



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

1 Jn 4:7–10

Jn 15:9–17

God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.
- * You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.



*[Jesus said,]
"Love one another
as I love you.
No one has greater
love than this,
to lay down
one's life for
one's friends."*

JOHN 15:12–13

ARND BRONKHORST/SHUTTERSTOCK

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 9, 2021***Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.***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 MAY 10-16, 2021

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

**Register for Mass**

Please note you must register each week to attend Mass - call 857-0425

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

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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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 MAY 10-16, 2021

Friday	May 14	9:30 AM	Late Valmond Daigle	Mary Kelly
Saturday	May 15	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Michael Woods	Evelyn Woods
Sunday	May 16	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Kathleen Haley	From her children



**STANDING TOGETHER –
EVEN TWO METERS APART!**

of course, and I am happy to support my parish through a donation by pre-authorized debit (PAD). It is a convenient way to make my Sunday offering and it saves the trouble of filing an envelope or of looking for the right amount of

change. It also allows my parish to be able to count on my uninterrupted contribution ... and I have the pleasure of being part of the solution.

OFFERINGS

MAY 2 & 3, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 4,457.00	Easter Sunday	\$ 15.00
Share Lent	\$ 40.00	Donation	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 87.00	ReConnect	\$ 10.00
Papal charities	\$ 50.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 36.00
Easter flowers	\$ 20.00	Capital Expenditure	\$ 1,997.00
Syrian	\$ 40.00	Building Fund	\$ 65.00

Thank you

Thank you for your generous and continued support !!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn...

Our sincere sympathies to the family of:

Wayne Catsman

Husband of (late) Helen, father of Cindy Smith (Michael)

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	Jenny Purcell	Jessica Fowler
Beth Purcell	Terry LeBlanc	Beth Tingley
Sylvia Theriault	Ada Di Saverio	
Marg Moore	Beverly LeBlanc	

And we pray for all who care for them.



*To all mothers...
May your days be filled with
love, peace, joy & laughter.
Happy Mother's Day!*



**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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(closed May 7- reopens August 30)**

Amoris Laetitia: To mark the 5th anniversary of the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia on the beauty and joy of love in the family, in March Pope Francis launched the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family,” which continues until June 26, 2022.

This special year will highlight the significance of the family within the domestic Church and will promote the importance of community ties among families through various spiritual, pastoral, and cultural proposals. One initiative, a collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, is a series of 10 short videos (one each month) which include a reflection of each of the ten chapters by the Holy Father, and families from across the world responding as they speak about varying aspects of their daily lives.

Accompanying each video is a downloadable pastoral guide, which includes material for personal and community reflection. Both can be found at the following link:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

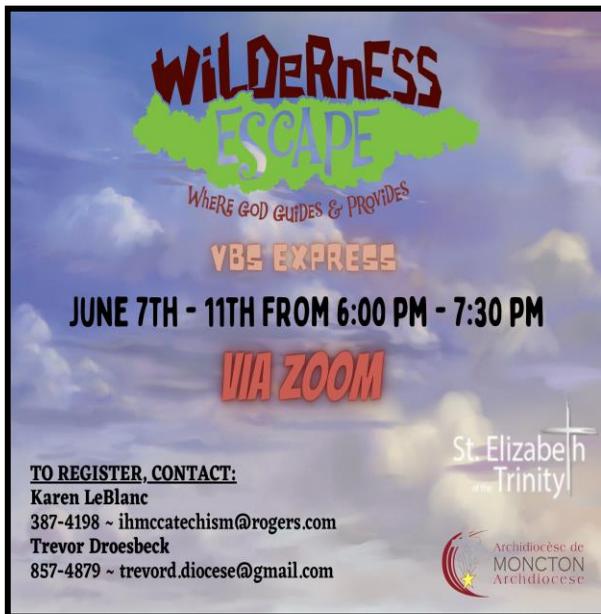
The month of May – Message From Pope Francis: Pope Francis invites us to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary. He is requesting that during May 2021, the entire Church invokes the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and invites us to pray fervently for those most affected by it. Thirty Marian shrines have been chosen to take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church. Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, is among the Marian shrines chosen. The Vatican website offers some models of prayers to follow & interesting articles: http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/index_rosary.htm

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



Canada Health Day - May 12, 2020

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. **We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle.** Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social & spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures & the nurturing of the whole earth.



**WILDERNESS
ESCAPE**
WHERE GOD GUIDES & PROVIDES
VBS EXPRESS
JUNE 7TH - 11TH FROM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:
Karen LeBlanc
387-4198 ~ ihmccatechism@rogers.com
Trevor Drosbeck
857-4879 ~ trevord.diocese@gmail.com

St. Elizabeth
Trinity

Archidiocèse de
MONCTON
Archdiocese

VBS Express!
Vacation Bible School 2021

We are now accepting registrations for our virtual VBS which will take place June 7th-11th, on Zoom from 6:00 - 7:30 each evening. This year's theme is Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides. For more information or to register, contact Trevor or Karen LeBlanc at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish grouping, ihmccatechism@rogers.com / 387-4198.



We Need Your Help:
Isthmus, formerly known as "Blessings in a Backpack" is a charity that provides for families who face food insecurity. They pack bags of food for children and their families that will bridge them from when they leave school on Friday until they return on Monday. Currently **they serve 734 children in 33 Moncton area schools.** They need, but most often cannot afford to purchase, soup. We will have a basket at the entrance of our church to collect cans of soup for this cause **from May 1st through May 17th.** Thank you.



For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing. (GNLY, no.22)



St. Bernard's Parish is offering a \$ 1,000 Bursary to a graduate who is pursuing or enrolled in post-secondary studies.

Send or deliver your application to: St. Bernard's Parish Bursary, Parish Office, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9. Deadline for

applications: May 30th, 2021. Please include a personal letter detailing your involvement at school, in the parish and in the community, as well as your future plans.



Extending sincere thanks to Louise Tardif, St. Bernard's bookkeeper, for her years of service to St. Bernard's. Effective May 4th, 2021, Louise will no longer be working at St. Bernard's. Wishing her the best in future endeavors.



World Communications Day - May 16, 2021:

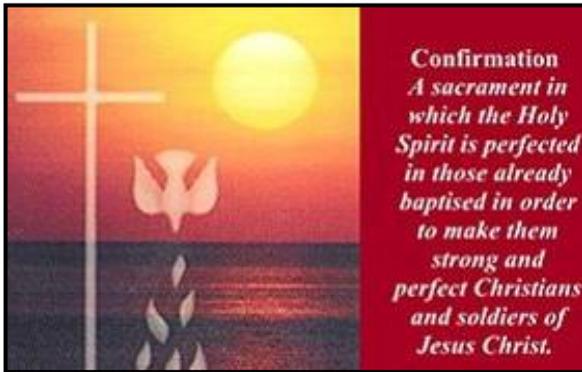
Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the

materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

Link to view the message from His Holiness Pope Francis for World Communications Day:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html



*On Saturday, May 1, 2021,
the following candidates
received the Sacrament of
Confirmation:*

Maya Bishop

Louis Dressler

Emily Desjardins

Jude Ehler

Logan England

Seraphina Gulliver

Campbell Harris

Katelyn Holt-Butcher

Lucas MacAulay

Lauren Maillard

Hugh Murphy

Cameron Murray

John Seaton

Quinn Preston

Mitchel Young

*Congratulations to each of these candidates, and may they be
blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

STANDING TOGETHER
↔ EVEN 2 METERS APART!

April 17th, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

It is with gratitude that we express appreciation for your presence, commitment, and parish donations, which are all vital to the future of our church community.

Living through a global pandemic, churches, as with all of humanity, are dealing with major challenges. Having to limit attendance at religious celebrations, dealing with times when, at the request of Public Health, we had to close our churches; we are experiencing the loss of each other's presence as we live our faith.

These difficult times have also had an important effect on the parish revenue and expenses. This was to be expected since our main source of income is the weekend collection.

Please know that we are so grateful to all of you who, despite the difficulties brought on by the pandemic, continue to support our parish. Your generosity allows our community of faith to engage actively in the Mission Jesus entrusted to his Church.

If you wish, we would like to make things easier for you by suggesting that you can make your donation by pre-authorized debit (PAD). Some parishioners already chose to use this method as it is convenient for them. When you complete the PAD approval form, a monthly donation comes out of your bank account, thus providing the parish with the stability needed to be able to plan ahead, continue ministering to the faithful, and to oversee the maintenance of the grounds and property on a continuous basis. Naturally, a tax receipt will be issued annually. Your donation can be modified or cancelled at any time.

This envelope contains more information and if you have further questions, please call the parish office and your call will be returned.

Again, thank you and may God bless you and keep you in his everlasting love.



Fr. Allison Carroll, Priest-Moderator

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DONATIONS BY PREAUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Fill out the membership form on the back using the contact details of your parish and return it to the parish unit office. (We can help you by phone)



FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARISHES
Please Give Generously

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARISHES - STANDING TOGETHER - EVEN 2 METERS APART! YOUR DONATION ALLOWS YOUR PARISH TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION

- with families for baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage and funerals;
- with people alone, in need or living with sickness and those searching for meaning in their life;
- for the maintenance and upkeep of churches and cemeteries.

I want to help my parish by enrolling in the preauthorized debit program (PAD). I authorize my parish to make withdrawals on the 15th day of the month from my bank account. I enclose herewith a specimen cheque marked "VOID" which will provide the necessary information for automatic transfers. Furthermore, I retain the right, at any time, to modify or cancel my donation. A receipt will be issued for all donations. Thank you for supporting your parish and your community.

Each monthly withdrawal will correspond to a fixed amount of \$ _____

To be distributed as follows towards the following needs:

Sunday Collections: \$ _____ Special Collections: \$ _____ Maintenance / Renovation Funds: \$ _____ Where's most needed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019



Calendar

Monday

MAY 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11–15
Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22–34
Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1
Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1–8
Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Saturday

MAY 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23–28
Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 16
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23
or Eph 4:1–13
or 4:1–7, 11–13
Mk 16:15–20