



May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

In 14:15-21

## What Is Your Hope?

**W**e have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope *that*, but hope *in*. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Think of times when you were surprised by God's love.
- ★ Pray for the gift of genuine religious hope.

*Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.*

1 PETER 3:15





**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 17, 2020**

*All who love me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them.*

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:**

**St. Bernard's (Moncton)  
St. Vincent (Sackville)  
& St. Clement's (Port Elgin)**

**ALL MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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|---------------|---|
| St. Bernard's | <del>Thurs. @ 9:30 AM</del> - Cancelled until further notice<br><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      |
| Liturgy: Darlene McGraw                      | Adult Faith: Dr. Andrew Wilson    |

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| Bookkeeper: Louise Tardif                 |  |
| Custodian: Michel Saulnier                | Facilities manager: Mike Murphy        |

**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](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...*

|                        |                            |                        |                       |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Chris Fortin</b>    | <b>Marjorie Moore</b>      | <b>Marilyn MacLeod</b> | <b>Dianne Gallant</b> |
| <b>Rob Robichaud</b>   | <b>Ann Marie Bourgeois</b> | <b>Paul LeBlanc</b>    | <b>Marie Gaudet</b>   |
| <b>Ronald Briffett</b> | <b>Beth Purcell</b>        | <b>Nancy Gatien</b>    | <b>Lisa Fearon</b>    |
| <b>Roger Berube</b>    | <b>Eugene Leger</b>        | <b>Dan Martin</b>      |                       |
| <b>Bernie Cormier</b>  | <b>Neil Coyle</b>          | <b>Erich Kopetsky</b>  |                       |

*A time to mourn...*

*Our sincere sympathies to the families of:*



|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Jimmy O'Shea</b>    | Son of (late) William J. & Rosalie (LeBlanc) |
| <b>Gerry Gillespie</b> | Wife of (late) Ron Gillespie                 |

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



# OFFERINGS

## WEEKLY PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERINGS - MAY 9 & 10, 2020

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

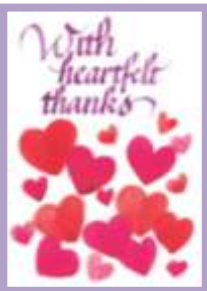
## THE 15TH OF THE MONTH - PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERINGS - MAY 15, 2020

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

## OTHER OFFERINGS RECEIVED

|                  |                  |                       |              |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Sunday           | \$ 1,527.00 (26) | Good Friday           | \$ 65.00 (3) |
| Easter           | \$ 125.00 (6)    | Pope's Pastoral Works | \$ 10.00 (1) |
| Share Lent       | \$ 50 (2)        | Building Fund         | \$ 90.00 (3) |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 120.00 (4)    |                       |              |

If interested in setting up pre-authorized payments:  
Please contact the office by email, [sbhf@rogers.com](mailto: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 and messages that have accompanied these donations.

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



**Emails have been sent to persons saying that the sender was  
From: Reverend Father - this is how the email appeared:**

**Urgent communion to the sick parishioners.**

I hope you are coping well with this Pandemic?  
I have been trying to reach you on the phone but it's not going through.  
I'll need you to do me a favor urgently,  
email me back as soon as you get this message.  
Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Alisson

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sbhf@rogers.com)

### *Prayers of Intercession*

For all of us, the church; witnesses of Christ in how we live our daily lives.

**We pray.**

For civic and religious leaders.

**We pray.**

For justice and peace in our world. And for the developing of a vaccine for Covid-19.

**We pray.**

For the sick and all who suffer. For those who are confined during Covid-19 with no visitation allowed.

**We pray.**

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

**We pray.**



### Victoria Day - Monday, May 18, 2020

The birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria (+1901) has been celebrated as a holiday in Canada West (now Ontario) since 1845; it became a National Holiday in 1901 and in 1952 was established on the Monday preceding May 25.

#### *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*



**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

**The Friday before the Ascension of the Lord...**

**Nine days of prayer to the Holy Spirit begins  
in preparation for Pentecost.**



*Enjoy the long weekend !*



## Possible ways to feed the hungry...

For information on any of the following - click on the links below:

**Food Depot Alimentaire (FDA)** - <https://fooddepot.ca/>

**ReConnect Street Intervention at:**

<https://moncton.ymca.ca/en/Programs/Outreach/Reconnect?nolocation=1>

**Karing Kitchen:** Donations can be made through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> donations may be mailed directly to: Karing Kitchen 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB , E1C 4Y3

**Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen:** <http://www.rayofhopemoncton.ca/donate.html>

## World Communications Day - May 24, 2020:

The Bible is the great love story between God and humanity. At its centre stands Jesus, whose own story brings to fulfilment both God's love for us and our love for God.

*His Holiness Pope Francis  
Message for the 54th World Communication Day 2020*



Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

Link to view the message from His Holiness Pope Francis for the 54th World Communications Day:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200124\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20200124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html)

I took my troubles to the Lord;  
I cried out to him,  
and he answered my prayer.

-Psalm 120:1

*When anxiety seems to be the order of the day, slow us down, God.*

*Help us to remain socially connected.*

*To reach out with our hearts.*

*To simply trust that God will make all things good.*

*For all front line persons, serving our communities.*

*Help us God to help each other.*

# Dear Padre,

**After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?**

**A**t baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*There are so many people waiting for us to go out and meet them and look at them with the tenderness that we have experienced and received from our relationship with God. That is where our power lies: not in our ideals and in our personal projects, but rather in the strength of his mercy.*

—ADDRESS TO THE ORDER OF AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS,  
OCTOBER 20, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:22–34  
Jn 16:5–11

### Wednesday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday  
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

### Thursday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:1–8  
Jn 16:16–20

### Friday

MAY 22

Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:9–18  
Jn 16:20–23

### Saturday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

### Sunday

MAY 24

The Ascension  
of the Lord  
Acts 1:1–11  
Eph 1:17–23  
Mt 28:16–20