

Fear Not

Easier said than done. There is so much to be afraid of today: war; the loss of life and the devastation caused by it; unemployment and poverty; illness and the pain and diminishment that often accompany it; the threat of ecological collapse; to say nothing of personal anxiety and trauma. The readings for this Sunday all speak of the hardships that loom over every life.

But these hardships are not the last word. Jeremiah ends his announcement of gloom on a positive note: "Praise the LORD, / For he has rescued the life of the poor / from the power of the evildoers!" (Jeremiah 20:13). The psalm of lament picks up the same message: "the LORD hears the poor" (Psalm 69:34).

Saint Paul insists that sin and death don't win: "...How much more did the grace of God...overflow for the many" (Romans 5:15). Caught in the throes of misfortune, people cry out—but God responds.

It is in the Gospel that the reassurance of God's care unfolds. The struggles described there are real, but they will not last. The imagery employed to characterize God's care is picturesque and extraordinarily tender. If God is attentive to the lowly sparrows, how much more will God be attentive to us? Even more personally, God knows us so well that the very hairs on our head are counted. The admonition here is clear: Never fear! If catastrophes threaten, don't be afraid! Even if they engulf you or carry you away, don't be afraid. It is only temporary. God is always there, attentive to our needs, so fear not!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *What societal situation frightens you most? Here is where you might pray for trust in God's loving care.*
- *What might you do to change, even so slightly, what frightens you?*



[Jesus said,] "Do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."

MATTHEW 10:26



*The Spirit of truth will testify on my behalf,
say the Lord, and you also are to testify.*

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:
St. Bernard's (Moncton)
St. Vincent (Sackville)
& St. Clement's (Port Elgin)**

MASS TIMES THE WEEK OF: JUNE 22-28, 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
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22-28, 2020

Saturday	June 27	Anniv. late Mary Jamieson	Family
Sunday	June 28	Anniv. late Annie Irvine	Maureen & 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 PAYMENTS

Sunday	\$ 10.00 (1)	Building Fund	\$ 10.00 (1)
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COLLECTION JUNE 13 & 14, 2020 & OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL

Loose	\$ 131.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 30.00 (3)
Envelopes	\$ 5,125.00 (164)	ReConnect	\$ 40.00 (4)
Easter	\$ 132.00 (8)	Donations	\$ 1,100.00 (2)
Share Lent	\$ 97.00 (6)	Building Fund	\$ 431.00 (19)
Good Friday	\$ 132.00 (8)	Capital Campaign	\$ 75.00 (1)
Papal charities	\$ 132.00 (7)	Online donations (May)	\$ 1,806.75

JUNE 15, 2020 -PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

Regular collection	\$ 860.00 (12)	Building Fund	\$ 40.00 (1)
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,548.33 (25)		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT !!!



Ecclesiastes 3...

Under every season there is a time...A time to heal..

We remember in our prayers those who are sick...

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



A time to mourn...

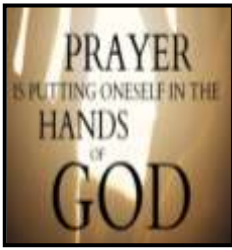
Our sincere sympathies to all

who are mourning the loss of a loved one.



CHIMO Helpline

If you are struggling to deal with the emotional toll of Covid 19,
or anything else in life, call the CHIMO Helpline at 1-800-667-5005



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-Coeur 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 the whole church, to draw life from the Eucharist, to worship this mystery with ever deeper faith and devotion.

We pray.

2. For wisdom and integrity for leaders striving for peace and justice in our world.

We pray.

3. For all who are experiencing trials, hardships and struggles of any kind. For strength and the ability to trust in the renewing work of God.

We pray.

4. For freedom from fear and for the grace to live in the light that comes from following Christ our Savior.

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

Syrian Family Update

We received this update from the Settlement Office in the Diocese of Saint John.

Just a few days before Norah and Simon were to have their interviews at the immigration office in Lebanon, the offices worldwide closed, so no visas are being processed. This is disappointing for so many people waiting to come to Canada. We continue to pray for all who patiently wait while keeping safe from the virus. As soon as things open up, we will be advised. In the meantime, we continue with our financial campaign so we will be ready to receive our new family with open arms.

Holding all who wait in our prayers.



Saturday, June 20th we celebrate World Refugee Day around the world. This is a time to recognize the resilience, strength and courage of forcibly displaced people everywhere. This has been a challenging year for everyone, and it is even more so for vulnerable displaced populations. While we may not be able this year to participate in World Refugee Day celebrations in person,

there are some wonderful events taking place online. We encourage everyone to take a look at the following events happening across Canada (and even worldwide) and join some of these World Refugee Day celebrations. As well, RSTP will be sharing World Refugee Day events on social media all week.

Follow us on Facebook: The Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (@RSTP1): https://www.facebook.com/RSTP1/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel&eid=ARC9lBu_MMmHPaHQjj1MSuTHptqZaROdCuwjR3lZZF-KySWwEFq-80-yYvAVrN2p9cm12SeT_3gKvsKc

And on Twitter: @RSTP_ca <https://twitter.com/home>

Here is UNHCR's list of World Refugee Day events in Canada:

<https://www.unhcr.org/refugeeday/wrd2020-events/>

On **June 20**, WRD, you can join a special free Vimeo screening of "I am Rohingya: a genocide in four acts" <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/iamrohingya> This is shown in partnership with the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. Code: REFUGEE.

On **Thursday June 18 at 1pm EST**, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is hosting an urgent conversation about the impact of COVID-19 on people on the move in the Americas to mark World Refugee Day. <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.ca/events/migration-shadow-pandemic>

Registering to attend Mass - *Please note change below*****

St. Bernard's weekend Masses are Saturdays @ 4 PM and Sundays at 11 AM.
Currently, 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*****

Update: A rolling list will not be kept. To reserve a spot for Mass, you must **call the parish office at 857-0425, Monday or Thursday between the hours of 9 AM to 2 PM.** (phones not answered from 12 - 1) When registering 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.

Reservations outside of these hours will not be taken.

As you can imagine there is a great deal of work involved in taking reservations for Masses.

We ask for your continued patience as we navigate this new normal.

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.



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.

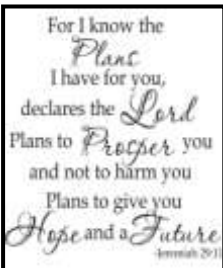
If you would like to help with any of these new ministries, please contact the parish office by phone or email. Thank you.



*Happy birthday and best wishes to:
John Lockwood
on the occasion of his 90th birthday !*



*For all fathers and
for all those who have shown us a father's love:
may God grant them peace, health, & love.
Happy Father's Day !!*



*Congratulations and best wishes to all
St. Bernard's students who are graduating in 2020!!!
Best wishes on all future endeavors!*



*June 20, 2020
Have a blessed
week !! ☺*

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church oppose stem-cell research, especially when it has the potential to cure illnesses like Parkinson's disease?

Stem cells are unspecialized cells with the ability to divide and produce a variety of more specialized cells. Scientists hope that one day they can be coaxed into specific kinds of cells that can cure disease or repair diseased organs.

In its 2008 statement On Embryonic Stem Cell Research, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that there are two kinds of stem cells. Adult stem cells come from umbilical cord blood, adult tissue, and placenta. The bishops say they "can be obtained without harm to the donor and without any ethical problem."

Embryonic stem cells, on the other hand, are obtained by destroying embryonic human beings in the first days of development. Since harvesting these cells involves the deliberate killing of humans, obtaining or using this kind of cell is immoral. This is why the Church has opposed extending federally funded stem-cell research beyond currently existing cell lines.

Although stem-cell research may hold vast therapeutic potential, it's never permissible to sacrifice a human being for the good of others. The bishops clarify the moral hazards when they say, "The same ethic that justifies taking some lives to help the patient with Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease today can be used to sacrifice that very patient tomorrow, if his or her survival is viewed as disadvantageous to other human beings considered more deserving or productive."

Catholics should support further research on adult stem cells, which show great promise, and resist efforts to expand research using embryonic cells.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There is a tendency to justify transgressing all boundaries when experimentation is carried out on living human embryos. We forget that the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development. In the same way, when technology disregards the great ethical principles, it ends up considering any practice whatsoever as licit.

—LAUDATO SI', MAY 24, 2015



Calendar

Monday

JUNE 22

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5-8,

13-15a, 18

Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

JUNE 23

Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11,

14-21, 31-35a, 36

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

JUNE 24

Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday

JUNE 25

Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8-17

Mt 7:21-29

Friday

JUNE 26

Weekday

2 Kgs 25:1-12

Mt 8:1-4

Saturday

JUNE 27

Weekday

Lam 2:2, 10-14,

18-19

Mt 8:5-17

Sunday

JUNE 28

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Mt 10:37-42