



April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22–33

1 Pt 1:17–21

Lk 24:13–35

I'll Walk You Home

It was a very simple encounter. Two people, probably husband and wife, on their way home from Jerusalem to a neighboring village, are joined by a lone traveler walking on the same path. The couple was downcast for some reason, and the lone traveler showed interest and concern. It was nothing out of the ordinary, just simple human interest. However, it's often just such an unexpected situation that becomes a profound event of God.

Jesus was talking beside them, explaining their sacred writings, and they did not recognize him. What would it take for them to realize the identity of their companion? As he appeared to continue his journey, they offered him hospitality: "Stay with us" (Luke 24:29). Though they didn't understand who he was or everything he had said to them, their hearts were open to him and so he stayed. "At table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). That did it! Now they knew. "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

This is another moving story about the past and the present. How often we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst. He is with us in the very ordinary events of life, like walking home or preparing a meal. He is there even in our misunderstandings and disappointments. When we realize this, our hearts burn within us. We begin to see that the entire world is a place of encounter. Every human action holds the possibility of revelation.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Where in your life do you meet Jesus?
- ★ Where do you bring Jesus to others?



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35



*Alleluia, Alleluia.
 Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us,
 make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
 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	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

Priest Moderator: Fr. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice: Claudia McCloskey
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**PARISH OFFICE & CHURCH CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
 PHONE MESSAGES AND EMAILS WILL BE CHECKED REGULARLY**

**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.



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	Erich Kopetsky
Roger Berube	Beth Purcell	Paul LeBlanc	Dianne Gallant

A time to mourn

Our sincere sympathies to the families of ...



Davida Creaghan	Wife of (late) Marven, sister of George (Doris) Cunningham & Mary Cunningham
Laurette LeBlanc	Wife of (late) Bill, mother of Michelle Bastarache, Darrell LeBlanc, (late) Nadine Perry (Greg)
Suzanne LeBlanc	Wife of Shawn Somers, mother of Skylar & Shaylen Daughter of Claude and Joanne (Cormier) LeBlanc

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

OFFERINGS

THE 15TH OF THE MONTH - PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERINGS - APRIL 15, 2020

Sunday	\$ 900.00 (12)	Capital Campaign	\$ 1,558.33 (25)
Building Fund	\$ 40.00 (1)		

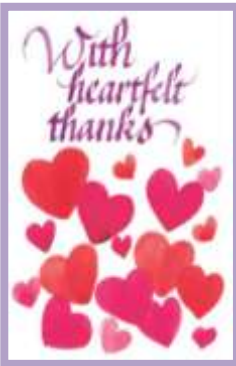
WEEKLY PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERINGS - APRIL 18/19

Sunday	\$ 10.00 (1)		
Building Fund	\$ 10.00 (1)		

OTHER OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Envelopes	\$ 637.00 (10)	Easter	\$ 220.00 (3)
Good Friday	\$ 100.00 (2)	Online offerings	\$ 182.09 (4)

**If interested in setting up pre-authorized payments:
Please contact the office by email, sbhf@rogers.com
or phone 857-0425 - leave a message and we will get back to you.**



Thank you to all who have continued to contribute to St. Bernard's during the COV19 closure.

Donations have been received by mail, online, and through pre-authorized offerings. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated!

Thank you also for the kind words & messages that have accompanied these donations.

Thank you to all who have sent in heartfelt emails.

**The care for St. Bernard's is evident and touching.
God's Blessings To All**



A Time To Reflect & Be Grateful

Living through COVID-19 it would be hard to believe there is not a purpose to be found in it. While we don't believe this pandemic is from God, we can see that the noise and busyness in our lives has been turned down more than we could have ever imagined. Creating a perfect opportunity for all of us to simply slow down and to open our ears and hearts to listen to the voice of God. When restrictions are lifted...the noise and busyness will rush back in again - whether we like it or not. With all of the negativity that has surrounded us in these past week's, let us also remember to be thankful for the many blessing that we take for granted every day.

**Praise and give thanks to God.
Psalm 46:10 - Be still and know that I Am God...**



Bursaries



Due to the generosity of a parishioner **St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League is offering a \$1000 bursary** to a student graduating from High School in June 2020, who is a parishioner, and is pursuing post-secondary studies. **Mail or email your letter of application, including your future plans, to arrive no later than Friday, June 5, 2020 to:**

St. Bernard's CWL Bursary Selection Committee, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB, E1C 4W9 or Email to: sbhf@rogers.com

Due to the generosity of a parishioner **St. Bernard's Parish is also offering a \$1,000 bursary** to a graduate who is pursuing or enrolled in post-secondary studies.

Mail or email your letter of application to arrive no later than Friday, June 5, 2020, detailing your involvement at school, in the parish, in the community, as well as your future plans to: St. Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB, E1C 4W9 or Email to: sbhf@rogers.com

Prayers of Intercession

For all of us, the church: for a deepening of our love and hunger for God's Word through reading and praying the scriptures. **We pray.**

For government leaders: that God will guide them in developing safe methods for the reopening of our communities. **We pray.**

For all who are anxious during isolation. And for our elderly, shut ins, the homeless, the poor, and for those who have no one and for those who are afraid. **We pray.**

For all who are sick, lonely, or hurting and for all who are working the front lines in service to our communities. **We pray.**

For all who have died. And for all who have been affected by the terrible tragedy in Nova Scotia. That God's overwhelming love and the support of all may be felt during this very difficult time. **We pray.**



2020 New Brunswick Low-Income Seniors' Benefit

To assist low-income seniors in NB, the government offers an annual benefit to qualifying applicants. **Important: Due to the state of emergency announced on March 19 as a result of COVID-19, and to support physical distancing measures, eligible applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online. Application form will not be available at Service NB 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, NB, E3B 5G4. 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.



Home Energy Assistance Program:

The Home Energy Assistance Program provides a \$100 benefit designed to help low-income families cope with high energy prices. The program will provide a payment of \$100 to families with incomes up to, and including \$30,000. To be eligible, applicants must:

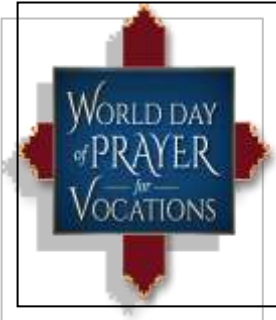
1. Maintain a principal place of residence within New Brunswick at the time of application (either a house, an apartment, or a living unit that is a self-contained domestic establishment with its own access and contains a kitchen, bathroom and sleeping facilities);
2. Have had a total family income (applicant and spouse or common-law partner) of \$30,000 or less in 2018.
3. Be a resident of NB as of Dec. 31, 2018 and have filed a 2018 NB Income Tax Return.
4. Provide a copy of an electricity bill for your home dated after Nov. 1, 2019. If electricity costs are included in your rent, provide the name and telephone number of your landlord at the time of application.

Finance and Treasury Board will process the applications and issue the benefit to qualifying applicants. In special circumstances where the total family income for 2018 was over \$30,000 and the expected total family income will be \$30,000 or less for 2019 (example: loss of employment or other reasons), an applicant may still be eligible for the benefit.

Application forms are available online at www.snb.ca or by calling the department of Finance at 1-800-669-7070. When submitting applications, applicants must provide information on their total family income, and a copy of a recent electricity bill (dated after Nov. 1, 2019). Only one benefit per household (address) will be provided. To access the application for the 2020 benefit, click [here](#). Deadline to apply for the 2020 benefit is June 30, 2020. **For more information on this program,** please contact Finance and Treasury Board, Revenue and Taxation Division at 1-800-669-7070.

International Workers Day - May 1,

May 1st - International Worker's Day is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations - May 3

Next Sunday - the fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. **Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.**

50 Days
Easter



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.

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing. (GNLY, no.22)

Liturgy
Notes

By ancient tradition, the Old Testament is not read during the Easter Season. Accordingly, when readings are chosen from the Commons, the First Reading is chosen from the selections given from the Easter Season. When there are three readings, the first is taken from the Acts of the Apostles or Revelation, the second from the Epistles. (Letters - i.e., James, I and II Peter, I, II, and III John, and Jude)

Dear Padre,

Why couldn't the disciples recognize Jesus after the resurrection? Do you think we would recognize Jesus if he came back today?

Before the resurrection, Jesus likely would have suffered the ravages of illness and lack of proper nutrition that all the people of his time were subject to. After the resurrection, Jesus showed he was exalted with the very power of God. Even his physical appearance had changed.



In the poor, Jesus is with us. Here, volunteers work at a food pantry in Nashville.

in the Eucharist (John 6:53); in the poor (Matthew 25:40); in his body, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12). Coming to recognize him among us in these ways today will ensure we are more like him in our resurrection.

In view of his glorified appearance, the disciples were able to recognize Jesus with the aid of his marks of the passion (John 20:20). No one would go to the extreme of putting nails through his own hands and feet and thrust a spear into his side to pretend he was Jesus! He bore those marks, so he *had* to be the Lord.

Another purpose of showing his disciples his glorified body was to assure them we would undergo a similar glorification. In the resurrection we shall be completely changed and perfected in our humanity (1 Corinthians 15:52).

We are sometimes slow to recognize our Lord in the ways he indicated he would be with us today:

—Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead."

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 24, 2017

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday

APRIL 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51—8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday

APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

Thursday

APRIL 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

Friday

MAY 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

Saturday

MAY 2

St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

Sunday

MAY 3

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

1 Pt 2:20b–25

Jn 10:1–10

