

[Jesus said,] "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." —JOHN 6:56

Take and Eat

Many of us are little different from the Jewish crowds who cried out: "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus does not explain how the bread was really his flesh. What he did was underscore the importance of eating this bread, which was his flesh. He then goes on and insists that we must drink his blood as well. If these were hard sayings for the people of Israel, who in their ancient past might have shared the flesh and blood of a sacrificed animal, what are we "sophisticated" contemporary Christians to make of it?

The people of Jesus' time would have recognized several elements from their traditions in Jesus' discourse, but his reinterpretation of them would have startled them. Like the victim of an ancient holocaust offering, Jesus' blood is shed. However, it is not poured around the altar; it is to be consumed. Bread from heaven recalled the manna that fed their ancestors in the wilderness. However, the manna lasted for only a day; it then rotted. The bread Jesus gives is living bread that enables those who eat it to live forever. This is a lot to believe. But then, that is exactly what we are asked to do. We might have correct theological language to explain how this transformation takes place, but we still will not understand the mystery to which it points. So what are we to do? Very simply: take and eat!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

★ *The Eucharist is one of the foundational mysteries of our faith. A good Eucharistic prayer might be: "I believe; help my unbelief."*



*I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.*

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

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

MASS TIMES THE WEEK OF: JUNE 15-21, 2020

St. Bernard's	4 PM-Saturday & 11-AM Sunday
St. Vincent	9 AM Sunday Mass
St. Clement's	Every 2 nd Saturday @ 7 PM (call 538-2262 to confirm)

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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MESSAGES AND EMAILS WILL BE CHECKED REGULARLY
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15-21, 2020

Saturday	June 20	Anniv. late Leslie, Dorothy & J.J. Duplacey	Jeanne & Paul
Sunday	June 21	Anniv. late Edward Gould	Family



Parish contributions: It is a fact that parishes rely on weekly collections. Expenses to run a church remain constant. **If you are able to**, please give consideration to continuing your weekly / monthly donations during this COVID-19 crisis.

Optional ways of contributing during this Covid-19 period of time:

Online: St. Bernard's website @ www.stbernardschurch.ca (through CanadaHelps)

Mail: Cheques may be mailed. Please ensure you include your name, address & envelope # if applicable.

Or simply put you donations aside until you are able to attend Mass.

Thank you very much for your continued support to St. Bernard's !!!

OFFERINGS			
WEEKLY PRE-AUTHORIZED			
Sunday	\$ 10.00 (1)	Building Fund	\$ 10.00 (1)
DEPOSIT JUNE 2, 2020 - OFFERINGS REC'D BY MAIL			
Envelopes	\$1,595.00 (40)	Papal charities	\$ 5.00 (1)
Easter	\$ 30.00 (2)	Upkeep Holy Land	\$ 5.00 (1)
Share Lent	\$ 25.00 (2)	Karing Kitchen	\$ 125.00 (2)
Good Friday	\$ 15.00 (2)	Building Fund	\$ 20.00 (4)
Capital Campaign	\$ 40.00 (1)		
COLLECTION JUNE 6 & 7, 2020			
Loose	\$ 20.00	Papal charities	\$ 180.00 (6)
Envelopes	\$ 7,840.00 (138)	ReConnect	\$ 100.00 (2)
Easter	\$ 820.00 (10)	Syrian relief	\$ 75.00 (1)
Share Lent	\$ 675.00 (9)	Building Fund	\$ 1,705.00
Good Friday	\$ 510.00 (9)	Capital Campaign	\$ 520.00 (1)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT !!!			



Ecclesiastes 3...
Under every season there is a time...A time to heal..
We rememer in our prayers those who are sick...

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



A time to mourn...
Our sincere sympathies to the families of:

Marilyn MacLeod	Mother of Gillian & Scott
Roger Dallaire	Father of Joanne & Rachelle
Margaret Fergusson	Wife of Robert, mother of Chris (Heather)

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





Listening & Prayer

Are you in need of prayer? Are you going through a difficult time?
You can confide in the prayers of the Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur Sisters.

Phone: 388-1701 or 1-800-561-3995

Monday to Friday: 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesdays only: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Prayers of Intercession

1. For all of us, the church, being the Body and Blood of Christ, gathered together to celebrate the joy of the Eucharist. **We pray.**
2. For world leaders: as they listen to the hearts of their citizens, longing for the physical and emotional healing of our world. **We pray.**
3. For all of us, children of God, as we work to see the reality of racism and then to uproot it from our society and from ourselves. **We pray.**
4. For students everywhere who are graduating and seeking employment. **We pray.**
5. For all the churches serving the greater Moncton area. **We pray.**
6. For the sick and all who are suffering. And for those who care for them. **We pray.**
7. For all who have died. And for the families who cannot be with their loved ones who are dying or who have died. And for families who are unable to have a funeral for their loved ones at this time. **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*

Phase 3 of the Recovery Plan in NB

Currently we are in **Phase 3 of the recovery plan.**

St. Bernard's weekend Masses have resumed, Saturdays @ 4 PM and Sundays at 11 AM.

Masses attendance numbers are restricted to 50 maximum following all the required guidelines.

Those who are 70 years of age or older, or who have medical or at-risk conditions, should carefully assess the risk when making the decision to attend Mass.

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:

Elevator will not be available.

Social distancing of 6 feet is still essential.

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

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

Registered attendance will be checked upon entrance

Sanitizing - you will be given a squirt of sanitizer when you enter the church.

You will be ushered to your reserved seat.

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 basket will be placed at the entrance of the church.

Sign of Peace: No handshaking. Extend sign of peace with a smile, nod, etc.

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 sametime** 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.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. Bernard's Council

43 Botsford Street, Moncton, N.B.

Care of our Common Home

The Catholic women of Canada were first organized in Edmonton Archdiocese in November 1912 to assist with the care and placement of the ever increasing influx of immigrants from Europe and elsewhere. The movement gradually spread to the port cities and other major cities across Canada: Montreal (1917), Toronto (1918), Halifax (1919), then to Ottawa, Sherbrooke and Saint John.

In 1920 these groups were invited to meet in Montreal to try to establish a national group of Catholic women. The name "Catholic Women's League" originated in England in 1912 in response to a perceived need for Catholic lay action and adopted by the Canadian group.

On June 1920, the Catholic Women's League of Canada was formally established with Miss Bell Elle Guerin of Montreal elected as the First National President.

With Our Lady of Good Council as its Patroness, the main thrust of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is and has always been, the Spiritual Development of its members both individually and collectively.

The activities of the League, since its original purpose of aiding immigrants, have broadened and in recent years, the emphasis has been on issues concerning the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, social justice, human dignity, the preservation of Christian Family, and the concept of a preferential option for the poor.

In 1992 the League's Mission was adopted:

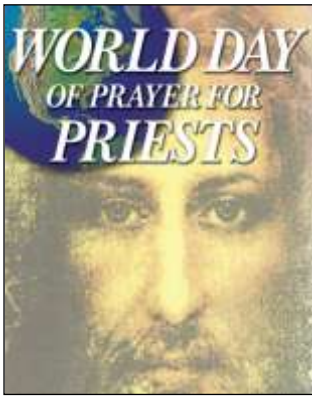
"The Catholic Women's League of Canada, is a National Organization rooted in Gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the People of God."



With restrictions being lifted by the provincial government, allowing us to gather once again as faith community, with a maximum of 50 in attendance, we are in need of volunteers.

1. There must be a person checking people in & having them answer the Covid-19 questions.
2. There must be someone just inside the door supplying all in attendance with hand sanitizer.
3. There must be volunteers inside the church escorting people to their seats, while respecting social distancing
4. The church must be disinfected following every liturgy.

**If you would like to help with any of these new ministries,
please contact the parish office by phone or email. Thank you.**



World Day of Prayer for Priests June 19, 2020

Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for priests today on the World Day of Prayer for Priests. The day was begun by Saint John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of priests. The World Day of Prayer for Priests coincides with the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Prayer for our Priests

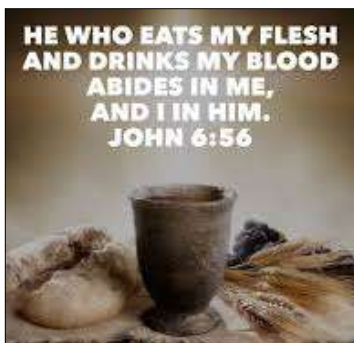
Lord, lift up your Holy Priests.
Grant them the graces they need to administer your people.
Keep them pure and strong in your love.
Give them courage when things are difficult,
Accompany them when they are lonely.
Strengthen them in times of weakness.
Support our Priests & always keep them in prayer. Amen.



Happy birthday and best wishes to:

Charlotte Coholan

on the occasion of her 95th birthday, June 14, 2020



*God's blessing on your
upcoming week.*



Dear Padre,

Why have many Christian religions been divided over the question of Christ's Body and Blood?

Today's Gospel indicates that even before the Last Supper, Jesus' teaching about his Real Presence was met with skepticism. When Jesus said, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," the reaction was, "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:51-52). When Jesus continued, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains



in me and I in him," his hearers shrugged: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (John 6:56, 60).

John's inclusion of this incident in his Gospel indicates that some of his contemporaries also denied Christ's Real Presence. Since then, some Christians have broken away from the Catholic Church because they could not accept the reality of Christ's eucharistic Presence. Some contend that Christ

was speaking metaphorically—that the bread and wine merely symbolize the spirit of Jesus. Others say that Christ is present only as a result of the faith of the community and doesn't remain after the worship service.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Jesus pronounced, "This is my body...this is my blood," he meant exactly what he said. For Jews of Jesus' time, "body" meant the person, and "blood" was the source of life identifiable with the person. Jesus was saying over the bread and wine, "This is my very self." Church teaching couldn't be more clear: in the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374).

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Eucharistic worship also teaches us the right balance of values: not to put earthly realities in first place but heavenly goods; to hunger not only for material food, but also for "food that endures for eternal life" (John 6:27).

—ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESES OF CESENA AND BOLOGNA,
 APRIL 21, 2018

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1-16

Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

JUNE 16

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

JUNE 17

Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

JUNE 18

Weekday

Sir 48:1-14

Mt 6:7-15

Friday

JUNE 19

Most Sacred Heart
 of Jesus

Dt 7:6-11

1 Jn 4:7-16

Mt 11:25-30

Saturday

JUNE 20

Immaculate Heart
 of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Chr 24:17-25

Lk 2:41-51

Sunday

JUNE 21

Twelfth Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33