



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23

Eph 2:4–10

In 3:14–21

You Decide

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ✦ *How might you have compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?*
- ✦ *Might God be asking you to choose something new?*



And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

JOHN 3:19

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

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 15 – 21, 2021

St. Bernard's	Wednesday @ 12 noon
	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)

 Register for Mass	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 yellow phase. Six feet social distancing at all times.

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

Wednesday	Mar. 17	12 noon	Late Carol Ann Sullivan	St. Bernard's choir
Friday	Mar. 19	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Donald Wood	Jeanne & family
Saturday	Mar. 20	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Susan Fortin	The Family
Sunday	Mar. 21	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Zella O'Dell	Rick & Donna

OFFERINGS – MARCH 6 & 7, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Loose	\$ 15.00	Building Fund	\$ 1,302.00 (29)
Envelopes	\$ 3,583.00 (119)	Capital Campaign	\$ 75.00 (3)
Share Lent	\$ 90.00 (2)		
Upkeep of Holy Land	\$ 55.00 (4)		
Karing Kitchen	\$ 48.40		



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, brother of Mary Cunningham, late: Davida Creaghan & Paul Cunningham
Winnie Smith	Wife of (late) Harold
Joan Meschino	Sister of Roy (Dee Dee) Carter & Maureen Strong
Ron Briffett	Husband of Marg Briffett
Rita Murphy Pomerleau	Aunt of George (Cindy) Murphy

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



Ecclesiastes 3...

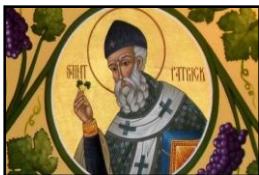
Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...

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	Beth Tingley
Beverly LeBlanc	Conrad Coughlan Jr.	



**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.**



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

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



Development and Peace: This Lent Let's Share Love In his recent encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis calls upon us to live the love that would make us "one great family, where all of us can feel at home"; a love that "exudes compassion and dignity". (Fratelli Tutti, 62) With the entire human family suffering from COVID-19, this year's Share Lent campaign invites us to share love and express solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, whose vulnerabilities are being exacerbated by the pandemic. Remembering the inherent dignity of all human beings, let us heed the Pope's reminder that "justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day." (Fratelli Tutti, 11) In this time of pandemic, Development and Peace needs your support more than ever. **Next Sunday, March 21st is Solidarity Sunday.** Please support the work of Development and Peace among the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters.



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**).



Reconciliation:

St. Bernard's private confessions will take place, first come first serve:

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



*The Week That
Changed the World...*

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (for Parish Unit) (Adoration until 9 PM)	6:30 PM
Good Friday: Children's Liturgy	10:00 AM
Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3:00 PM
Easter Vigil: Holy Saturday: (for Parish Unit)	8:00 PM
Easter Sunday	9:00 AM & 11 AM

Registering for Holy Week

Registrations for Holy Week will be accepted March 15th to 24th.

Please respect these dates to allow us time to prepare.

When calling to register, indicate your choice(s) of the above *in order of preference / priority* to you. (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (Vigil) and Easter Sunday).

To be fair to all, we may not be able to accommodate all of your requests.

As with our regular Mass registrations, you will be notified if you are unable to attend any of your choices.



Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday - it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life of earth, beginning with his messianic entrance.

Evening Prayer during Lent



During Lent we invite you to gather with us for Evening Prayer: Thursdays, March 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.

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
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Upcoming Meetings:

Youth Faith Commission: Tuesday, March 16th at 12:00 pm **via Zoom.**

Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m.

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

Catechetical Gatherings: Given that Zone 1 has moved to Yellow Phase of COVID-19 Recovery, beginning Sunday, March 14 catechetical sessions will now return to in-person gatherings for those who were part of that format previously. The Province of New Brunswick indicates the following on the website respecting indoor formal gatherings, under which criteria this would fall: "*Occupancy limits are based on capacity of facility to maintain physical distancing of people who are not members of the same household or Steady15 and are to be no more than 50% of the facility's capacity. Continuous mask use is required. Record keeping for participants is required to facilitate contact tracing.*" Our parishes will ensure that this criterion is followed.

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 Damphousse, 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 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.

Laudato Si' – A Canadian Response: *Laudato Si'* was an encyclical letter written by Pope Francis in 2015 to all the people of the world to bring to our attention to the fact that the earth "cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." (LS2) In 2017, the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops prepared *Living Out Laudato Si: A Commentary and Practical Resource for Canadian Catholics* in response to this encyclical. Should you be interested in reading this reflection it can be found at the following link: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Living_Out_Laudato_Si_En.pdf.

Also available is the video, *Laudato Si', A Canadian Response* found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bti86O_Tw5A.

The encyclical itself is found on the Vatican website at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Dear Padre,

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17–21
Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday

MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1–9, 12
Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday

MARCH 17
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8–15
Jn 5:17–30

Thursday

MARCH 18
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7–14
Jn 5:31–47

Friday

MARCH 19
*St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
2 Sm 7:4–5a,
12–14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a
or Lk 2:41–51a

Saturday

MARCH 20
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18–20
Jn 7:40–53

Sunday

MARCH 21
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31–34
Heb 5:7–9
Jn 12:20–33