

A Suitable Partner

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as “helper” or “helpmate,” thus making the woman an addition to the man. The *Lectionary* translates the word as “suitable partner,” emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as “alone.” A common meaning is “separated from,” implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is

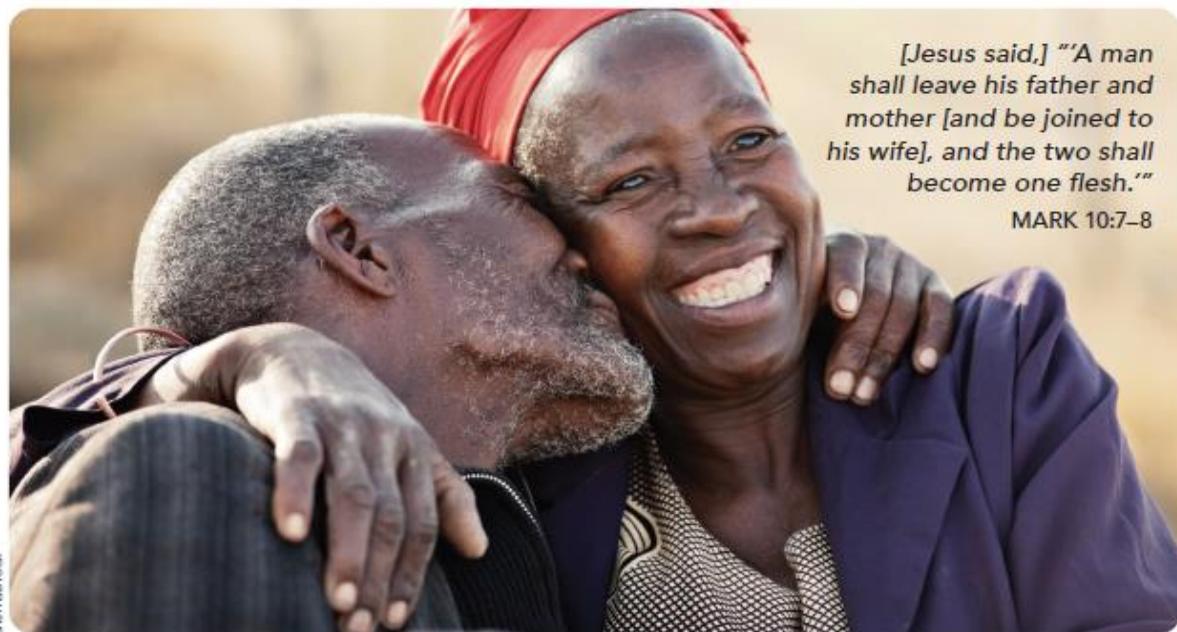
on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus’ interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today’s readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you consider yourself a “suitable partner”?
- ★ Are you nurturing and respectful?



[Jesus said,] “A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.”

MARK 10:7-8



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 3, 2021

*If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.*

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 OCTOBER 4-10, 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
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Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-10, 2021

Friday	Oct. 1	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Avery Keenan	Lillian Bibby
Saturday	Oct. 2	4:00 PM	Late Donald Young	Francis & Debbie McCarron
Sunday	Oct. 3	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Edward Palardy	Chuck & Jessie

OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 1,908.00	Religious Education	\$ 25.00
Loose	\$ 126.00	Need of Can Church	\$ 247.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 15.00	Capital Campaign	\$ 190.00
Donations	\$ 5.00	Evang. of People	\$ 10.00

 Thank you 

for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the families of:



Laura Murphy Wife of Greg, mother of Kimberley, Laura, Susan, Karen, Sonya & Peter

Duncan McGee Husband of Estelle, father of Kenneth, Catherine & Colleen

And to all who mourn the loss 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** **Roger Berube**

And for all who care for them.

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

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.

St. Bernard's CWL General Meeting

The General meeting of the CWL Council scheduled for Monday, **October 4th, 2021 will be cancelled.** The meeting will be rescheduled at another time.

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

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

Canadian Bishops Announce \$30M National Financial Pledge to Support Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives - 27 September 2021 – Ottawa –

The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities.

With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country. The commitment will be achieved at the local level, with parishes across Canada being encouraged to participate and amplify the effort.

Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), expressed hope that these efforts will support meaningful projects across Canada and make a significant difference in addressing the historical and ongoing trauma caused by the residential school system.

“When the Bishops of Canada came together in Plenary last week, there was universal consensus that Catholic entities needed to do more in a tangible way to address the suffering experienced in Canada’s residential schools. Comprised of local diocesan initiatives, this effort will help support programs and initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of residential school survivors and their communities, ensuring resources needed to assist in the path of healing.”

Funding for projects will be determined locally, in consultation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples in each region. The Bishops of Canada have committed and tasked themselves to develop national principles and strategy, timelines, and the public communication of these collective initiatives this November.

(more) Bishop William McGrattan, Vice President of the CCCC, articulated the importance of working together with Indigenous Peoples on local goals, timing, and distribution of funds.

“The Bishops of Canada have been guided by the principle that we should not speak about Indigenous People without speaking with them. To that end, the ongoing conversations with local leadership will be instrumental in discerning the programs that are most deserving of support. There is no single step that can eliminate the pain felt by residential school survivors, but by listening, seeking relationships, and working collaboratively where we are able, we hope to learn how to walk together in a new path of hope.”

Today’s news follows a national apology that was issued by the Canadian Bishops on Friday, 24 September. In the weeks and months ahead, the CCCC will continue to provide updates on this work, as part of a long path towards healing and reconciliation.

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

For further information:

Lisa Gall, Lead, Communications Service, (CCCCB)

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Current Covid Protocols (as of Sep. 29, 2021)

Here at St. Bernard's, 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.**

Mondays @ The Movies

The film discussion series will meet again (via Zoom) on October 18th at 10:30 am to discuss M. Night Shyamalan's film "The Village." Mondays @ The Movies aims to connect faith with the popular films we watch. Contact Trevor or Karen at catechism.set@gmail.com or 387-4198.

LIFE CHAIN 2021: Regretfully, we are cancelling the LIFE CHAIN for Sunday, October 3rd. Please pray for the little unborn and their families.
-Sr Cécile at 957 9414.

Let's put People and Planet First with the new Development and Peace Caritas Canada campaign!

In Canada, most people are able to speak out when injustice occurs. In many countries in the South, however, communities seeking to protect their rights, including their right to a healthy environment, are threatened. This climate of insecurity is often fueled by the presence and influence of mining, agri-food, textile and other companies on their territory. Some of these companies are Canadian.

With courage, many vulnerable communities choose to defend their territory and environment against the preponderance of economic interests.

This year, take the opportunity to express your solidarity with them and celebrate their work by joining Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign!

To learn more, attend the October 30 virtual workshop (in English). The campaign poster is available on the Development and Peace website to promote the campaign. For more information, contact: Adah Ogbe, English Animator at 902 429-9489, email : aogbe@devp.org or visit our campaign website at www.devp.org (see Events section, all the details on workshops are there).



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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Update from the Adult Faith Commission

To help celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, remembering that Joseph was a faithful protector of and provider for the Holy Family, last spring the Adult Faith Commission for the Archdiocese of Moncton invited parishioners to help those less fortunate by sponsoring a plot or donating gift cards or seeds to the *Peter McKee Community Garden*. All food grown at the *Peter McKee Community Garden* goes towards feeding food insecure families. Alicia Clarkson, garden coordinator has advised us that our appeal generated a great response, which included about half a dozen sponsored garden plots, at \$200 each.

Also in the spring, the Adult Faith Commission appealed for donations of canned soup in support of *Isthmus*, (formerly *Blessings in a Backpack*) an organization which provides healthy weekend snacks for food insecure families in 31 area schools during the school year. They have begun their program again this year, and last Friday, received the 1,121 cans of soup collected in our parishes. Tara Stirrat, the volunteer spearheading this initiative, says the numbers of children they support are now over 800, so the need continues. If you are interested in donating again to this worthy cause, drop the soup at your parish, and ask them to contact Mark Mahoney at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity to arrange pick up.

On behalf of the folks who work hard to provide for those most in need, the Adult Faith Commission wishes to thank you for your support of these initiatives.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

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)

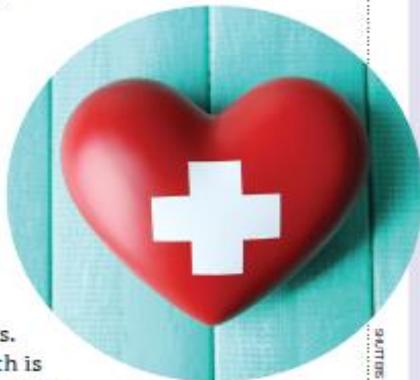
Dear Padre,

I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?

Yes, under certain conditions. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The *Catechism* adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.



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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

In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.

HOMILY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11

Lk 10:25—37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Jon 3:1—10

Lk 10:38—42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Jon 4:1—11

Lk 11:1—4

Thursday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13—20b

Lk 11:5—13

Friday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Jl 1:13—15; 2:1—2

Lk 11:15—26

Saturday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Jl 4:12—21

Lk 11:27—28

Sunday

OCTOBER 10

Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7—11

Heb 4:12—13

Mk 10:17—30

or 10:17—27

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

