



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 12, 2020

Easter (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



*Then the other disciple  
also went in, the one who  
had arrived at the tomb  
first, and he saw  
and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

## With Mouths Wide Open

**W**e normally speak of “eyes wide open,” an experience of seeing and understanding. However, Easter is a time of total astonishment, of standing before mystery with our mouths wide open and not understanding. Even the closest followers of Jesus were dumbfounded. Mary Magdalene didn’t expect to find an empty tomb. Upon seeing it, she presumed that the body had been stolen. The Gospel says that “they did not yet understand” (John 20:9). How could they? The magnitude of the mystery was overwhelming.

When did they finally understand? Actually, it’s more a question of believing than understanding. The Gospel tells us that they came to believe. They came to believe in him—not that he would conquer death by not

dying, but that he would conquer it by dying and then being transformed into a new kind of life, a kind of living that isn’t subject to death. They came to believe this through an experience of him.

We might envy the early followers who had Easter experiences of Jesus. But if we look carefully we will see that they experienced him in their everyday lives—in community gatherings, in the breaking of the bread. These are the very places where we can experience him in our own lives. The good news of Jesus’ resurrection isn’t just that we shall die and go home with him, but that he is risen and comes home with us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Be astonished today at how much God loves you. Think of the ways this is evident in your life.*
- ★ *He is not dead. He is with us. Where in your life are you touched by this mystery?*



*Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Christ the Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia.*

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

**ALL MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

**PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

Priest Moderator: Fr. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice: Claudia McCloskey
Assistant: (part-time) Fr. Charles Broderick	Catechetics: Lorella Dunnett
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**PARISH OFFICE & CHURCH  
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](http://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](http://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.**



*Ecclesiastes 3...*

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

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



*For those who have died.  
With prayers and heartfelt sympathy,  
we remember ...*

Kay Beaton

Wife of (late) Bernard, mother of Allan and Mary

*And to all who are mourning the loss of a loved one.*

**WEEKLY PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERINGS - MARCH 21/2, 28/9, APRIL 4/5, 2020**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 30.00 (3)	<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 30.00 (3)
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**THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERINGS - MARCH 15, 2020**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 900.00 (12)	<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 40.00 (1)	<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$ 1,518.33 (25)
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**THE FIRST OF THE MONTH PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERINGS - APRIL 1, 2020**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 580.00 (8)	<b>Syrian</b>	\$ 40.00 (2)
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 90.00 (3)	<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$ 1,425.00 (37)

**OTHER OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 1,973.00 (40)	<b>Share Lent</b>	\$ 385 (9)	<b>Good Friday</b>	\$ 10.00 (1)
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$ 30.00 (2)	<b>Syrian</b>	\$ 40.00 (2)		
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 75.00 (3)	<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$ 40.00 (1)		
<b>Donation</b>	\$ 200.00	From Knights of Columbus 1310 - In Memory of Ben Evers			

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT !!!**

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

**Vision TV:**

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

**Internet:**

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



Join Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick  
on this walk with Jesus on the Way of The Cross.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6YqGa7pl2w>



During the COVID-19 pandemic,

Living with Christ is offering free prayer resources and downloads of the daily Mass texts.

Just go to [livingwithchrist.ca](http://livingwithchrist.ca) to view the free resources.



### 2020 New Brunswick Low-Income Seniors' Benefit

To assist low-income seniors in New Brunswick, the government offers an annual benefit to qualifying applicants. Applications for the 2020 Low-income Seniors' Benefit will be available on April 1.

**IMPORTANT:** Due to the state of emergency announced on March 19 as a result of COVID-19, and to support physical distancing measures, eligible New Brunswickers are strongly encouraged to apply online. Application form will not be available at Service New Brunswick Centres but individuals may apply online, or print the application, complete it and mail it to Finance and Treasury Board, Revenue Administration Division, PO Box 1900, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5G4.

The application deadline is Dec. 31, 2020.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for the \$400 benefit, a person must have been a resident of NB on Dec. 31, 2019, and have received one of the following federal benefits under the *Old Age Security Act*: Guaranteed Income Supplement (65 years or older), Allowance for Survivor Program (between 60 and 64 years old) and or Allowance Program (between 60 and 64 years old)

**Please note:** Persons in receipt of a Federal allowance who are under the age of 60 do not qualify for this benefit. Where both spouses receive the GIS and reside in the same household, only one \$400.00 benefit will be granted. However, where spouses live separately (for example, one residing in a nursing home), both will be eligible for the benefit.

**More information about the program, and on how to apply, is available from Finance and Treasury Board, Revenue Administration Division, at 1-800-669-7070.**

If you do not currently receive the GIS or one of the other federal benefits and would like more information, please contact the federal Department of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada at: 1-800-277-9914 for service in English, or 1-800-277-9915 for service in French.

John 3:16  
THE GREATEST  
**LOVE**  
STORY

*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.*

Be the **CHANGE**  
you wish to see in  
the **WORLD**  
-Gandhi

as I have  
loved you.  
**LOVE** one  
another  
John 13:34

We have all heard the expression,  
"God is not finished with us yet"

There is always room for improvement in behaviors.

During this very difficult time let us practice being....

Generous, Loving, Polite, Kind, Caring

Smile-it doesn't cost anything...

Patience is not a trait we inherit...

it is something we need to practice.



Emails have been sent to persons saying that the sender was  
**Fr Allison S. Carroll**  
This is how the email appeared:

From: **Fr Allison S. Carroll** <[pastorasspastorass@gmail.com](mailto:pastorasspastorass@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, 8 Apr 2020 at 19:15

Subject: Peace be unto you (your name)

Hello, how are you doing?

I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message.

God Bless You

Peace

Fr. Allison S. Carroll

pastor

**If you should receive such an email do not respond to it.  
It is not from Fr. Carroll.**



*Holy Week at home - 2020*  
*Re-live the week that changed the world*

*Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord*

Readings: 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2<sup>nd</sup>: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8,

Gospel: John 20: 1-18 or John: 20: 1-9



*The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues.*

*Alleluia! Is our shout of joy, meaning praise to God!*



*Most especially this year during these difficult times....*

*May the promise of Easter fill  
you with renewed*

*Faith, Hope, Love & Joy*

*God's Blessings to all - Happy Easter!*

*Fr. Allison & Fr. Charlie*



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.

# Dear Padre,

## What's the origin of the word *Easter*? It's not mentioned in the Bible. Wouldn't a better name be Resurrection Sunday?

Experts trace Easter back to Old-English meanings associated with *Eostre*, the goddess of spring and fertility. Others point to the German word for east, which is derived from the Latin word for dawn. Regardless, Christianity found new meaning in the ancient celebration of nature's rebirth during the spring equinox. This resurrection of new life over the dead of winter also pointed to Christ's resurrection from the dead at dawn.

Likewise, early Christians gave new meaning to ancient symbols of fertility, such as rabbits and eggs. For example, a hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb, and the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo* ("All life comes from an egg") symbolized the resurrection. Eggs, prohibited during the Lenten fast, were reintroduced at the Easter meal and shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg, "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee, on account of the resurrection of the Lord."

"Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, [the Church] commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," 1). Thus, every Sunday—even those in Lent—is a Resurrection Sunday in celebration of Christ's triumph over death, which will include our own!



—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSr  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

### WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Today however we see that our journey is not in vain. ... Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside.*

—EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 20, 2019



### Calendar

#### Monday

APRIL 13

Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22–33  
Mt 28:8–15

#### Tuesday

APRIL 14

Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:36–41  
Jn 20:11–18

#### Wednesday

APRIL 15

Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:1–10  
Lk 24:13–35

#### Thursday

APRIL 16

Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:11–26  
Lk 24:35–48

#### Friday

APRIL 17

Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:1–12  
Jn 21:1–14

#### Saturday

APRIL 18

Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:13–21  
Mk 16:9–15

#### Sunday

APRIL 19

Second Sunday  
of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
Acts 2:42–47  
1 Pt 1:3–9  
Jn 20:19–31