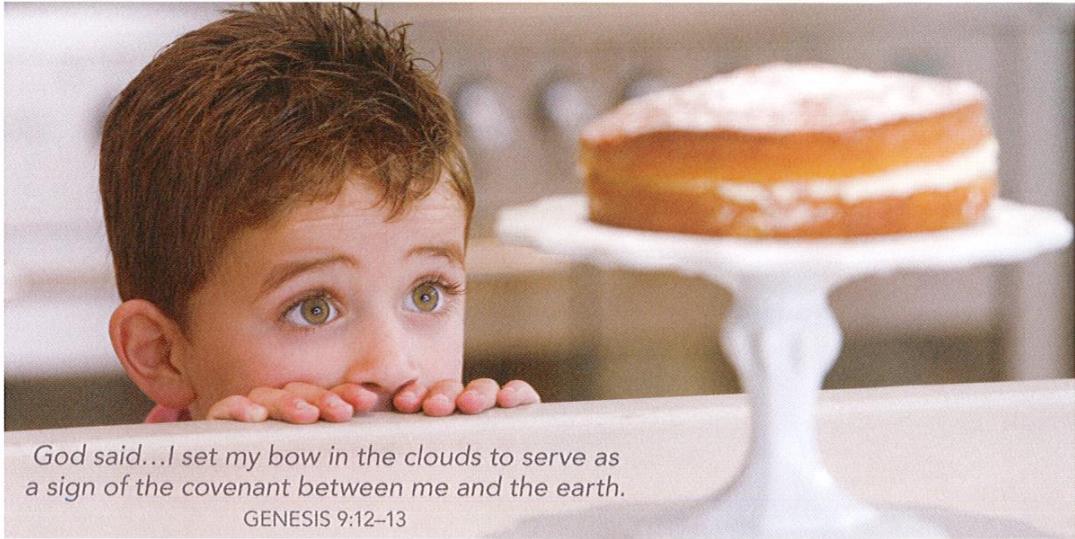


February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 9:8–15
1 Pt 3:18–22
Mk 1:12–15



God said...I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

GENESIS 9:12–13

Lost at Sea

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of

temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even "lost at sea." However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * When you feel "lost at sea," recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.
- * How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?



**CURRENTLY IN COVID-19 ORANGE PHASE
50 PERSONS MAXIMUM AT A REGULAR MASS, FACEMASKS MANDATORY,
& 6 FEET SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES**

*Man does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9

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

MASS TIMES – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22-28, 2021

St. Bernard's	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11:00 AM
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9:00 AM
St. Clement's	Every 2nd Saturday @ 7 PM (call to confirm – 538-2262)

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

STAFF

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Bookkeeper	Louise Tardif	
Custodian	Michel Saulnier	

Access to the Parish office is restricted.

Phone messages & emails are checked regularly.

If you wish to make an appointment call the parish office to arrange a time.

Parish office: 506-857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22-28, 2021

Friday	Feb. 26	9:30 AM	Late Michael Moore	Marg Moore
Saturday	Feb. 27	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Roy & Mary MacKinnon	Irene & family
Sunday	Feb. 28	11:00 AM	Late Jim Teed	St. Bernard's CWL

**Changes to current Covid-19 phase will be noted on
the parish phone (857-0425) and the parish website: www.stbernardschurch.ca**



Inclement Weather Policies

IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER

CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:

ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca

OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425.

OFFERINGS

COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 13/14, 2021, OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 10,205.10	Karing Kitchen	\$ 38.00
New Year's	\$ 65.00	Catechism Registration	\$ 30.00
Loose	\$ 17.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 503.00
ReConnect	\$ 45.00	Capital Campaign/Expenditure	\$ 2,190.33
Syrian	\$ 25.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support !!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn...

Our sincere sympathies to the family of:

Rita Smith	Aunt of Beth (Dave) Donovan
Brian Arsenault	son of Mary (Dollemont) Arsenault (late Joseph "Archie" Arsenault)

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Ecclesiastes 3...

*Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...*

Roger Berube	Beverly LeBlanc	Jim Damiani
Beth Purcell	Menard Chiasson	Conrad Coughlan Jr
Bernie Cormier	Judy Chiasson	Marg Moore

Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation

Remember that Lent is a joyful march toward Holy Easter and that all the readings, rituals and penitential practices are not done mournfully, *but with the Risen Christ in mind and heart*. Yet, it is also a time of ritual lamentation, of acknowledging the brokenness

and pain in our lives and in our world. Lent allows us to articulate the grief and anger we feel through prayer texts and song, to seek repentance and healing by turning to Christ, to do something concrete by works of charity, and to fast in order to give food to others. The prayer and action are the work of the entire community, children as well as adults. **Prayer, fasting and almsgiving** are not just Lenten disciplines – they are, rather, the year-round regimen of Christian living; the disciplines that many would say, form us as disciples. **Lent is like a retreat.** Throughout the year the church is directed out into the world, but during these 40 days we pull back into ourselves for reflection and self-examination. **We make ourselves “right with God”.**



Once again we begin the season of Lent

How do we mark Lent in our churches? During Lent we emphasize some things by their **absence**. In the rituals of the Triduum we welcome back that which was absent; during the Easter season we

give what was absent, renewed importance. Lent demands an apparent plainness that says, **“This is a time to get back to basics”**. **We concentrate on the basics of the Word and the Eucharist** in order to prepare ourselves to renew our baptismal vows at Easter. Our efforts are meant to make more evident what is important about these 40 days: the assembly of the faithful, the penitents seeking reconciliation, and some years, candidates preparing to enter into communion with the Church and catechumens preparing for baptism during the Easter Vigil.

During the Lenten season, we do not sing “Alleluia”. The paschal candle is removed from the body of the church. Baptisms are not usually performed during Lent, except in an emergency. Some other Lenten traditions include the absence of flowers, greenery, plants and decorations. The sanctuary is as bare as possible.

Lent has a double purpose. It helps the catechumens to prepare for celebrating their baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil and invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at the Vigil.

During Lent, it is especially important to realize the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. Lenten penance should be external and social as well as internal and individual.

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Please note:

Due to the pandemic and other factors, the current owner of the old St. Bernard's Rectory will be putting the property on the market.



St. Bernard's Faith Formation

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation	Saturday	May 1 st @ 10 AM
Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday	May 8 th @ 10 AM
Celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion	Sunday	May 9 th @ 11 AM

*Please pray for St. Bernard's youth
as they prepare to receive these sacraments. God bless each one of them
and their parents as they continue to grow in their faith journey.*

Catechetical Gatherings: Until we return to Yellow Alert Level, children's catechism will be held virtually. Please arrange with your parish catechetical coordinator to have the necessary supplies for the sessions.

2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

As a result of Covid-19 and the need to always maintain six feet social distancing, tax receipts will not be available for pick up at the church or parish office. Once tax receipts are ready, they will be mailed out to parishioners.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous support to the Parish.



Lent – A sense of Season:

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. **The highest point in the Church's year of prayer is the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil)** celebrating the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. We prepare for this three-day period by the season of Lent and prolong it for the great 50 days of the Easter season. Together, Lent, the Triduum and the Easter season make up the "paschal season", the springtime of the Church.



Business Manager Position for St. Bernard's Parish:

St. Bernard's Parish invites applications / resumes for the position of Parish Business Manager. This is a full-time position (37.5 hours weekly). The role includes a variety of activities supporting the mission and vision of the church. A major part of the job involves handling the day-to-day operations of the church, considering maintenance, costs, collaborating with various ministries, staff and volunteers, assisting with the liturgical and sacramental life of the church and collaborating in

performance reviews. This position reports to the priest moderator. Please call the parish office @ 857-0425 or email sbhf@rogers.com to request the job description and submit an application for the position (application deadline Mar.22/21).

PLEASE JOIN US



EVENING PRAYER – DURING LENT

During Lent we invite you to gather with us on
Thursday evenings February 25, March 4, 11, 18,
& 25, 6:00 – 6:30 PM for Evening Prayer.

We, as Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and praying for our world. Please join us for this peaceful prayer time. All parishioners of our parish unit are invited & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer.

Mondays at the Movies: Everyone is invited to join our film discussion series this Lenten season designed to connect popular films to our faith. On Monday, March 8th at 6:30 PM we will meet via Zoom to discuss the film, *My Sister's Keeper* (2009), based on the novel by Jodi Picoult. On March 29th, we will meet via Zoom at 10:00 am to discuss the film *Forrest Gump* (1994), based on the novel by Winston Groom. For each session, participants will have watched the film ahead of time. Contact Karen for more information and to register at [or ihmccatechism@rogers.com](mailto:ihmccatechism@rogers.com) or 387-4198. **Mondays at the Movies** is a collaborative effort between St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Pastoral Unit and the Archdiocese of Moncton Office of Youth Faith Development.



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Lenten reflections: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have produced a series of reflections for Ash Wednesday and the Sundays during Lent, in both English and French, which will be made available on their website each Monday during Lent. We are grateful to Bishop Gerard Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catharines and Msgr. Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa, for providing these reflections for us. This link will take you to the (English) reflection for Ash Wednesday: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom): Learn about faith using science experiments! Designed for young people in grades 1-6, participants will be guided step by step through various fun and simple science experiments that will help them to learn more about faith and scripture. **The next sessions will take place at 6:30 pm on February 22, and March 22.** Contact Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com to register.

Nurturing Friendship: The Directory for Catechesis in dialogue with the Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*: The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a **four-part webinar series, beginning March 2nd**, which will explore how the themes of these two documents call catechists to be people of hope who promote human dignity and communion with God by building bridges and asking, 'Who is my neighbour?' ... *it is important that catechesis and preaching speak more directly and clearly about the social meaning of existence, the fraternal dimension of spirituality, our conviction of the inalienable dignity of each person, and our reasons for loving and accepting all our brothers and sisters.* (FT 86) Keynote speakers from across the country will draw insight from the two documents and propose concrete ways to help form communities of missionary disciples within dioceses, eparchies, parishes, and Catholic schools. The series is designed for those who have responsibility for evangelization and catechesis including, clergy, consecrated persons, laity involved in ministry, directors and coordinators of evangelization and catechesis, and Catholic educators. The webinar series is offered at no cost to participants; **sessions take place on March 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.** To register click or go to:

https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_O0swCv7TQuWnhcgPd7fY9Q

The deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 22. Please note that the webinar recordings will be available on the CCCB website and YouTube channel following the last session on 23 March 2021. For more information, contact Mrs. Marg Shea-Lawrence at m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca.

Sacrament Preparation Committee: is scheduled to meet again on **Thursday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m.** The meeting will take place virtually if we are still in orange alert or at the Diocesan Offices on York Street if we are in yellow alert.



Stay strong and trust in the Lord. Have a blessed week!

Dear Padre,

As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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THOM SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.



**EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020**

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of

St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 23

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 24

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

FEBRUARY 25

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16,

23-25

Mt 7:7-12

Friday

FEBRUARY 26

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

FEBRUARY 27

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

FEBRUARY 28

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,

15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10