



*Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.*

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

MASS TIMES WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 - 9, 2018

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM, Saturday @ 4 PM & Sunday @ 11AM
St. Vincent's	Sunday @ 9AM
St. Clement's	Every 2nd Saturday @ 7PM (call 538-2262 to confirm)

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator: Rev. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice: Claudia McCloskey
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: DECEMBER 3-7, 2018

Monday to Friday	9 AM - 12 Noon & 1 - 4 PM (closed 12 -1 PM)
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MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 3 - 9, 2018

Thurs.	Dec .6	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Whitney Payne	Gordon and Lois
Sat.	Dec. 8	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Austin Fearon	Esther and Family
Sun.	Dec. 9	11:00 AM	Late Eileen Taylor	Cousin Doreen and Family

OFFERINGS FROM NOVEMBER 24 - 25, 2018

Loose	\$ 642.10	Capital Expenditure	\$ 490.00 (16)
Envelopes	\$ 6,240.00 (282)	Capital Campaign	\$ 1,240.00 (7)
Karing Kitchen	\$ 115.25	All Souls	\$ 25.00 (3)
Needy Fund	\$ 500.00 (19)	Christmas Boxes	\$ 520.00 (5)
ReConnect	\$ 50.00 (2)	Christmas Offering	\$ 5.00 (1)
Syrian Relief	\$150.00 (2)		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS & CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*St. Bernard's Church - open Monday Friday 11 AM - 1 PM
(for personal time of quiet reflection/prayer)*

Carmelites	2nd Saturday of the month - 10 AM to 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 each month	Stage Area
Circle of Friends	Thursdays after 9:30 AM Mass -Last gathering Dec 13	Church Hall
Next Baptism Prep.	Tuesdays - January 8 & 15	Stage Area
Next Baptisms	Sunday - January 27	Church
Evening Prayer	Thursdays, December 6, 13 & 20 @ 6:00 PM	Church
Advent Penitential Service	Sunday, December 9, 2018 @ 2 PM	Church

CONFESSION

St. Bernard's - Thurs. - 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 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...**

Ann Vautour	Harold O'Reilly	Doris Hunter	Roger Berube
Shawn Crossman	Joanne Carson	Erich Kopetzky	
Marilyn MacLeod	James Wilson	Jennifer MacInnis	
Gordon Gallie	Robert Cormier	Hector Caissie	



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

Jim Tweedie	Brother of Ed (Annette)
Raymond Wood	Husband of Helena, uncle of Lisa Paschal (Todd & Joshua)

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



**From the Offices of Faith Development,
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CHURCH UNPLUGGED @ IHM EVERYONE WELCOME! Dec. 7th at 6:00 p.m. - **At One Starry Night**, families step back into Bible times and head to Bethlehem, where they'll see, touch, smell, and taste what life was like when Jesus was born!

Dec. 16th at 12:15 p.m. at the Dan Bohan Centre - In **The Star**, a trio of small but brave animals (and a few zany camels), team up to become unlikely heroes in the greatest story ever told – the first Christmas! **Registration required! Call Karen 387-4198**

Riverview Carol Festival: Come and enjoy the Riverview Carol Festival, “Christmas Joy,” Sunday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Gunningsville Baptist Church (160 Old Coach Road, Riverview). Join with the congregations of the Riverview Ministerial to start the Christmas season with a program of joyful Christmas music. Non-perishable food items for the Albert County Food Bank gratefully accepted, and an offering will be taken for the Riverview Ministerial scholarship fund. Spread the word and invite a friend! All welcome!

Vision Bookstore : Monthly sales: Come visit us at Place de la Cathédrale, 224, St-George St. on Friday, December 7th between 9:00 a.m. & Noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and take advantage of a special monthly sale where most books and CD's (in stock) will be reduced by 10%. Information: www.visionbookstore.ca *Please visit our 'Facebook Page' regularly and discover our new arrivals every week! **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOOKSTORE HAS NEW HOURS: 9:00 AM TO NOON AND FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00PM.**



2018-2019 - Sunday Missals Available at the Parish Office. We will have a limited number of Sunday Missals at the cost of \$ 5 each. You may purchase a copy at the Parish office during regular office hours while they last.



Season of Advent: The first Sunday of Advent - December 2nd
Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



Knights of Columbus - Council 1310 84 Broadway St., Moncton, will host a breakfast, Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Adults - \$8, children \$3 - (5 yrs & under free). Everyone Welcome!



DONATIONS TO THE PARISH - YEAR END

All donations must be received **prior to December 31st** if they are to be included in the 2018 tax year.

PARKING

Effective immediately parking is no longer free in the evenings and weekends in the lot on the corner of Botsford / Queen / Alma. HotSpot Parking will be operating the lot. They have developed an Application for mobile devices which allows parkers to use the lot for \$2 per hour. In order to use HotSpot, you need to have access to a smart phone or computer. The first step is downloading the app and creating an account. Then, you add funds to your HotSpot wallet and park using the app. **Going forward, if you experience any issues or have any questions, please contact HotSpot support by email at support@htsp.ca or by phone at 1-855-712-5888.** Should you park there and receive a notice on your vehicle, please heed the contents. **Downtown meters are free after 6 PM and on weekends.** **City Hall parking lot is generally free on Sundays.** However, if the gate is across the entrance that means it is not free.



*Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends
with Christmas Flowers*



Once again this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. 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	
Envelope # (if applicable)	



Throughout the year money donated to our 'needy fund' has been used to help those in need in many ways. This fund is used to help with the Christmas boxes and food requests throughout the year. Our financial support continues to aid Reconnect in providing housing, medical help, work clothing and identification to name a few. St. Bernard's has been an ongoing source of assistance to Reconnect since they began in 2000. Reconnect does an assessment and background check before providing financial assistance. We have also provided financial support to Nazareth House who operate a shelter as one of their many services. Due to much needed renovations at their facility, the shelter will be closed for a period of time. That will create a loss for the homeless who depend on this service. Nazareth House is working to complete the renovations as quickly as possible. Thank you for your support, compassion and generosity throughout the year. More to come...



Donations made to Christmas Boxes: Some groups and individuals in the parish choose to make donations specifically for the Christmas Boxes. Those funds are used to purchase all the items in the food box which not only make a turkey dinner for Christmas day, but also has enough food to use throughout the week. Any donations made for Christmas Boxes can be placed in an envelope with your name and if applicable, your envelope number, to receive a receipt for income tax purposes. At St. Bernard's we prepare 50 boxes in collaboration with the Food Depot.



Advent Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

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 the Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) on Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church December 6, 13 & 20, 2018 @ 6:00 PM



**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 @ 857-0425.**



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!



Catholic Women's League

Monday, December 3, 2018

6:30 PM	Rosary in Church Hall
7:00 PM	Short Meeting

- **St. Nicholas' Party**
- **Donations for Money Tree for the Christmas Boxes**
- **Gifts exchanged / wine / punch and food**

New Members Always Welcome !



St. Bernard's Faith Formation

Sundays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Years 1,2,3: 9:15 - 10:45 AM	Years 1,2,3: 6 - 7:30 PM	<u>Years 4, 5, 6:</u> 6 -7:30 PM
Years 4, 5, 6: 12:15 - 1:45 PM		
Year 7: 6 - 7:30 PM		

December 2	December 4	December 5
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Christmas break

January 13	January 15	January 16
January 27	January 29	January 30
February 10	February 12	February 13
February 24	February 26	February 27
March 10	March 12	March 13
March 24	March 26	March 27
March 31	April 2	April 3
April 28	April 30	May 1
May 12	May 14	May 15

Volunteers are still needed, if you are interested, please contact Lorella @ lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com or 857-0425...**Remember "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called..."**



Best of the MetroTones' Christmas Songs

Friday, Dec.14 @ 7:30 PM, at the Moncton Wesleyan Celebration Centre, 945 St. George Blvd., Moncton, NB. In support of Food

Depot Alimentaire, Karing Kitchen and Ray of Hope Kitchen. **Tickets available at Jean Coutu Pharmacies, Reads Newstands, Sobeys - Vaughan Harvey, The Hospice Shoppe, People's Park Tower Variety, and from any chorus member or by calling 852-9664** . Cost: \$ 10 per ticket **plus** a non-perishable food item.



Supporting the Karing Kitchen

**Christmas
A Time For-giving**

The Karing Kitchen has been serving hot meals Monday to Friday 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 for many years. One of the annual events they have is the "**Christmas Is A Time For Giving**" card. You will see the little red cards at the church entrances. Perhaps, instead of buying Christmas gifts for family or friends, you could donate a number of dinners to the Karing Kitchen. When \$1 buys one serving, this is a wonderful gift idea! 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.



Knights of Columbus Council 1310. Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over 100 years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly 2 million men, including 1,000's in NB, who stand together. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer? For more information contact: Grand Knight Paul LeBlanc 854-8147 Financial Secretary Gil Parent 850-1204 or Advocate Tony Baker 857-9668.



The Advent season is the beginning of a new year in our liturgical church life.

Advent still remains a time of preparation, however, the focus is on a joyous preparation. The circle of greens with four candles of the same color (white) signifies the unity of the season. We do not break it up with one week being more joyous than another. Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. The color white connects us to the white of the Easter Candle (Paschal Candle or Christ Candle). No matter what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year, it is always a part of the Paschal Mystery, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. We are an Easter people even during this season. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light. The Advent season should be an accounting of how we have lived our lives over the past year. Have we become better disciples? Has there been a change in our hearts? If not what needs to change? Has our faith life deepened? How? What steps have we taken to work on our relationship with God, with Jesus, with our Church community? **What are some of the acts of kindness or generosity that we could do that could start in Advent, but continue on throughout the year?** Could we adopt a senior and keep in contact with them throughout the year, by phone calls, cooking a meal, offering to drive them. What about our caregivers who have loved ones they are taking care of. Could we not offer to spend some time and allow them to go out for a few hours to rejuvenate them? What about offering some time for the special care homes? Do you play an instrument? Could you go and offer once a month to entertain? What about members of our community who live with cancer? So often these people feel they are bothering other people. They need help getting groceries, having a meal cooked or other special errands. What about making other justice connections?

Advent is meant to be the beginning of a new heart for justice.

How will you change this Advent season for the long term?

Advent Reconciliation Service!

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!



Advent Penitential Services			
Holy Family	Thursday	December. 6	6:30 PM
St. Bernard's	Sunday	December 9	2:00 PM
St. Augustine's	Wednesday	December 12 Storm day Dec. 19	7:00 PM



Baptisms - The following children were welcomed into St. Bernard's Parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 25, 2018

Alonso Romeo Bondad, child of Romeo & Ríca

Cécilia Mary Debby Dwyer, child of Robert & Sarah

Ian Joseph James Dwyer, child of Shawn & Cynthia

Avery Grant Youden & Nash Ryan Youden, children of Mathew & Shannon

May Jesus bless all your precious little ones with His love & grace.



Thursday, December 13th will be the last gathering before Christmas.
Will resume in January.



**Weekend of Grace for Women Conference:
May 3 - 5, 2019**

For more information:

Call (902) 435-1568 or visit
www.weekendofgrace.com

Early bird deadline December 31, 2018

Pre-registration only. Registrations will not be accepted after the deadline or at the door.

Deadline: April 28, 2019



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - December 24

St. Bernard's	5:00 PM (family Mass), 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM
St. Augustine's	4:00 PM & 9:00 PM
Immaculate Heart of Mary	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. Augustine's	11:00 AM
Holy Ghost	10:00 AM



Advent Prayer

Loving creator, we ask for your help as we begin this season of joyful expectation. Give us the longing of your prophet Isaiah that our hearts may not settle for anything less than the coming of your reign. Give us the honesty of John the Baptist that we may know our need for repentance and forgiveness. And give us the courageous joy of Mary that we may become true disciples in spite of moments of uncertainty & sorrow. God, give us patience that we might wait in hope for all your gifts