

## Do I Have to Die?

**W**ho has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die.

Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the

death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### *For Reflection*

- *Begin to place yourself in God's hands with little things so that you are better able to do so in bigger things.*
- *The second reading reminds us that Christ is the source of our eternal salvation. Spend a moment in gratitude for this great gift.*



*[Jesus asked,] "Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."*

JOHN 12:27



*Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;  
where I am, there will my servant be also.*

**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 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday @ 7 PM (call to confirm – 538-2262)



**Register  
for Mass**

Please note you must register each week to attend Mass - call 857-0425 to register  
 Deadline to register for all regular Masses: 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 must be maintained at all times.**

**PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

<b>Priest Moderator:</b>	Fr. Allison S. Carroll	<b>Social Justice:</b>	Claudia McCloskey
<b>Assistant: (part-time)</b>	Fr. Charles Broderick	<b>Catechetics:</b>	Lorella Dunnett
<b>Liturgy</b>	Darlene McGraw	<b>Adult Faith:</b>	Dr. Andrew Wilson

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**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 22 - 28, 2021**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 26</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. late James Carroll	Chuck & Jessie
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. late Gordon & Min Hooper	Irene & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 28</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Anniv. late Ben Evers	Jeanita Evers

## OFFERINGS – MARCH 13 & 14, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Loose	\$ 72.00	Upkeep of Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00	ReConnect	\$ 10.00
Envelopes	\$ 7,142.98	Karing Kitchen	\$ 55.00
Share Lent	\$ 130.00	Building Fund	\$ 400.00
Easter flowers	\$ 165.00	Capital Campaign	\$ 1,548.33



**Thank you for your generous and continued support !!!**

## In Sympathy

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

<b>Winnie Smith</b>	Wife of (late) Harold, mother of Brenda-Lee, Angela, and Juanita.
<b>John Shean</b>	Brother of (late) Ticker (Irene), Joe (Corinne), Shirley (Clem)
<i>And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.</i>	



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

<b>Roger Berube</b>	<b>Menard Chiasson</b>	<b>Grant Stevenson</b>
<b>Beth Purcell</b>	<b>Judy Chiasson</b>	<b>Terry LeBlanc</b>
<b>Bernie Cormier</b>	<b>Jim Damiani</b>	<b>Sylvia Theriault</b>
<b>Beverly LeBlanc</b>	<b>Conrad Coughlan Jr.</b>	



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



## Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace

### Solidarity Sunday Collection – March 21, 2021

## Spreading solidarity

Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God's children in preparation for Easter. The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South. Normally this collection is held on the fifth Sunday of Lent. Founded and mandated in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, and now a member of Caritas International network of Catholic agencies, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. ***“So many people even today hope to have enough to eat. The planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking. To prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be one table for all. Doing whatever we can so that everyone has food, but also reminding the world's powerful that God will call them to be judged one day, and it will be demonstrated whether they have truly tried to provide food for Him in each person (cf Mt 25:35) and whether they have acted in order that the environment would not be destroyed but would be able to produce this food.” Pope Francis, Homily during the Mass at the opening of the 2015 General Assembly of Caritas Internationalis***



### 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](mailto:sbhf@rogers.com) to request the job description and submit an application for the position (**application deadline Mar.22/21**).



*The Week That  
Changed the World...*

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

**Registering for Holy Week**

Registrations for Holy Week will be accepted March 15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.  
 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.



**Evening Prayer during Lent**

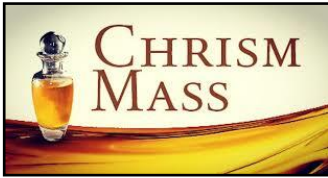
Our last gathering for Evening Prayer during Lent is Thursday, March 25, 6 - 6:30 PM. We, as Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and praying for our world. Please join us for this peaceful prayer time. All parishioners of our parish unit are invited & encouraged, to gather for Evening Prayer.



**Next Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is Palm Sunday.**

We celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday is also referred to as "Passion Sunday." It marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross





**Invitation to the Chrism Mass:**

With great joy, I will preside at the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral. The celebration will be less elaborate than in past years because of the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, but we will maintain all the

essential parts. The Chrism Mass is a manifestation of unity with the diocesan bishop. The renewal of priestly promises, the consecration of the Holy Chrism, and the blessing of the oils for the sick and catechumens are essential elements of the celebration. By following the directives of the public health (the wearing of masks and a distancing of 2 meters), we expect to accommodate about 225 people in the Cathedral. **We ask those interested in participating to register on March 22, 23, and 24 from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 1:00 to 3:00 by calling 506-857-9531 ext. 1240.** Volunteers will take the necessary information, including the number of people included in your family bubble, to establish the list of participants according to the NB Public Health norms. The chrism mass is a significant celebration for all faithful, but we have to limit the number of people to ensure that we respect the standards established by NB Public Health. Thank you for your understanding. Welcome to the Chrism mass.

***Archbishop Valéry Vienneau***



**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:**


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From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development,  
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### Upcoming Meetings:

**Adult Faith Commission:** Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Parish Catechetical Coordinators:** Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Sacrament Preparation Committee:** Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 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, parishes have now returned to in-person gatherings for catechetical sessions.

**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 which can be found on their website: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

**Laudato Si' – A Canadian Response:** Last week's bulletin provided a link to the video *Laudato Si', A Canadian Response* to the encyclical letter written by Pope Francis in 2015 on the urgency of changing our care of God's earth. We now have available a follow-up video to that 2015 video, found at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1Cd1nkvr3c>. "This film revisits the 2015 Papal Encyclical *Laudato Si'* with an update on the global climate crisis as well as an exploration of the impact of the loss of biodiversity and the emergence of COVID-19. Following the three-step: Seeing, Judging, Acting methodology from Catholic Social Teaching, the film explores the issues of Water, Global Warming and Loss of Biodiversity with Fr. Joshtrom Kureethadam, a cosmologist in Rome, Leonardo Boff, well known Liberation Theologian in Brazil and Canadian activists like Maude Barlow and Catherine Abreu. The film is designed as an educational primer for parishes, high school and university programs concerned with the Global Climate Crisis."

**Amoris Laetitia:** On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrated five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On that day, Pope Francis launched the Year "*Amoris Laetitia Family*," which will continue until June 26, 2022, where it will be concluded at the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families in Rome. This special year will highlight the importance of the family within the domestic Church and will promote the importance of community ties among families through various spiritual, pastoral, and cultural proposals. Stay tuned as we determine how that will be lived in our archdiocese. We will also provide links to videos prepared by Pope Francis, as they become available. For now, please feel free to check the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Office of Evangelization and Catechesis where the following video resource prepared by them may be found: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/amoris-laetitia/>

# Dear Padre,

## I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

**T**hose who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see *Dialogues* 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a

registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers...asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 31, 2018



## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 22  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,  
19–30, 33–62  
or 13:41c–62  
Jn 8:1–11

### Tuesday

MARCH 23  
Lenten Weekday  
Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

MARCH 24  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95  
Jn 8:31–42

### Thursday

MARCH 25  
The Annunciation  
of the Lord  
Is 7:10–14, 8:10  
Heb 10:4–10  
Lk 1:26–38

### Friday

MARCH 26  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

MARCH 27  
Lenten Weekday  
Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

MARCH 28  
Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord  
Mk 11:1–10 or  
Jn 12:12–16  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Mk 14:1–15:47  
or 15:1–39