



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 25, 2018

Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore, God exalted him and gave him the name above every name.

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

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 2018

Monday - Thursday	9 AM -12 Noon & 1 - 4 PM (closed 12 noon to 1 PM)
Friday	Closed

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 2018

Thurs.	Mar. 29	6:30 PM	Late Anna Boom	Norma Gibson
Sat.	Mar. 31	7:45 AM	Late Catherine McGowan	St. Bernard's Choir
Sun.	Apr. 1	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Emery LeBlanc	Denise & family

OFFERINGS FROM MARCH 17 & 18, 2018

Loose	\$ 621.75	St. Patrick's Day	\$ 1,140.50
Envelopes	\$ 5,776.00 (241)	Karing Kitchen	\$ 67.25
Share Lent	\$ 2,259.00 (91)	Easter Flowers	\$ 300.00 (8)
Initial Offering	\$ 50.00 (1)	Capital Expenditure	\$ 300.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

MASS TIMES - WEEK OF MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 2018

Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral	Tuesday, March 27	7:00 PM	Chrism Mass
St. Bernard's Parish Unit	Thursday, March 29 (no Thurs. AM Mass)	6:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
St. Bernard's	Friday, March 30	10:00 AM	Good Friday - Children's Liturgy
St. Bernard's	Friday, March 30	3:00 PM	Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
St. Bernard's Parish Unit	Saturday, March 31	7:45 PM	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
St. Bernard's	Sunday, April 1	11:00 AM	Easter Sunday

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carmelites	2nd Saturday of the month - 10 AM - 12 Noon	Stage Area
Living Word Community Prayer Group	Wednesdays @ 7 PM	St. Augustine's
Prayer Group	7 PM - 2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month (after the 25 th)	Church Hall
RCIA	1 st & 3 rd Weds. of month - 7 PM	Stage Area
Circle of Friends	After 9:30 AM Mass (no gathering March 29)	Church Hall
Next Baptism Preparation	Tuesdays, April 3 & 10	Stage Area
Next Baptisms	Sunday, April 29, 2018 @ 2 PM	Church
First Holy Communion	Sunday - April 29, 2018 @ 11 AM Mass	Church
Confirmation	Wednesday - May 2, 2018 @ 7 PM	Church
First Reconciliation	Wednesday, May 16, 2018 @ 5:45 PM	Church



Ecclesiastes 3...

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

<i>Willow Drover</i>	<i>Jean Trenholm</i>	<i>David Power</i>
<i>Stella Gallant</i>	<i>Ben Evers</i>	
<i>Ann Vautour</i>	<i>Eleanor Beck</i>	



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

<i>Bill O'Neill</i>	Son of the (late) William and Bridget O'Neill
<i>Irene Lane</i>	Wife of the (late) Albert Lane
<i>Rita MacIsaac</i>	Mother in law of Lew Cummings, grandmother of Susan, Heather, & Joanne
<i>James Carroll</i>	Brother of Jessie (Charles) Kinney
<i>Tanya Richard</i>	Daughter of Ron and Debbie (Gillespie) Richard

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



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.



No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities,
please avoid wearing scented products in the Church,
Parish Office & Church Hall.

Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul - Hiring New Manager: The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Augustine's Church is calling for applications from individuals interested in the position of manager of our depot which provides good used clothing and household items to those in need. This is a part-time position requiring 21 hours a week from September to June and 14 hours a week during the summer months of July and August. Responsibilities will include the coordination of our volunteers, maintaining inventories and basic bookkeeping duties. Qualifications include empathy for those in need and basic computer knowledge. The job will also require some heavy lifting. A complete job description and remuneration details can be obtained by emailing our President, Patsy Murray at: spmurray14@hotmail.com The deadline for application submission is April 30. Resumes can be emailed to our president at the above address.

A pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place July 23rd to August 4th, 2018 with Fr. Laurence Quinn-Morris. An information session will be held at the rectory of St. Augustine's (340 Dominion St.) April 18th @ 7 PM. For more info. contact Tiffany @ 863-3427 or goodtiffany@hotmail.com



Development and Peace

Thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Share Lent campaign! Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, \$ 2,259.00 was collected in our parish. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia,

Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



New Permanent Deacon: As is the case for many Catholic dioceses throughout Canada, the Archdiocese of Moncton has called upon a few of its faithful to share the Gospel of Christ as permanent deacons. The Church of Moncton is indeed happy to announce the ordination of a permanent deacon in the french sector since the restoration of the diaconate as a full and permanent order in the Church. It will take place on Saturday, April 14th, at 10:00 AM, when the candidate, André Deveaux, ready to accept the mission entrusted to him by his bishop, will become a deacon. The celebration, presided over by the Most Reverend Valéry Vienneau, will be held at Ste-Thérèse church in Dieppe. Everyone is cordially invited to participate in this happy event.



Riverview Sugar Maple Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus at the Dan Bohan Centre, will take place on Saturday, April 7th from 8-10:30 AM. Pancakes, maple syrup, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast and beans. Choice of juice, tea or coffee. Family (2 adults & children) \$21, adults \$7, Children 6-12 years old -\$3.50, children under 6-Free. For more information call 386-2870.



Moncton Right to Life Fundraiser Dinner
Hosted by Knights of Columbus - Council 9270
Sunday April 8, 5:00 PM at Dan Bohan Centre, Riverview

\$ 20.00 per ticket - serving turkey with all the trimmings!

Guest speaker: The Honorable Graydon Nicholas

Tickets available at Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Augustine's or St. Bernard's parish offices or by calling Sister Cecile 857- 9414, Lise 854 4209 or Connie 857 4035.

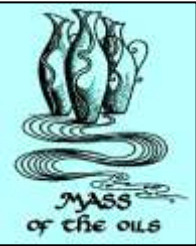


The Life in the Spirit Seminar has been attended by thousands of people in our archdiocese and millions across Canada and the world! Come and see, why!! You will enjoy hearing about wonderful life-experiences, touching stories and inspiring teachings! There are many benefits for yourself and for the people in your life, when you grow in knowledge and begin

to apply it in your daily life. We will have several presenters including Fr. Charles Broderick. Dates: **April 9th to May 21st on Mondays 7-9 p.m. at Holy Family Church.** \$15.00 fee, includes all materials. Call Roberta 386-5175 or Donna 386-2072 for more information.



The Week That Changed the World...



Chrim Mass	Tuesday, March 27	7:00 PM	At Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral
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It is with great joy that I will preside the Mass of Chrim. This special Mass is a manifestation of our Church gathered with the first pastor of our Diocesan Church. All priests are invited to concelebrate the Eucharist and renew their commitment of service. Also, we will proceed with the consecration of the Holy Chrim and the blessing of the oils for the sick and the catechumens. It is a major diocesan celebration where all the faithful of our diocese are invited.

Welcome to all ~ Archbishop Valéry Vienneau


St. Bernard's - Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (For the Parish Unit) NO 9:30 AM Mass on Thursday	March 29	6:30 PM
St. Bernard's - Good Friday: Children's Liturgy	March 30	10:00 AM
St. Bernard's Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	March 30	3:00 PM
St. Vincent's - Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	March 30	3:00 PM
St. Bartholomew's Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	March 30	3:00 PM
St. Bernard's - Easter Vigil: Holy Saturday: (for Parish Unit)	March 31	7:45 PM
Easter Sunday	April 1	11:00 AM
St. Vincent's - Easter Sunday	April 1	9:00 AM
St. Bartholomew's - Easter Sunday	April 1	11:00 AM




*Easter Memorial
Flowers*

If you would like to donate funds for Easter 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 Easter bulletin. **Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.**


In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Envelope #	
Amount \$	

	CWL Monthly Meeting - Monday April 9, 2018	
	6:30 PM	Reciting of the Rosary in Church Hall
	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting followed with election results of new Chairpersons
	Remember to wear scarves and service pens	
	Nomination Forms must be completed and mailed by March 18th	

	<i>Catholic Women's League</i>	Our Lady of Good Counsel Annual Banquet - Thursday April 26th
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Liturgy of the Word @ 5:30 PM ➤ Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings Catered by Cheers ➤ Cost for CWL Members \$ 15.00 ➤ Please enclose money in envelopes provided with your name written on the outside and return to the Treasurer at the April Meeting



Moncton Whole Blood Clinic at 500 Mapleton Road. Walk-ins and new donors are needed. Go to blood.ca for more information and to book an appointment. Friday, March 30, 9AM-1PM, Saturday, March 31, 9AM-1PM, & Monday, April 2, 3 - 7PM.

	<i>St. Bernard's Faith Formation</i>		
	Sundays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
	Session <u>Years 1,2,3:</u> 9:15 - 10:45 AM <u>Years 4, 5, 6:</u> 12:15 - 1:45 PM <u>Year 7:</u> 12:15-1:45 PM	<u>Years 1,2,3:</u> 6 - 7:30 PM	<u>Years 4, 5, 6:</u> 6 -7:30 PM
14	April 8	April 10	April 11
15	April 22	April 24	April 25
16	May 6	May 8	May 9



First Communion Preparation Sessions (Parent & child)	
→ Thursday, 6:00 - 7:30 PM	➤ April 12, 2018
→ At St. Bernard's Church Hall	

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
Please note: Circle of Friends will resume on Thursday, April 5, 2018

Peacemaking...Not for the Faint Hearted: Guided Weekend Retreat with Gloria Ulterino from Friday, May 4 ~ Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay. Retreat begins with registration Friday at 4:00 pm and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Peacemaking is not for the faint hearted. But, true peacemakers are blessed. Peace is a calling. Gloria Ulterino, an active Catholic laywoman, is a preacher, storyteller, and leader of the Women of the Well storytelling group in Rochester, New York. She has led the services in this book in parishes and retreat settings in Western New York, at national gatherings, and with various other groups since 1998. She holds masters degrees in Divinity, Theology, American History, and is the author of numerous articles on pastoral ministry. Cost: \$230 single; \$390 couple; \$135 commuter. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 payable to Villa Madonna is due with your registration; remainder is due at time of arrival. To register contact Villa Madonna by calling toll free 1-866-783-3300.

With Gratitude & Thanksgiving: Time with David Haas The Archdiocese of Moncton is pleased to host David Haas, well known composer of contemporary liturgical music (including: You are Mine, Blest Are They, and We Have Been Told), in **concert on Friday, June 1st, at 7 PM**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview (**5 Fatima Drive, Riverview, NB**). Admission: \$20 (cash only). Doors open at 6:30 PM. Please note: a collection will be taken up for Music ministry Alive (MMA) Scholarship Fund for youth and adult music ministry formation. On **Saturday, June 2nd**, 9 AM- 2 PM, David will facilitate a workshop and retreat for **Music Ministers**. This day is offered free of charge to music ministers within our diocese. Advance registration only (Deadline is May 25th). Lunch will be provided. Visit www.diomoncton.ca for registration and other information. CDs, music and books by David will be available for purchase before and after the concert, and on Saturday as well.



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Lenten Instagram Challenge 2018: Join the Office of Youth Faith Development on Instagram as we journey through Lent with Lenten Photo Challenge 2018. Check us out **Youth Faith Moncton** on Instagram for further information or contact Trevor at the Office of Youth Faith Development.

Conscious Aging Workshop: Cultivate Wisdom, Connect with Others, Celebrate Life: Tuesday, April 3 to Thursday, April 5 at Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, facilitated by Bill Kolodnicki. As we move into our later years, life circumstances shift in ways we could not have anticipated. The IONS Conscious Aging Workshop offers participants the opportunity to lean into this phase of life by providing tools to address challenges and experiences, and to reveal the opportunities found in the later years. This powerful workshop provides the space and the opportunity for you to explore your potential for growth, sense of purpose, service and fulfillment in the later chapters of life. **Cost:** \$230 per person; \$330 per couple (includes 2 nights' accommodation and all meals & breaks; \$150 commuters (includes all meals & breaks). **To Register:** Call Villa Madonna at 849-5125 or toll-free 1-866-783-3300. Workshop begins with registration at 4:00 pm Tuesday and wraps up with lunch on Thursday. Open to all

Not Getting an Answer, But We'd Be More Informed About the Question: Join Claudia McCloskey and Maurise Leveque at St. Bernard's Church Hall on Saturday, April 14 and 21 from 9:30 AM – 12 Noon as they facilitate the discussion of: **Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care by Sr. Nuala Kenny.** Sr. Nuala is medical doctor, Emeritus Professor of Bioethics at Dalhousie University, Ethics and Health Policy Advisor to the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, an Officer of the Order of Canada and a Sister of Charity in Halifax. In her book, she brings together "theological and spiritual reflection of Jesus' experience of suffering and death with patient and family experience of sickness and dying today." Drawing on their own experiences of accompanying those who are sick, retired nurses Claudia and Maurise will lead our conversation about Sr. Nuala's book, as we give serious consideration to what we believe about death and dying given the implementation of Bill C-14 and the legalization of medically assisted death. It is not too late to purchase your copy of the book at the Vision Book Store, Place de la Cathédral, 224 St. George St., Moncton (the basement of the Cathedral – side entrance off the parking lot). Books cost \$17. This is the first in a series speaking about how the Church views death.



The Way of the Cross 2018

For everyone who wishes to participate, will pray the
Way of the Cross Good Friday, March 30 , 7 PM at St. Bernard's.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

The CVITP is a collaboration between the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and community organizations. The organizations host tax preparation clinics and arrange for volunteers to prepare income tax and benefit returns **for eligible individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation.** For a list of organizations that provide this service please see the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church



Palm Sunday

We celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday is also referred to as "Passion Sunday." **It marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.** When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

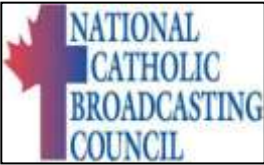


Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday - it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life of earth, beginning with his messianic entrance.

Hospital Chaplains (Collection held on Good Friday - March 30, 2018)

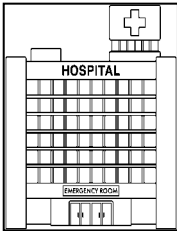
This collection goes toward the salaries of the Chaplains
who minister to the sick and dying in our hospitals.
and to their families.

Thank you to all those who support this collection.



The National Catholic Mission 2018
The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation
Part 1: Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Part 2: Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice,
(will broadcast during Holy Week on)

VisionTV	Part 1, Monday March 26, 8 PM ET	Part 2, Tuesday, March 27, 8PM ET
	Part 1, Friday, March 30, 8AM & Noon ET	Part 2, Saturday, March 31, 8AM & Noon ET
Salt + Light	Part 1, Tuesday, March 27, 8PM ET	Part 2, Wednesday, March 28, 8PM ET
	Part 1, Friday, March 30, 11AM, 3PM, & 10:30 PM ET	Part 2 Saturday, March 31, 11AM, 3PM, & 10:30 PM ET
For more information please call the NCBC toll-free at 1-888-383-6277		



Parishioners in Moncton City Hospital and the Georges Dumont Hospital are reminded that if they wish to receive a visit from the parish priest, it is necessary to specifically identify themselves as being members of St. Bernard's Parish when they are admitted to hospital. The clergy visiting lists for priests and pastoral care visitors are printed out according to parish identification. This means that if you haven't identified yourself as belonging to our parish, the priest or pastoral care visitors will not be aware that you have been admitted to hospital and thus will not be able to visit. **Due to changes in the "Privacy Act", parishioners in hospital are reminded that if they wish a visit from a Priest, or to receive Holy Communion while in hospital, it is necessary to specifically identify themselves as being members of St. Bernard's parish and to state that "they wish to request a visit from a priest or from a member of the Parish Pastoral Care team."** If they wish to receive a visit from the parish pastoral team, parishioners at the Georges Dumont Hospital are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Fundraisers: (Proceeds for Holy Family Seniors Group)

Men of the Harvest Choir from Summerside, PEI will be performing at Mountain View United Church, corner of MacBeath Ave. & Connaught Ave., April 7, at 2 PM Saturday afternoon. Admission \$ 10. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Ham and potato scallop supper, April 20 @ 6 PM, at Holy Family Church Hall.
 Tickets are \$ 15. Contact Joe @ 204-4917 or Reg @ 384-5795 to purchase tickets.

HOLY WEEK - RE-LIVE THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The action of this week moves from the triumph of the palm procession, through the agony and death of the Lord, to his glorious resurrection from the dead. In Holy Week the people of God take time to reflect and pray about what Jesus has done for us in his love. We become more aware of the many ways in which we continue to live and experience the dying and rising of Jesus in our daily lives.



Chrism Mass (Bilingual): Tuesday, March 27 at 7 PM at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral. Archbishop Valéry Vienneau will preside at this Mass as he blesses the oils for the anointing of the sick, chrism for baptism, confirmation, and ordination; and the oil of catechumens for those preparing for baptism. A representative of each parish will receive the oils. These oils will be used in celebrating the sacraments during the coming year.

Sacred Paschal Triduum: For three full days, from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. This is his work of saving us by his dying and rising, seen as one act of God's love and mercy for us. We also celebrate because Jesus has brought us into his paschal mystery by baptism. With him we are baptized into death to sin, and with him we rise to live a new life for God.

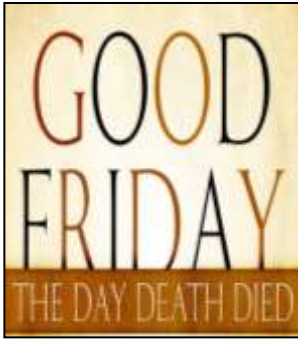
HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 6:30 PM

Reception of Oils: Three representatives will present the oils previously received from the Chrism Mass.

Evening Mass: We remember the Passover feast of the Jewish people and the last supper of Jesus with his disciples when we celebrate the Eucharist this evening. Before he offers himself on the cross, Jesus takes bread and says, "**This is my body**". He takes a cup of wine, and says, "**This is my blood of the new covenant, bloodshed to save all sinners. Do this in memory of me.**" We obey him each time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

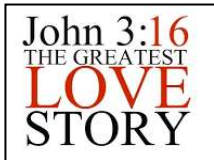
Procession: At the end of the Mass, the Eucharistic food for the Good Friday celebration is carried reverently from the church and then reserved in a place of honor in the Parish Hall. The altar is stripped, crosses are removed. **We leave in silence.**

Adoration: Members of the community are invited to spend time in prayer and adoration, praising the name of the Lord Jesus, by whose death and resurrection we are saved. The Parish hall will remain open for Adoration until 10 PM.



GOOD FRIDAY

Spirit of the day: As we left in silence on Thursday we gather in silence on Friday. The meaning of this day is clearly indicated by its name in English: it is **Good Friday**, the day when God did wonderful things for us by the suffering and death of his Son. Out of his death God has brought us light and life, and makes it possible for us to be saved. This is indeed a good day for the world.



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

PASCHAL FAST

The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus.

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.



Children's Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

(For the children and their families)



Afternoon liturgy @ 3:00 o'clock - We come together to remember what Jesus has done for us. In the service of the word, we listen to the solemn proclamation of Jesus' passion according to John, and then offer prayer for the world and for God's people, the Church. We venerate the cross, and eat the life-giving body of the Lord in communion.

HOLY SATURDAY



On this day, the body of Jesus lay in the guarded tomb, and the frightened disciples hid behind locked doors. In the modern Church, **Holy Saturday is a quiet day, the great Sabbath rest. The paschal fast continues, and we avoid entertainments and distractions as on Good Friday.**

Easter Vigil @ 7:45 PM: This service is the most important celebration of the Church year. It takes place during the dark hours of the night. It has four distinct stages:



Light service: After the blessing of the new fire, the priest lights the Easter candle. This represents the risen Lord, and is a visible reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.



Liturgy of the word: The readings from God's word lead us from creation through God's saving works to his greatest work, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We listen with faith, reflect on the word, and respond by singing psalms. The homily helps us to recognize God's mighty works in our midst.



Christian initiation: This year we do not have any elect for baptism. Our baptism into the death and rising of the Lord Jesus is at the center of tonight's celebration (Rom. 6:3-11). In each parish water for baptism is solemnly blessed. The people renew their baptismal vows, and are invited to come to the font of blessed water in memory of their baptism. Tonight is celebrated as the baptismal anniversary of the whole Christian community.



Eucharist: The first Mass of Easter is celebrated with great splendor. We rejoice because Christ has been raised from the dead and because we are renewed in him.

EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER CHANGES
everything



*The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues.
Alleluia! Is our shout of joy, meaning praise to God!*



*May the promise of Easter fill
you with renewed
Faith, Hope, Love & Joy
Happy Easter!
Fr. Allison & Fr. Charlie*



Easter season: For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.