

[Jesus said,] "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna." MARK 9:43

SHUTTERSTOCK

Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or health-care workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander,

gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.
- ✦ What behavior might you have to give up?



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

*Your word, O Lord, is truth;
sanctify us in the truth.*

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 SEPTEMBER 27- OCTOBER 3, 2021

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27- OCTOBER 3, 2021

Friday	Oct. 1	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Mick Coughran	Barbara
Saturday	Oct. 2	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Rosie Fernandes	Manuel Fernandes
Sunday	Oct. 3	11:00 AM	Late Fr. Mckee	Ella Martin

OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 3,368.00	Religious Education	\$ 15.00
Loose	\$ 224.50	Syrian Fund	\$ 25.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 124.00	Capital Campaign	\$ 435.00
Donations	\$ 150.00	Reconnect	\$ 30.00

 Thank you

for your generous and continued support!!!

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In Sympathy

*A time to mourn.....
Our sincere sympathies to
All who mourn the death of a loved one*



Prayer Request 

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

Boyd Clory	Patricia Devine	James Newhook
Bev LeBlanc	Mike Murphy	
<i>And for all who care for them.</i>		

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carmelites	2 nd Sat. of month, 9:30 -11:30 AM	Stage Area
Prayer Group	2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month (after the 25 th) 7 PM	Church Hall
RCIA	1 st & 3 rd Weds. of month @ 7 PM – beginning Oct. 6	Stage Area
Next Baptisms	Sunday, Oct. 3 @ 2:00 PM	Church

RCIA

*Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults*



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you believe? About Jesus?

About the Sacraments?

About Salvation?

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Then please feel welcome to join the RCIA team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children) here at St. Bernard's on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

The RCIA team here at St. Bernard's exists to welcome individuals who are wondering about the

Roman Catholic Church and to help them in their search for spiritual guidance and a sense of church community. We also welcome those Catholics who haven't yet completed their preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist and wish to do so. Whether adult or child inquirer, candidate or catechumen, the team provides the elements for preparation including prayer, reflection on the Sunday liturgy of the Word, education about our faith and mutual support during the ups and downs of our individual journeys of faith. If you know someone who is thinking of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please invite him or her to call the parish office at 857-0425 for more information on RCIA.

A Special Journey

Is your spiritual life in need of renewal? Are you ready to embark on a spiritual journey?

Look no further: we have the perfect experience for you!

You are cordially invited to attend a 7 - week journey beginning September 27th.

Where? Holy Family Church
52 Falkland Drive, Moncton

When? 7 -9 p.m.

This is a life-changing experience that will increase your faith, bring joy to your heart, and fill you with a new understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life.

This experience is enhanced with music, praise, scripture, and friendship. Do plan on embarking on this faith – filling journey with us.

Cost: \$15.00

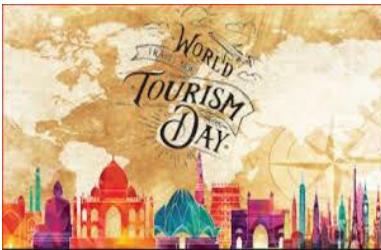
Contact: **Donna Belliveau 386-2072**

Roberta Brine 386-5175

World Tourism Day

September 27

A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person" (*Lk 10.5-6*).





Let Us Love One Another A Three-Part Journey of Reconciliation

The recent, and continuing, uncovering of the horrific treatment of some of our Indigenous brothers and sisters at Residential Schools has left many of us struggling to deal with all the emotions that this has evoked. Feelings of anger, disillusion, and uncertainty as to how to move forward as a church are among many things we are trying to sort out. With this in mind, we are offering three evenings of prayer and discernment where people can come together and come to God to find a path forward.

The three themes of these gatherings will be Reconciliation, Healing, and Remembrance and Promise, and the dates are as follows:

Wednesday, September 29th

Wednesday, October 20th

Wednesday, November 24th

These will take place at **Holy Family Church** in Moncton 7 PM each night. All are welcome. Please note that we are not here to speak on anyone's behalf, but rather, to acknowledge that something went terribly wrong; to discern our part in it, and to voice our public concern in prayer.



World Day of Migrants and Refugees - September 26

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June. The January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X 1914. At the request of several conferences of Bishops, Pope Francis moved the observance to September in 2019. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the

earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation." (POPE BENEDICT XVI, 2012)

St. Bernard's CWL General Meeting

There will be a general meeting for all St. Bernard's CWL members on Monday, **October 4th from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M.**

We need to follow the procedures as suggested by the Archbishop Vienneau.

Proof of two vaccines, you have to wear your mask and seating will be arranged for your protection.

This is a difficult time but we have to start sometime so let's try and see what happens. Looking forward to seeing as many of our members who feel comfortable coming.

-Carolyn O'Blenis, President of St. Bernard's CWL Council.



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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Upcoming Meetings:

Youth Faith Commission: Tuesday, September 28th at 12:00 noon, via Zoom

Mondays @ The Movies

Join us for our film discussion series designed to help us connect our faith to the films we watch. Our next two discussions will take place at 10:30 AM (via Zoom) on September 27th (To Kill A Mockingbird), and October 18th (The Village). For more information or to register, contact *Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879*.

New regulations regarding catechism gatherings

Due to concern around the rising numbers of COVID 19 cases in NB, new regulations have been announced by the government of NB. As per directives issued by the Honorable Dorothy Shephard, Minister of Health, the following guidelines have been determined by Archbishop Valéry Vienneau pertaining to the catechism of children:

All people 12 years of age and older will need to provide proof of vaccination to participate in in-person catechetical gatherings. If those presenting themselves are unknown to the catechist/ coordinator, government issued identification will also be required. This applies to catechists, parents and all adults who may be present at sessions. During in-person gatherings, masks must always be worn, although catechists may remove their masks for direct teaching, while maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet (2 metres) from the families. Those unvaccinated will be welcomed to participate in virtual catechetical sessions, via Zoom. The Zoom schedule and registration details are available from parish catechetical coordinators.

It has been a difficult 18 months for everyone as we navigate the pandemic. The situation continues to be fluid with frequent changes, which are frustrating for us all. However, the health and safety of families is of paramount importance. Therefore, as responsible citizens and Christians, it is imperative we follow the directions of public health officials. We thank everyone for their patience as we work to keep one another safe. Through all we are living, and how we are living it, please remember Jesus' words: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew, 28:20)

Annual LIFE CHAIN takes place Sunday, October 3rd from 2:30 to 3:30 beginning on Champlain and Paul Steet. Arrive at 2:15 for prayers and departure from Burger King, Dieppe. We pray while distancing and in silence for the unborn and their families. **Info Sr. Cécile F. LeBlanc 857 9414.**

The **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, September 30th, provides an opportunity for Canadians to recognize and commemorate the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools, and to honour their survivors, their families and communities. It is an important step in the reconciliation process.

We must listen attentively since reconciliation is impossible if we fail to understand our common history. As a Church let us express our sorrow and our solidarity. May we reflect and pray for true healing in face of this tragedy.

Pope Francis, in his 6 June 2021 Angelus message, emphasized the importance of...*walking side by side in dialogue and in mutual respect in the recognition of the rights and cultural values of all the sons and daughters of Canada.*

The delegation to the Holy See represents an important step on the journey of reconciliation and shared healing for Indigenous Peoples and the Church in Canada. *It is our hope that these forthcoming encounters – and the important collaboration and partnership that has supported the planning – will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada* (CCCB Statement – Delegation to the Holy See, June 10, 2021). Archdiocese of Moncton, Social Justice Team



September 30th Orange Shirt Day

In 1973, 6-year-old Phyllis Webstad was living with her grandmother on the Dog Creek Indian Reserve in British Columbia and Phyllis was excited! In September, she was going to get to go to St. Mary's Residential School and although they didn't have much money, Phyllis' granny was going to buy her a new outfit for school! Phyllis remembers

going to the store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It was bright and exciting – as excited as she was to be going to school!

When Phyllis got to the school though, they stripped her, and took away her clothes, including her new orange shirt. She never wore it again.

Now, every year on September 30th, Canadians are asked to wear orange to recognize and raise awareness about the time in our country's history when a little girl's feelings didn't matter and when no one seemed to care.

Wearing Orange in September says to Phyllis and all Canadians, that we do, indeed, care.



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus: **(September 24, 2021)**

Yesterday evening, we received new directives from the NB Minister of Health regarding the sanitary measures to be implemented in our churches. The 4 bishops of NB agree on the following measures requested to make our churches as safe as possible for our faithful.

1. No proof of vaccination required for Sunday Masses, weekday Masses, baptisms, prayer groups and more.

However, the following measures will apply: Wearing a mask will be compulsory at all times.

- The occupancy capacity of your place of worship must be limited to 50% or less.
- **A distance of two meters must be maintained between the different households present (family bubbles).**
- Singing will not be allowed in the assembly. However, the songs of soloists and choir are allowed but respecting the 4 meters as before.
- The names and contact details of all those present should be recorded and the lists maintained.
- Have masks and bottles of disinfectant available at entrances, in the sanctuary and sacristy, etc.
- No one showing symptoms of COVID-19 or having been instructed to self-isolate should enter the place of worship.

2. Proof of vaccination required and maintained for weddings and funerals

All people will need to show full proof of vaccination when accessing certain events, such as **weddings, funerals**, conferences or workshops. Wearing a mask will be compulsory at all times. For funerals and weddings, there is no distancing required which allows for full capacity and there is no obligation to keep records for those present. But to be admitted, a person must have proof of full vaccination.

For the catechesis of children, we will follow the rules in force in the schools. Catechists should be fully vaccinated. When other adults attend meetings, they should also be doubly vaccinated. For a celebration in the church, we follow the rule in force in our churches.

It is very desirable that the **employees of the parish** be fully vaccinated. If not, they will need to wear a mask at all times and be tested for COVID periodically according to government policy.

For access to the **secretariat**, we will accept any person who comes there to obtain information or a service. If the person is not vaccinated, they will need to wear a mask.

We understand the concerns of Public Health and continue to collaborate by following the guidelines issued to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. We are all concerned about the current situation in the province. I am very grateful to all the parish priests and teams of volunteers who put everything in place to ensure the health and well-being of our faithful.

May the Lord bless us and continue to watch over us!

Most Reverend Valéry Vienneau, Archbishop of Moncton

Here at St. Bernard's, starting the week of September 27, the following will apply:

1. **Call in to register for Mass @ 857-0425.**
2. **Deadline to register for Friday, Saturday & Sunday masses: 12 noon on Thursday.**
3. **Masks are mandatory.**

Dear Padre,

Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?

Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News.

Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing



God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing

with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

The Redemptorists / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 27
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Zec 8:1–8
Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday
Zec 8:20–23
Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or
Rv 12:7–12a
Jn 1:47–51

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12
Lk 10:1–12

Friday

OCTOBER 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Bar 1:15–22
Lk 10:13–16

Saturday

OCTOBER 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29
Mt 18:1–5, 10

Sunday

OCTOBER 3
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 2:18–24
Heb 2:9–11
Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12