



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

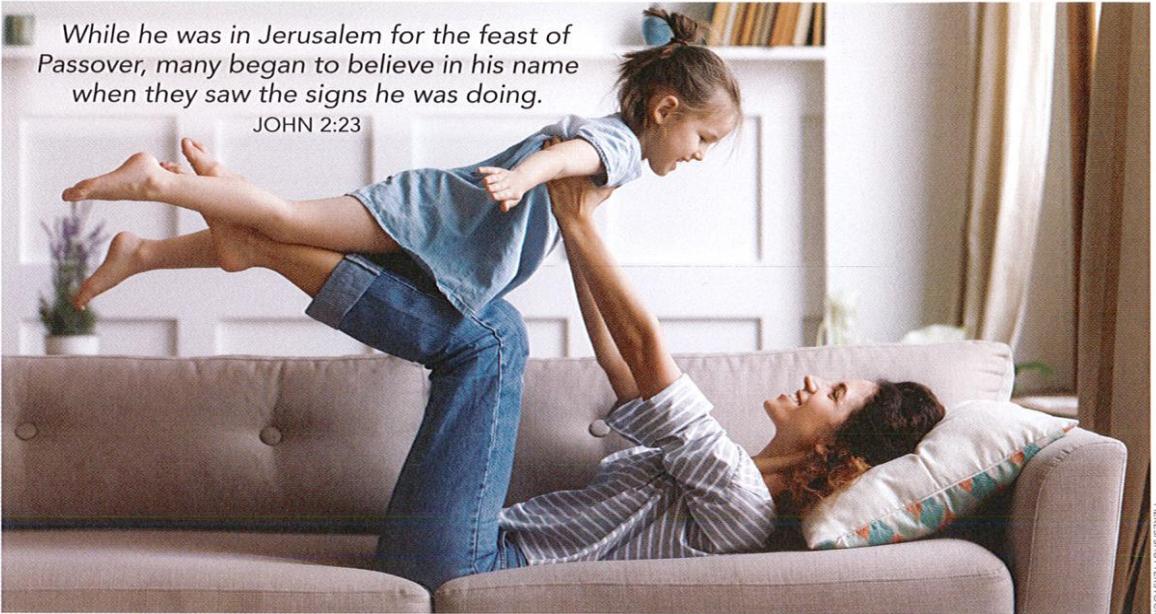
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

In 2:13-25

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23



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The Long Arm of the Law

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?*
- ★ *Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?*



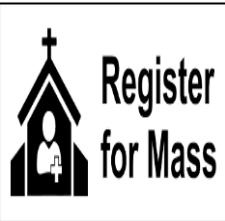
*Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world,
give me living water, that I may never be thirsty.*

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9 (506) 857-0425
St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St, Sackville, NB E4L 2Y5 (506) 536-1460
St. Clement's, 14 Church St, Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9 (506) 538-2262

MASS TIMES – WEEK OF MARCH 8 – 14, 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 2 nd Saturday @ 7 PM (call to confirm – 538-2262)



Please note you must register to attend Mass - call 857-0425 to register
Deadline to register for all Mass: Thursdays, 12 noon
Please arrive early to allow for ushered seating.
Facemasks mandatory.
We are currently in the Covid-19 orange phase.
Six feet social distancing, 50 persons maximum. No singing allowed

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

Secretary	Darlene McGraw	sbhf@rogers.com or darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
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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 WEEK OF MARCH 8 - 14, 2021

Friday	Mar. 12	9:30 AM	Late Ethel LeBlanc	Don & Ann Beaumaster
Saturday	Mar. 13	4:00 PM	Late Ann Marie Bourgeois	Linda Lawlor, Irene & Mark
Sunday	Mar. 14	11:00 AM	Late Matilda Pineau	Angela Kinden

Please note:

Offerings noted in last week's bulletin said that the offerings were from February 27 & 28, 2021. Should have read February 20 & 21, 2021.

OFFERINGS – FEBRUARY 27 / 28, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Loose	\$ 70.00	Syrian	\$ 25.00 (1)
Envelopes	# 3.413.00 (86)	Karing Kitchen	\$ 138.50 (1)
Christmas offering	\$ 20.00 (1)	Building Fund	\$ 265.00 (12)
Upkeep Holy Land	\$ 135.00 (4)	Capital Campaign	\$ 40.00 (1)
New Year's	\$ 10.00 (1)		



Thank you for your generous and continued support !!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn...

Our sincere sympathies to the families of:

George Cunningham

Husband of Doris, father of Michael, Stephen & Kevin

Edgar Hachey Jr.

Husband of Margaret, father of Christopher

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	Menard Chiasson	Marg Moore
Beth Purcell	Judy Chiasson	Grant Stevenson
Bernie Cormier	Jim Damiani	
Beverly LeBlanc	Conrad Coughlan Jr.	



**Inclement
Weather
Policies**

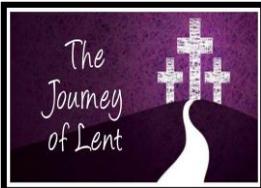
**IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:
ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca
OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425.**

If at any time, there are changes to current Covid-19 phase, those changes will always be noted on the parish phone (857-0425) and the parish website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



**St. Patrick's Day Mass
Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 @ 12:00 noon**

Please call to register @ 857-0425 – no later than Monday, March 15th



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”.**

Jesus Loves the Little Children...



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

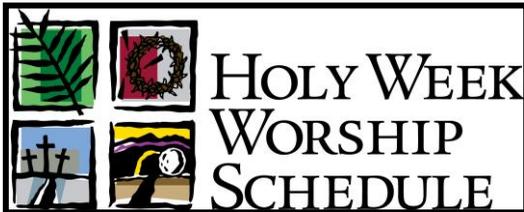
Please pray for St. Bernard's youth as they prepare to receive these sacraments. God bless each one of them and their parents as they continue to grow in their faith journey.



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 note:

Holy Week Schedule with dates, times, and instructions on how to register, will be in next week's bulletin.



Reconciliation Preparation:

There will be a Reconciliation Preparation Service on **Wednesday, March 10th at 7 PM** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. This will not be sacramental, but rather a preparation for individual confession. This liturgy will be livestreamed, so if you cannot be there in person, you will be able to participate online.

At St. Bernard's private confessions will take place on a first come first serve basis on:

Friday's, March 12th: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Friday, March 19th after the 9:30 AM Mass until 12 noon,



Evening Prayer during Lent

**During Lent we invite you to gather with us for Evening Prayer:
Thursdays, March 11, 18, & 25, 6 - 6:30 PM**

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.



*The following children were welcomed into
St. Bernard's Parish community through the Sacrament of
Baptism on Sunday, February 28, 2021*

*Ava Claire Donnelly, child of Grant & Jessica
Ruth Alexandra McSheffery, child of Joseph & Alexandra
May Jesus bless your precious little ones, with his eternal
love and grace.*



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate funds for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Envelope #	
Amount \$	



From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development,
Liturgy and Youth Faith Development- 45 York Street
Trevor 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com
Ellen 857-9952 ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings:

Sacrament Preparation Committee: Thursday, March 11th – 2 PM.

Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, March 23rd - 6:30 PM.

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, March 25th - 6:00 PM

Stay tuned as to whether we meet in person or virtually.

Youth Faith Commission: Tuesday, March 16th - 12:00 PM **via Zoom.**

Catechetical Gatherings:

At the time this was printed, the province of NB could possibly return to the Yellow Phase of COVID-19 Recovery as of midnight on March 7th. Given the uncertainty at this time, for at least the following week (March 7th-13th) our catechetical gatherings will continue to take place virtually on Zoom. Please arrange with your parish catechetical coordinator to have the necessary supplies for the sessions. Your parish coordinator will be in touch with you regarding sessions for the following week.

Lenten reflections:

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops are continuing with the Lenten reflections, done by Bishop Gerard Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catharines and Msgr. Marcel Dampousse, Archbishop of Ottawa, which can be found on their website: <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 session will take place at 6:30 pm on March 22. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com to register.

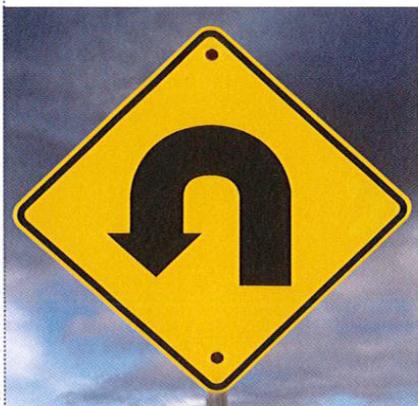
Mondays at the Movies:

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 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.

Dear Padre,

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."



We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on *metanoia*. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to *metanoia*.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1—15ab

Lk 4:24—30

Tuesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34—43

Mt 18:21—35

Wednesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5—9

Mt 5:17—19

Thursday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23—28

Lk 11:14—23

Friday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2—10

Mk 12:28—34

Saturday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1—6

Lk 18:9—14

Sunday

MARCH 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14—16,

19—23

Eph 2:4—10

Jn 3:14—21

