



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

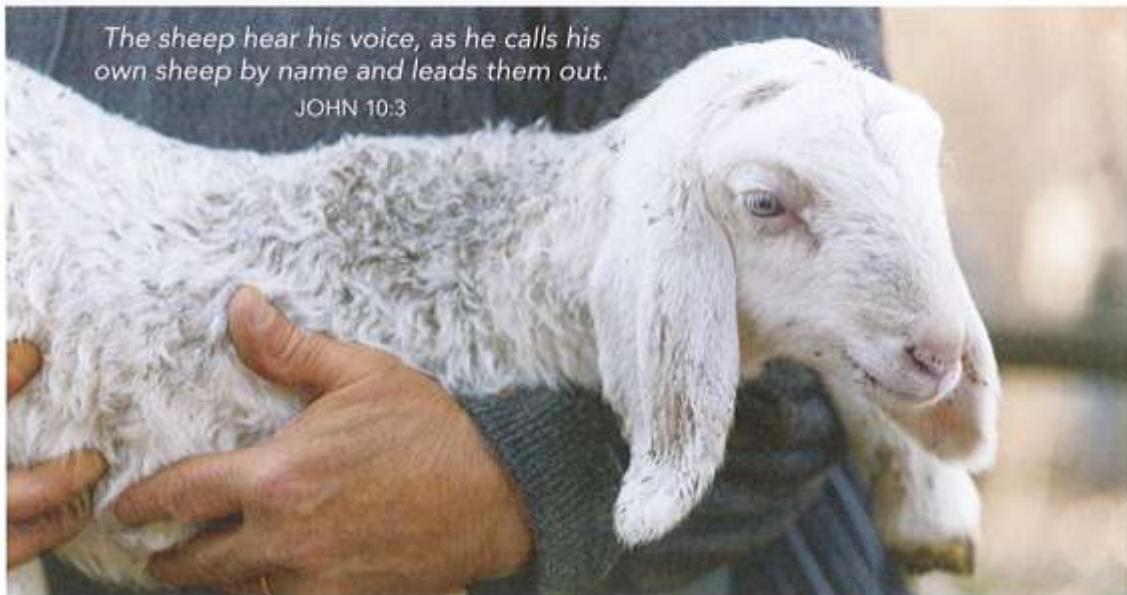
Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Pt 2:20b-25

In 10:1-10

The sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

JOHN 10:3



Matters of Life and Death

Sheep are a lot smarter than some people think. They recognize the voice of their particular shepherd and follow that voice alone. However, that is not the point of Jesus' teaching today. Because most of us don't raise sheep or know much about them, we don't realize that the situation described in the Gospel passage is a matter of life and death.

It's similar to the relationship between a military squad leader and the troops he leads, another life-and-death matter. In both, unquestioning obedience is required, and absolute trust in the other is presumed.

That's what Jesus is describing. He's suggesting: "Listen to me. Follow my lead. Trust in me. I want only what is good for you, so I will be your sure protection."

It sounds so easy, as parables and metaphors usually do. What does it mean to follow this Shepherd? In the first reading, Peter announces the answer in one word: "Repent!" There is that challenging word—the word

we might associate with Lent, not with Easter. If we do so, we miss the point of following the Shepherd, for to follow him means to be like him. It means: "Repent! Stop taking advantage of other people. Open your minds and hearts to newcomers. Respect those who observe different religious traditions. Help those less fortunate than you." All of this is captured in the final words of the Gospel reading: do what you can so that all "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Clearly, that's smart.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *On what path might the Shepherd be leading you?*
- ✦ *In what area is he calling you to repent?*



*Alleluia, Alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and my own know me.
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 RESCHEDULED**

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 ...

Barry Leger | Father of Andrew (Suzanne) Leger

Jean Murphy-Dunn

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

OFFERINGS

WEEKLY PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERINGS - APRIL 25/26, 2020

Sunday \$ 10.00 (1)

Building Fund \$ 10.00 (1)

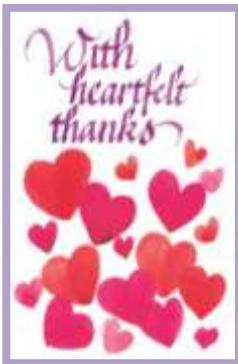
OTHER OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Envelopes \$ 630.00 (11) Donation \$ 5.00 (1)

Easter \$ 235.00 (4) Karing Kitchen \$ 125.00

Good Friday \$ 20.00 (1) Building Fund \$ 20.00 (1)

**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.

And 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 an unwavering faith that remains focused on God regardless of the challenges we face.

We pray.

For our world and its many needs. For those affected by the tragedy in Nova Scotia, the flooding in Fort McMurray and for those affected by the HMCS Fredericton / Cyclone helicopter crash.

We pray.

For the homeless, the poor and all who may be experiencing loneliness, fear, anxiety and despair during these difficult times.

We pray.

For all the sick; for God's comfort and healing. For those who take risks to attend to the needs of others and for all who are caring for the sick.

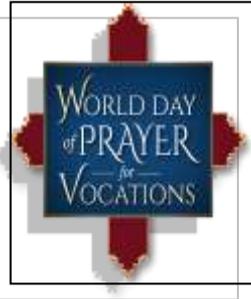
We pray.

For all who have died. For the families who could not be with their loved ones that have died and who are unable to celebrate a funeral at this time.

We pray.



"Do not be worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7



World Day of Prayer for Vocations - May 3

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.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart. As though You have already
come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.*

Amen

The Movie "Love and Mercy": Faustina, is a film depicting the story of St. Faustina and how the devotion to Divine Mercy came into being. It is available from April 5th for 30 days at FanForceTV.com

**50 Days
of
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)

**SHARING IS CARING.
CARING IS LOVING.**

*Suggestions - ways to help
feed those who are hungry.*



Food Depot Alimentaire (FDA) is a registered, non-profit charitable organization that serves food banks, community kitchens, after-school programs & other supportive agencies across NB.

Their primary functions include food storage and distribution, fundraising and food collection and advocacy for the people they serve and the agencies they support. In April 2017 in partnership with the NBAFB and Midland Transport, the Food Depot Alimentaire launched their provincial distribution division. Located at 330 MacNaughton, the warehouse is collecting and distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds of food each month. FDA services over 90 agencies provincially in an effort to ensure that no New Brunswicker goes hungry. Support is essential as they continue to service the frontline on hunger. If you would like to make a contribution, go to their website at: <https://fooddepot.ca/> for more information.



ReConnect Street Intervention Program

Abbreviated Media Release March 24, 2020:

The YMCA of Greater Moncton is closed until further notice. They are still accepting donations for programs such as the ReConnect Street Intervention Program. ReConnect staff are continuing to provide vital outreach and social support services to those experiencing homelessness. Donations can be made in support of ReConnect online by clicking the 'Give Today' button on the YMCA of Greater Moncton website – www.ymcamoncton.ca – or by mail to 30 War Veterans Ave., Moncton, NB, E1C 0B3.

KARING KITCHEN

The Karing Kitchen is offering take out at the door during COVID-19 to those in need. They would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Without your help there can be no Karing Kitchen. They welcome your support. Donations can be made through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> or donations may be mailed directly to: Karing Kitchen 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB , E1C 4Y3



Dear Padre,

How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”?

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world's end is hidden. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows... but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36). In spite of Christ's admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on misinterpretations of the Book of Revelation.

The main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to assure us that God's power will prevail. In the ongoing struggle between good and evil, there are times when evil seems to have the upper hand. No matter. Evil will be conquered and God's rule will extend over all creation.

The world might end tomorrow, or next year, or in five billion years. Jesus tells us we can't know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ.

And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd, whom we meet in today's Gospel. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We should never forget: the Church is not a static reality, inert, an end in herself, but is on a continual journey through history, towards that ultimate and marvelous end that is the kingdom of heaven, of which the Church on earth is the seed and the beginning.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Calendar

Monday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:11–18

Tuesday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24—13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday

MAY 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

Sunday

MAY 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1–7

1 Pt 2:4–9

Jn 14:1–12