, December 12th at Holy Family, Falkland Avenue, Moncton from 7 - 9 PM as she explores the significance of darkness and light in our lives and in the Universe, particularly as we note the birth of Jesus as a significant event in the history of humanity *and* the Universe and truly the Light that shines in the darkness. Contact Ellen to register.

Church Unplugged at Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity: Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity will be hosting an Advent event for young people and their families before Christmas. Families from any parish in the diocese are encouraged to register with Karen at 387-4198. **The cost for both events is for each family to bring non-perishable food items.**

Keepsake Christmas: (for families with children of all ages up to Grade 5). Join us on Sunday, December 17th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm to create your own nativity set as you hear the story of Jesus' birth. This session will take place at the Dan Bohan Center, but spaces are limited so contact Karen asap.

Pastoral Associate Job Posting:

The parish of St. Augustine's is seeking a full time Pastoral Associate.

The successful candidate must be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church and meet the requirements of the "Diocesan Policy on the Prevention of Violence Toward Vulnerable Persons". The position will include some weekend and evening hours. Salary will be based on experience in the field. **Position requirements:** Must be a practicing Roman Catholic, be willing & available to participate in mandatory ongoing formation, possess strong leadership skills, experienced in program coordination, have strong written & oral communication skills and working knowledge of computer software programs. **Qualifications:** Dependable, highly organized, able to work independently and within a team, possess post-secondary training in various job settings, bondable. **Application deadline has been extended to December 20th, 2017.** Please submit resume in confidence to epwallace9@gmail.com



Supporting the Karing Kitchen

The Karing Kitchen has been serving a hot meal Mon. to Fri. at noontime to the homeless & needy. For many individuals this is their only opportunity to interact with others. St. Bernard's has been an ongoing supporter of the Karing Kitchen, & one of the annual events we have participated in is, **'Let's Do Lunch'**. You will see the little cards at the church entrances. You can send these to a friend or family member & the note on the card says that a donation to the meals has been made in their honor. Then you fill out the white paper inside the card, put it & your donation in an envelope marked Karing Kitchen & simply place it in the collection basket at mass. We will deliver these envelopes to the Karing Kitchen.

Thank you from the hungry of the downtown area.

Social Justice Corner



Christmas Boxes: The planning committee have already had a meeting to coordinate activities for the Christmas Boxes this year. Once again, we will be partnering with the food bank to ensure there is no duplication of names and that the food provided is the same as the boxes made up by the food bank. We will be doing 50 boxes again this year. **The phone number for our social justice line to**

order a box is 204-4882. The knitters have not stopped all year and we are receiving nice warm items to include in the boxes. The Advent Mitten Tree will be put up the first Sunday of Advent. As in the past, those wishing to contribute to the Christmas Boxes may do so by placing your donation in a plain envelope marked for the Christmas Boxes and indicate your name and envelope number to have your donation included in your income tax receipt. We have records of St. Bernard's participation in this Christmas initiative back to the 1950's and likely earlier. Thank you for your ongoing support of this meaningful ministry to serve those in need. While the need is present throughout the year, it seems that often this gesture during a season when many feel lonely and forgotten, is so important.

Advent Evening Prayer



Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. **Our priest-moderator, Fr. Carroll, encourages us at the beginning of Advent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer?** It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship.

All parishioners of our parish unit are invited and encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer on Thursdays at St. Bernard's Church - 7 PM - Dec. 14 & 21.



*Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends
with Christmas Flowers*

If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin.

Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:

Donated by:

Address:

Amount donated & Env. #



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - December 24

St. Bernard's	5:00 PM (family Mass), 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM
St. Vincent's	5:30 PM
St. Augustine's	4:00 PM & 10:00 PM
Immaculate Heart	4:00 PM & 8:30 PM
St. Jude's	6:30 PM
St. Lawrence O'Toole	7:00 PM
Holy Family	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Mercy	7:00 PM

Christmas Day - December 25

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM
St. Clement's	11:00 AM
St. Augustine's	11:00 AM
Holy Ghost	10:00 AM

New Year's Eve - December 31

St. Bernard's	5:00 PM
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New Year's Day - January 1

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM
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