



May 24, 2020

*The Ascension of the Lord (A)*

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23

Mt 28:16-20

## Where Are You Looking?

**A**re we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so they were asked: "Why are you standing here looking at the sky?" (Acts 1:11).

Are we also looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus' ascension. However, today's understanding of the universe helps us realize that the biblical account of Jesus' ascension into heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God's right hand, "far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion" with "all things beneath his feet" (Ephesians 1:21-22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: "Watch what is going to happen." Instead he told them to go out: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don't worry, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Look where you're going, not where I went.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *In what ways have other people touched you with the mystery of the risen Jesus?*
- ✦ *In what ways do you bring the reality of Jesus to people in your life?*



*Make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name  
of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the holy Spirit.*  
MATTHEW 28:19



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**MAY 24, 2020**

*Go make disciples of all nations;  
I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:**

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

**MASS TIMES THE WEEK OF: MAY 25-31, 2020**

<b>St. Bernard's</b>	4 PM-Saturday & 11-AM Sunday: <b>See note in bulletin about registering for Mass</b>
<b>St. Vincent</b>	9 AM Sunday Mass: <b>Effective June 7</b>
<b>St. Clement's</b>	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday @ 7 PM: <b>Effective June 6</b>

**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 - CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**MESSAGES AND EMAILS WILL BE CHECKED REGULARLY**

**MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF: MAY 25-31, 2020**

Saturday	May 30	4 PM	Anniv. late Marilyn Norton	Mom, Dad, Debbie & Jim
Sunday	May 31	11 AM	Anniv. late Emery (Tim) Cormier	Wife Arline & family

**OFFERINGS**

**WEEKLY PRE-AUTHORIZED**

Sunday	\$ 10.00 (1)	Building Fund	\$ 10.00 (1)
<b>OTHER OFFERINGS RECEIVED</b>			
Envelopes	\$ 2,667.00 (37)	Papal charities	\$ 25.00 (2)
Share Lent	\$ 300.00 (2)	Syrian Fund	\$ 90.00 (3)
Easter	\$ 185.00 (4)	Capital Expenditure	\$ 280.00 (9)
Good Friday	\$ 170.00 (4)	April online donations	\$ 1,397.85

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



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



*A time to mourn...*

*Our sincere sympathies to the families of:*

<i>Jean Trenholm</i>	Wife of (late) Garnet
<i>Jonathan Hachey</i>	Son of Robert & Joan Hachey
<i>Lynn Somers</i>	

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



## 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, community of disciples entrusted with authority and power to witness to the name of Jesus.

**We pray.**

For all leaders and teachers in the Church.

**We pray.**

For the poor and unemployed and for all who need encouragement or help.

**We pray.**

For our parish community, called to act and speak courageously as we spread the Good News.

**We pray.**

For the sick and all who are suffering.

**We pray.**

For all who have died.

**We pray.**

## *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*



### *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.

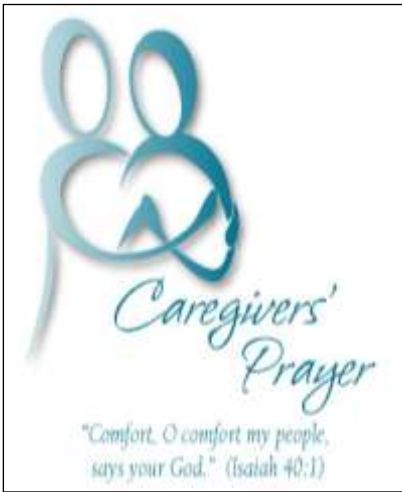
*His Holiness Pope Francis  
Message for the 54th World Communications Day 2020*

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:

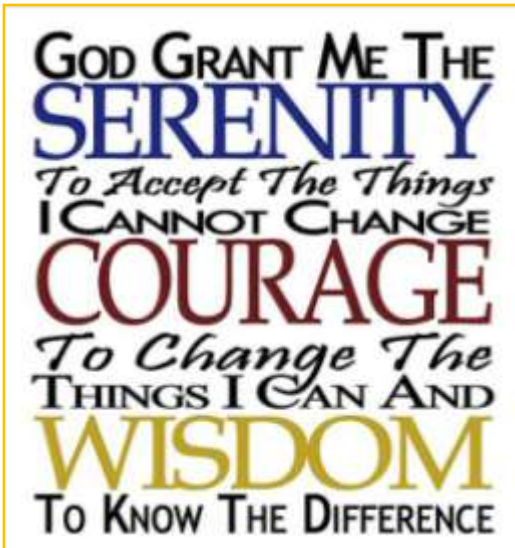
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### Prayer for caregivers...

God of all creation,  
Guardian & Protector of all life,  
our lives are in Your Holy Hands.  
Fashion our hearts for this work.  
Instruct our hands in the service of healing.  
Teach us to listen with our whole being.  
Grant us the grace to hear the stirring of Your guidance in  
the easing of fear & the alleviation of pain.  
Bless our eyes that we might see the face of Jesus  
reflected in a stranger's.  
Be present with us in the days & nights that are long &  
trying, in times of tragedy & grief.  
Create in each of us a space of consolation & of peace.  
- Deborah D. Cooper, National Associations of Catholic Chaplains.



*Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances.  
This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*God bless and have a great week.*



## *Re - Opening of Churches-Phase 3 of the Recovery Plan in NB*

NB Public Health and Premier Blaine Higgs announced in a press conference Friday, May 22, 2020 that we are now entering Phase 3 of the recovery plan. For us, this means that Masses can resume the weekend of May 30/31. We can hold celebrations (mass, weddings, or funerals) in our churches with a restricted number of faithful (50 maximum) following all the required health guidelines. Here at St. Bernard's that means a 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, and a 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday beginning the weekend of May 30/31, 2020.

**The elderly, especially after the age of 70, and persons with medical or at risk conditions are advised not to attend.**

The dispensation (permission to be exempted from the laws or observances of the Church) of the Sunday precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays...# 2042 - Catechism of the Catholic Church) is extended for those who cannot go to church, inviting them to read the Word of God and pray in their homes and participate in the celebrations of the Mass Via the media (TV, radio, the internet).

**To attend a Mass...you must register by calling the parish office at 857-0425**

To be fair to all individuals wishing to attend Mass, a rolling list will be kept. Meaning, you call the office once, indicate your preference of a Saturday or Sunday Mass, & how many person(s) will attend. Your will then be given a date as to the Mass you may attend based on the allowed numbers.

**Please note:**

**Social distancing** of 6 feet is still essential. **Sanitizing** must be done upon entering.

**Entrance and exit doors**, only the **main doors on Botsford St. will be used.**

These doors will be clearly identified. No other doors are to be used.

**Elevator will not be available.**

**Registered attendance will be checked upon entrance.**

**No procession at the beginning or end of Mass.**

**No singing** allowed by the congregation. No song books in the pews.

**Holy Water Fonts** - will remain empty.

**Parish contributions.** Donation box will be placed at the entrance of the church.

**Sign of Peace:** Suspended for the time being

**Communion:** The individual dialogue of Communion (The Body of Christ. Amen) will be done collectively after the response "Lord I am not worthy...", followed by the distribution of Communion in **SILENCE.**

**Communion procession:** The community will be directed / guided as to how to process up for communion. Social distancing of 6 feet must be respected.

**At the end of Mass:** the faithful will be asked not leave the church at the same time as to avoid creating grouping. Leave the church according to a fixed order, respecting the rules of social distancing. (again you will be directed how to exit.)

**The faithful are to avoid grouping or contacts among themselves or with the priest** before or after services in or outside the church or in the parking lot.

**Please be patient as we implement these new measures.**

**God bless all.**

# Dear Padre,

**I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?**

**Y**our answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked

with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one

way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

—Fr. John Gouger, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The Church holds out a mission, and I would like to entrust you with this mission. It is to go back and talk to your grandparents. Today more than ever we need this bridge, this dialogue, between grandparents and grandchildren, between the young and the elderly.*

—WORLD YOUTH DAY PRAYER VIGIL, APRIL 8, 2017



## Calendar

<b>Monday</b> MAY 25 Easter Weekday Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b> MAY 26 St. Philip Neri, Priest Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday</b> MAY 27 Easter Weekday Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday</b> MAY 28 Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b> MAY 29 Easter Weekday Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b> MAY 30 Easter Weekday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday</b> MAY 31 Pentecost Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23