

[Jesus said,] "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

MARK 12:43

SIRTRAVELALOT/SHUTTERSTOCK

Ouch!

That's the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It's not that we don't give, but that we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts.

The women in today's readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible—namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow. Since the social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them (see Deuteronomy 24:17, 19–21; 26:12–13; 27:19). The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were

poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn't specifically mentioned.

It's not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It's their generosity *despite* their deprivation. The widows featured in today's readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic!

Do we do what we can to help others in need—as little as that might be? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we have a right to have because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * How open are you to the needs of others?
- * How generous does this make you?



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 7, 2021

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven!*

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 NOVEMBER 8-14, 2021

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM
	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

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Thursday, November 11-closed- Remembrance Day
Phone: 857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8-14, 2021

Thurs.	Nov. 11	9:30 AM	Late Clora Robertson	Roy & Dee Dee Carter
Fri.	Nov. 12	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Neil Murphy	Bernadette Murphy Vanbuskirk
Sat.	Nov. 13	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Nov. 14	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Margaret Donovan	Dorothy Donovan

OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 30 & 31, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 3,513.00	Evan. Of People	\$ 40.00
Needs of Cdn church	\$ 70.00	Loose	\$ 93.00
Needy Fund	\$ 35.00	All Souls	\$ 282.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,615.00	Building Fund	\$ 85.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 16.00	Reconnect	\$ 35.00
Standing Together	\$ 85.00	Syrian Fund	\$ 40.00

 Thank You

for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the families of:



Pierre DesRoches	Husband of Brenda, father of Matthew & Nadine
Marguerite Richard	Sister of Fr. Raymond Richard
Bev LeBlanc	Wife of Terry, mother of Gillian

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...*

Louise McGregor	Sonia Worster	Clarence Cormier
Jenny Purcell	Beth Purcell	

And for all who care for them.

Covid Protocols here at St. Bernard's, the following will apply:

1. Call in to register for Mass @ 857-0425.
2. Deadline to register for Masses – Wednesday 4 PM
3. No singing.
4. Masks are mandatory, 6 feet social distancing at all times. (including after mass and in the church parking lot)

Masses For
The Week



Please note: Effective Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, St. Bernard's will have a Thursday Mass at 9:30 AM each week. This is in addition to the existing Friday 9:30 AM Mass.



Exiting

Beginning Saturday, November 6, 2021: When exiting the church after Mass, we will exit through two of the main doors instead of one. To eliminate as much cross traffic as possible, ushers will be in place to guide persons when exiting. Please remain in your pew until an usher has indicated that it is your time to exit. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION



Sunday In person sessions

Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM; Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM; Confirmation @ 3PM

Session # 5 Nov. 14, 2021

Session #6 Nov. 28, 2021

Session # 7 Dec. 12, 2021

Tuesday In person sessions – Years 1-2-3

Session # 5 Nov. 16, 2021

Session #6 Nov.30, 2021

Session #7 Dec 14, 2021

Zoom Sessions

Monday years 4-5-6 @ 6:15PM

Session #5 Nov. 8, 2021

Session #6 Nov 22, 2021

Session #7 Dec. 6, 2021

Wednesday years 1-2-3 @ 6PM

Session # 5 Nov 17, 2021

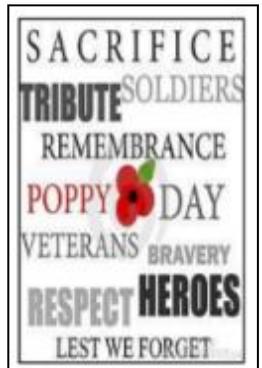
Session #6 Dec 1, 2021

Session #7 Dec 15, 2021



Remembrance Day-November 11

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war & to pray for the victims of aggression & inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community & as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer & action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.





From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

To contact us:

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

Mondays @ The Movies

Connecting faith to popular films, will meet again on **November 29th at 10:30 am** via Zoom when we will be discussing the 1947 version of *Miracle on 34th Street*. All participants will have watched the film prior to the session, register with Trevor or Karen at catechism.set@gmail.com or 387-4198. Register online by going to www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Mondays @ The Movies.

Faith Experiments Express

Learn about faith and scripture using science experiments (for grades 1-6). We will be holding another Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom) on **Monday, November 1st at 6:30 pm**. Register with Trevor or with Karen at 387-4198, catechism.set@gmail.com. Register online by going to www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Faith Experiments Express.

Upcoming Meetings:

Adult Faith Commission: Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Diocesan Offices of York St. Please use Dominion St. entrance.

Transformed Through Eucharist

What happens during the Eucharist? How important is Eucharist to you? Why are you preparing your child to make their First Communion?

As parents of children preparing to receive First Eucharist in the spring of 2022 at any parish within the English sector, you are asked to attend this session taking place on Thursday, November 25th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview. To participate, you will need to provide proof of vaccination upon arrival. Masking will be mandatory. Because of the pandemic, we are unable to provide childcare. Nor are we able to offer tea, coffee or snacks; however, participants are welcome to bring their own.

Registration of children receiving the sacrament will take place from 6:15 – 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 facilitators Karen LeBlanc and Ellen Bennett will offer an overview of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and talk about how, through the Eucharist, the bread and wine *and* the assembly are transformed again into the Body of Christ. Those children who have not been registered by 6:30 will have the opportunity to be registered following the session. Please contact Ellen or your parish catechetical coordinator to confirm your attendance.

Please note the following:

- the session from 6:30-8:30 is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Eucharist, but must register, and they must be vaccinated.
- participants are asked to arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. to provide time to welcome everyone safely.
- those unvaccinated will be offered another alternative. Further information concerning this will be in your bulletins.



To the Parishioners of:
St. Bernard's,
St. Clement's, & St. Vincent's.

I would like to inform you that your parish priest, Fr. Allison Carroll, will be on sick leave for an indefinite time.

I have appointed Father Charles Broderick as administrator for the three parishes.

I have also appointed Fr. Charles Lokoka as an assistant priest to St. Bernard's, St. Clement's and St. Vincent's and also to Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity pastoral unit.

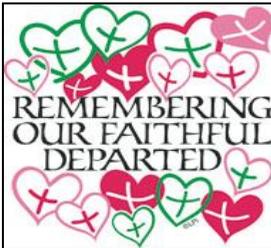
I want to thank Fr. Broderick for all his support to your parishes in the last year and for generously accepting the administrator position.

I thank you for welcoming Fr. Charles Lokoka.

We will keep Fr. Allison in our prayers so that he can return to his position as pastor in the coming months. These appointments will become effective November 1st, 2021.

Moving forward in solidarity, may the Lord bless you.

+ Valéry Vienneau, Archbishop of Moncton.



St. Bernard's Mass of the Deceased
We will follow funeral Covid protocols:
meaning all persons attending must provide proof of double vaccination & ID and facemasks will be mandatory.

Since we did not have this mass last year this year's ***Masses of the deceased will be held on two separate evenings:***

Wednesday, November 17, 7 PM: for those who died between Oct 2019 - Sep 2020

Thursday, November 18, 7 PM: for those who died between Oct 2020 - Oct 2021

It is an important time to come together as a Parish Community to remember & honor the memory of all those who have died in the past year. Also, to show support and care to all of those who have lost a loved one.



Socks for ReConnect: Nothing feels like clean socks, with no holes. **Decent socks are a luxury to the homeless** and as we head into cold and wet weather, creates a risk to health. During the month of Nov., St. Bernard's will have a 'sock drive'. A container will be placed at each church entrance for donations of socks for adults. All received will be passed on to ReConnect for the homeless & at-risk individuals.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RCIA	1 st & 3 rd Weds. of month @ 6 PM	Hall
Baptism Prep.	Sunday, Nov. 7 & 14, 1:30- 3:00 PM	Stage Area
Mass of the deceased, Weds., Nov. 17 @ 7 PM – Must show proof of double vaccination & ID		
Mass of the deceased, Thurs., Nov. 18 @ 7 PM – Must show proof of double vaccination & ID		

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Book of the Faithful Departed During the month of November we remember & pray for deceased loved ones. The Church encourages us to continue this tradition by entering the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of The Faithful Departed. To have your loved one's name entered in the book you may:

1. Email us their name at: sbhf@rogers.com
2. Neatly print their name on paper, drop in the basket that will set up at the registration table at the entrance of the church.
3. Or call us @ 857-0425

Please note: If loved ones' names were previously entered in the book their names are still in the book and they will be remembered during our liturgies. No need to write their names in again.

The book of the Faithful Departed will be placed in the Sanctuary the whole month of November. Please feel very welcome to include any deceased family members or friends who have died during the past year.



Needy Fund

Thank you for the ongoing donations for the needy. With less people attending masses, ***the needy fund has seen an understandable reduction.*** With what funds we had, monthly donations were made to the YMCA Re-Connect program to help with emergency needs for those in unsafe living conditions or living on the streets. We also were able to help two families with new babies. As we enter the winter months, we see

greater needs present themselves for food and shelter. ***Parishioners receiving envelope packets will note an envelope for People in Need in November. At any time, donations can be made to the needy fund by using a regular envelope with your name on it (and envelope number), so this can be included with your parish tax receipt.***

We have had inquiries about donating to this year's Christmas Boxes. With the ongoing pandemic, we will partner once again with the Food Bank to provide food boxes to needy families. **Donations marked 'Christmas Boxes' will be used specifically for that purpose.**

Thank you for assisting in this ministry to those in need.

Dear Padre,

My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in a church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts?

It's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

Fr. Bob Lindsey, CSSR / 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*.



JOEHEAD / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2020



Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Wis 1:1-7

Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope

and Doctor of the

Church

Wis 6:1-11

Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours,

Bishop

Wis 7:22b-8:1

Lk 17:20-25

Friday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josephat,

Bishop and Martyr

Wis 13:1-9

Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier

Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 14

Thirty-third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32