

God Opens Our Graves

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

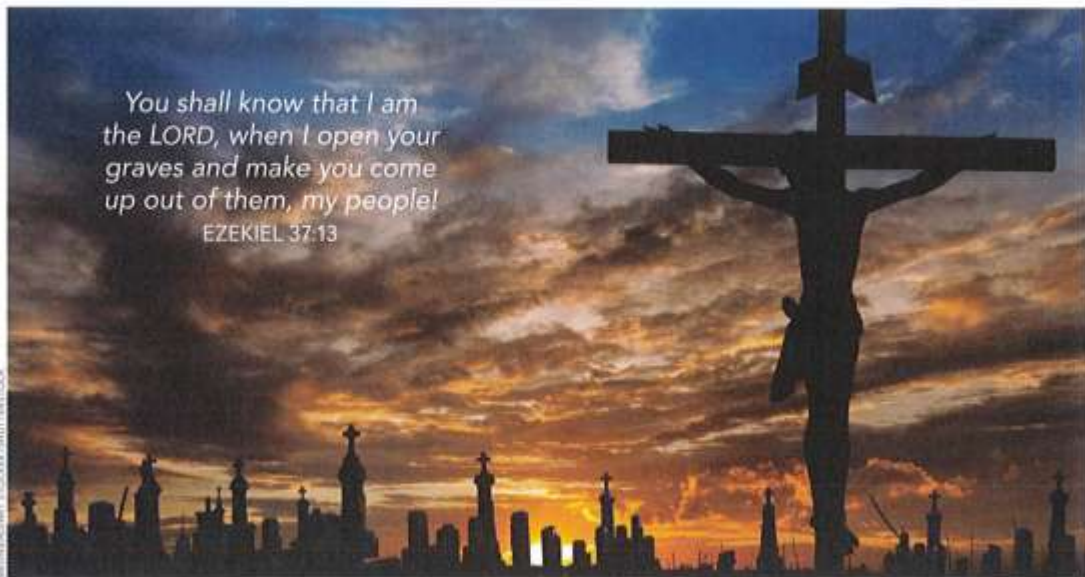
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *We were plunged into death and rose to new life at baptism. Does your life give evidence of this?*
- ✦ *In what ways does your life manifest the Spirit working through you?*

*You shall know that I am
the LORD, when I open your
graves and make you come
up out of them, my people!*

EZEKIEL 37:13





*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.*

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

MASS TIMES THE WEEK OF: ALL MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

St. Bernard's	Thurs. @ 9:30 AM- Cancelled until further notice 4 PM Saturday & 11 AM Sunday Masses - Cancelled until further notice
St. Vincent	9 AM Sunday Mass - Cancelled until further notice
St. Clement's	Every 2nd Saturday @ 7 PM - Cancelled until further notice

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
PHONE MESSAGES AND EMAILS WILL BE CHECKED REGULARLY**

**MASS INTENTIONS
ALL MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
CANCELLED MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE RESHEDULED**

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca



Parish contributions

It is a fact that parishes rely on weekly collections.

Expenses to run a church remain constant.

If you are able to, we ask that consideration be given to continuing your weekly / monthly donation during this COVID-19 crisis.

Optional way of contributing to St. Bernard's during the COVID-19 closure:

1. **Online:** St. Bernard's website @ www.stbernardschurch.ca
(through CanadaHelps)
Click on "Donate" and fill in accordingly.
Methods of payment accepted: Credit card or PayPal.
2. **Mail:** Cheques may be mailed. Please ensure you include your name, address and envelope # if applicable.
3. **Or simply put your regular weekly / monthly donations aside** until St. Bernard's re-opens and donate at that time.

Thank you for your continued generosity!!! God Bless all at this difficult time.

CANCELLATIONS - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

All Masses / Celebration of the Word

Opening of church 11 - 1, Monday to Friday

Children's Faith Formation

Evening Prayer - Thursday evenings during Lent

Holy Week celebrations

Way of the Cross - Friday evenings during Lent

Marriage Preparation Course - Sunday afternoons

CWL Monthly Meeting

NB Right to Life (Moncton Chapter) - Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

Knights of Columbus - Council 1310 - Sunday breakfasts (will resume in October 2020)



A time to mourn...
Our sincere sympathies to the family of.....

Donald Wood

Husband of Jeanne Wood, brother of (late) Raymond (Helena)

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



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

Chris Fortin	Bernie Cormier	Eugene Leger	Nancy Gatien
Rob Robichaud	Marjorie Moore	Neil Coyle	Dan Martin
Ronald Briffett	Ann Marie Bourgeois	Marilyn MacLeod	Kay Beaton
Roger Berube	Beth Purcell	Paul LeBlanc	Erich Kopetsky



Easter 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:	
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When you put
your cares in
God's hands,
He puts His
peace in your
heart. Amen.

In these uncertain times....

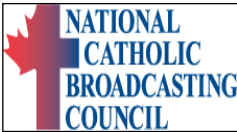
*While we need to spend time physically apart,
we still need to be there for each other.*

Keep each other and the needs of all in prayer.

Pray, pray and pray some more.

We have the time.

*Support our Archbishop, Valéry Vienneau, in all he is
called to do during this difficult time.*



**With Masses being cancelled across the country, the Daily TV
Mass offers Mass each day on TV & on the internet.**

Vision TV:

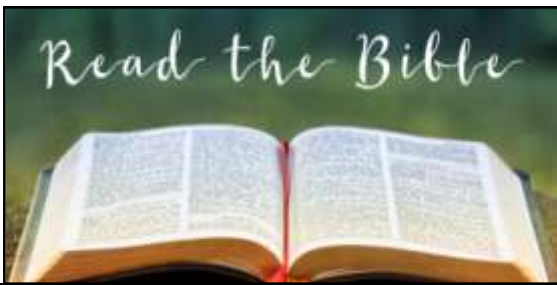
Sunday - 9 AM, Monday-Friday 9 AM & 1 PM, Saturday-9 AM & 10:30 AM & 11:30 PM

Internet:

www.dailytvmass.com www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

Check your local listings for FaithTV and JoyTV and EWTN.





THE MORE YOU READ
THE BIBLE
THE MORE
YOU'LL LOVE
THE AUTHOR

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:9

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:6

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. - 2 Timothy 1:7

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. - 1 Corinthians 16:13

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. - Ephesians 6:10

First Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14: Thus says the Lord God: "I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 8.8-11: Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel: John 11.3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (shorter): The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

COVID-19: Preventive Measures & Liturgy Cancellations:

March 23rd Update

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Here are some new guidelines related to COVID-19. The situation is changing rapidly. We must comply with the requirements of NB Public Health, to protect our people and reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Holy Week: All Holy Week celebrations are cancelled.

Funerals: These may still take place in the church, but with a very strictly limited number of people, within a Celebration of the Word (no Mass). It is preferable for the time being to hold this celebration at the funeral home, to avoid moving from one venue to another and to minimize the risk of contact. Memorial masses will be held later in parishes for all the deceased who did not have a celebration in the church.

Baptisms: If possible, all baptisms should be postponed. If a baptism must absolutely take place, participants will be limited to the parents, godfather and godmother. No community celebration.

Diocesan and parish secretariat: **all diocesan and parish offices are immediately closed to the general public until further notice.** It is proposed to strictly limit access to all offices for the protection of employees who are still working.

The "**Vision Bookstore**" is also closed until further notice.

Mass: All Masses and Celebrations of the Word remain suspended until further notice. Churches may be opened at the usual times to allow the faithful to come in for private prayer or worship, whilst maintaining the requisite social distance as per Public Health guidelines..

Parish Activities: There shall be no reception (lunch) following a funeral in our churches and all other activities (bingo, brunch, etc.) are also suspended.

I invite people to unite in prayer with their brothers and sisters by listening to a televised Mass or by reading the Word of God using their Bible or resources available on the web. **You can watch a daily mass by clicking here:** <https://dailytvmass.com/daily-tv-mass/>

Let us pray all for those affected by the virus, for those who feel distress as a result of it, and for health care workers who generously dedicate themselves to serving those in need. And may God give us the grace to remain calm and serene.

Mgr Valéry Vienneau
Archbishop of Moncton



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Dear Padre,

I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our *Catechism* mandate a dress code?

Being judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing.

The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday

MARCH 30
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday

MARCH 31
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

APRIL 1
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20,
91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

APRIL 2
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

APRIL 3
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

APRIL 4
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

APRIL 5
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66
or Mt 27:11–54



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"

—HOMILY, APRIL 6, 2014

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