

Can You Drink the Cup?

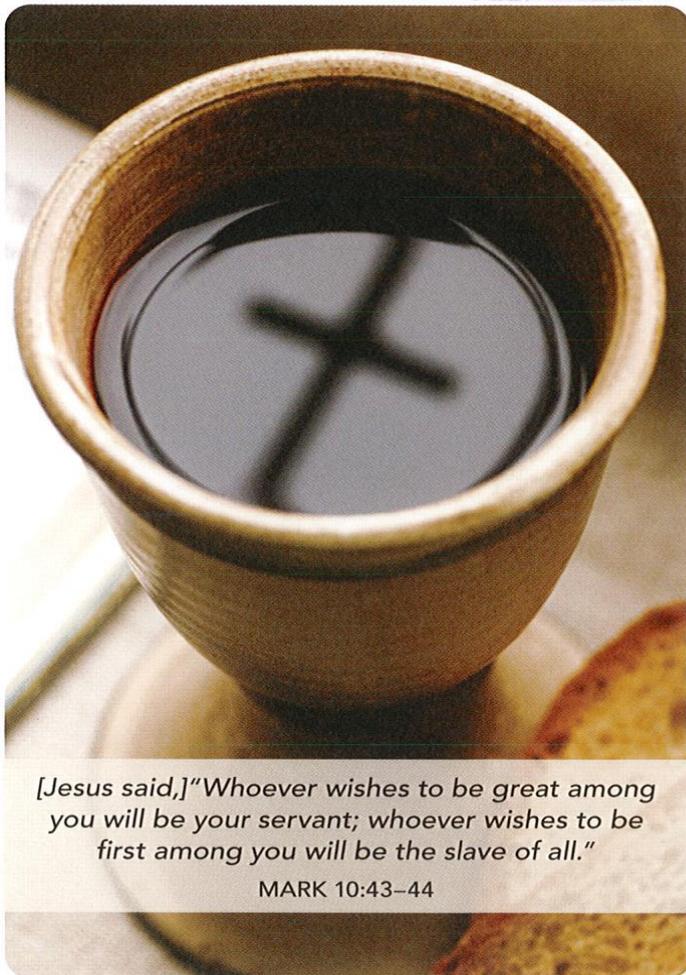
That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

MARK 10:43–44

FOR *Reflection*

- * *Think of times when the welfare of another made you forget about yourself.*
- * *Do you always seek praise? Are you indignant when others are praised? What can you do about this?*



TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 17, 2021

*The son of man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

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 18-24, 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

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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24, 2021				
Friday	Oct. 22	9:30 AM	Anniv.'s late Eddy, Brian & Barbara Roach	Lylla & Janet
Saturday	Oct. 23	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Minnie Burnett	Ross & Sharon Burnett
Sunday	Oct. 24	11:00 AM	Late Michael Woods	Evelyn & Family

OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 9 & 10, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 2,996.00	Religious Education	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 140.45	Need of Can Church	\$ 20.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 33.00	Capital Campaign	\$ 245.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Evang. of People	\$ 5.00
All Souls	\$ 200.00		

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

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....



Sincere sympathies to the families of:

Norma Ahern	Wife of late Roger Pouliot & Joseph Ahern
Shirley Ann Boleyn	Wife of late Daniel, mother of Thomas, Terry, Tim & Kenny
Amanda Roberts	Wife of Scott LeBlanc
Irene Troop	Wife of Ludger, mother of Jacqueline

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
John Courtney Sr.	Michelle Bastarache	

And for all who care for them.

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. Starting October 20, 2021

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.



Prayer for the Synod

This month there is a Synod beginning entitled "**Synod 2021-2023 a Synodal Church - Communion/Participation/Mission.**"

Below you will see the Prayer of the Synod: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*. This prayer, attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

***We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever Amen.***

Building Committee Update

In 2006, the Building Committee authorized a Building Committee Assessment (BCA), that served as a guide for major repairs and renovations to the Church. It was agreed by your current committee members that this BCA should be updated to identify building deficiencies that need to be addressed in the next ten years.

As the report was being prepared (**currently 85% complete**), we were advised by the property developer of the lot next door to the Church, that construction would begin on a major apartment complex in 2021. We were further advised that if any major repairs were needed on the north side of the Church, they should be done while there is still access to the property.

The building committee, through the assistance of the local structural engineer who is preparing the BCA, obtained quotations on projects that had already been identified but would need access to the next-door property.

Work has begun so that they could meet the target deadline date and we want to outline the progress to date.

	Building Improvement	Estimated Cost	Status
1.0	Roof Replacement (North Side)	\$76,328.00	Completed
2.0	Chimney Removal	34,080.00	Completed
3.0	Gutters and Leaf Guards	20,983.00	In progress
4.0	Drainage system (North Side)	7,500.00	In progress

Masonry inspections were also completed on the front tower and entrance with repairs of urgent nature to be addressed; masonry inspections will be completed on north side foundation when drainage system is installed.

This should resolve the repair items that needed access to the next-door property.

As mentioned, the BCA is expected to be completed in November 2021, and details of the study will be shared with the Parishioners.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have donated so generously to our Building Fund so that we can continue to meet our vision as outlined by committee members many years ago.

As a vibrant faith community, we will create an environment that promotes a sense of belonging for all generations while reinforcing Saint Bernard's history and architectural presence.

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. No singing.
4. Masks are mandatory. 6 feet social distancing at all times. (including after mass and the church parking lot)



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

To contact us:

Ellen - 857- 9952 or

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Trevor - 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com

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

Faith Experiments Express

Mark the dates! *Faith Experiments Express* (for children in grades 1-6) will return this year with sessions planned for November 1st and November 29th at 6:00 pm. Register with Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor.

Upcoming Meetings:

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will take place at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

Let Us Love One Another

A Three-Part Journey of Reconciliation

The second liturgy in our three evenings of prayer and discernment around the Residential School situation will take place **this Wednesday evening, October 20th at 7 o'clock at Holy Family Church in Moncton.** Each evening stands on its own, and you do not have to have been at the first liturgy to come to the second. We are looking to come together as community and come to God to find a path forward.

All are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Prayer Group	2 nd . Sat & last Sat. of each month (after the 25 th) 7 PM <i>(postponed due to covid)</i>	Church Hall
RCIA	1 st & 3 rd Weds. of month @ 7 PM – beginning Oct. 20	Stage Area
Carmelites	2 nd Sat. of month, 9:30-11:30 AM <i>(postponed due to covid)</i>	Stage Area
Baptism Prep.	Sunday, Nov. 7 & 14, 1:30- 3:00 PM	Stage Area



World Mission Sunday

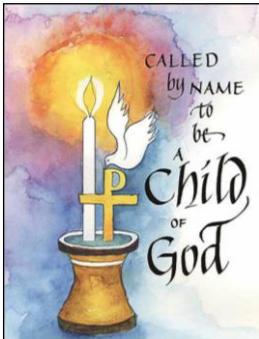
At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The collection this Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission diocese under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of

Peoples. As agreed by the Holy See and of the Bishops of Canada, a portion of the Canadian contributions to this collection will continue to be used until 2020 to assist six diocese in Northern Canada which for many years had also been under the jurisdiction of the Congregation.

Pastors and pastoral workers are invited to encourage among all the people of God a missionary spirit, to promote missionary vocations, and to collaborate spiritually and materially in the Church's mission work, including support for all the dioceses in our country's northern regions.

On the day of the collection, an appropriate petition may be added in the Prayer of the Faithful. The Mass for the Evangelization for Peoples may be celebrated on this Sunday. "How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!... I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples."

-Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium



On Sunday, October 3, 2021

*Raya Ella Grace Hicks, child of Maxine & Matthew,
was welcomed into the family of God through the
Sacrament of Baptism.*

Congratulations!

*Through water and the word Raya has become a
child of God and is sealed as Christ's own forever.*

Dear Padre,

Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?

You did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople



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who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for

the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place....Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 21, 2018

Calendar

- Monday**
OCTOBER 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday**
OCTOBER 19
Sts. John de Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday**
OCTOBER 20
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday**
OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48
- Friday**
OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday**
OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday**
OCTOBER 24
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 31:7-9
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

