

Joy to the World!

This is the Sunday of joy, *Gaudete Sunday*. In the first reading, the people are told to “Shout for joy” because “the LORD is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:14–15). The psalm response tells us to “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel” (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to “rejoice in the Lord always” because “the Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4–5). In the Gospel, we see that “the people were filled with [messianic] expectation,” even wondering “whether John might be the Messiah” (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that “one mightier than I is coming” (3:16).

So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in

the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what’s at the top of your list?

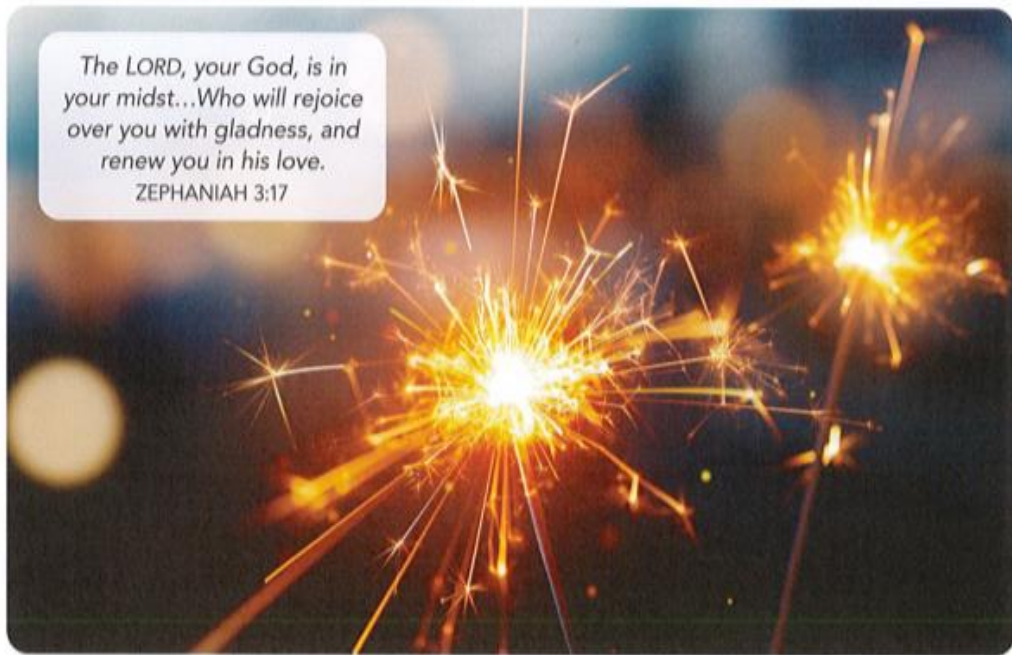
We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That’s why we sing “Joy to the World.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *Think of a few ways you have experienced God’s goodness in your life. Rejoice and give thanks for these blessings.*
- *What are your hopes for the day of salvation?*

The LORD, your God, is in your midst...Who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love.
ZEPHANIAH 3:17





THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ;
he has sent me to bring good news to the poor .*

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 DECEMBER 13-19, 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 2nd Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13-19, 2021

Thurs.	Dec. 16	9:30 AM	For the People	
Fri.	Dec. 17	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Joan & Harry Duffey	Ruth Duffey
Sat.	Dec. 18	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Dorris & Jack MacLeod	Francis & Debbie McCarron
Sun.	Dec. 19	11:00 AM	Late Ron Snyder	Stella

OFFERINGS

DECEMBER 4-5, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 9,528.00	Papal Charities	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 145.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 101.40
Needy Fund	\$ 565.00	All Souls	\$ 10.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,307.00	Building Fund	\$ 85.00
Christmas Boxes	\$ 60.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 130.00
Donation	\$ 110.00	Reconnect	\$ 35.00
Religious Educ.	\$ 40.00	Need of Can Church	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 390.00	Syrian Fund	\$ 65.00

 Thank You

for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the families of



Anita LeBlanc

Wife of (late) Terry LeBlanc, mother of Lisa & Geoff

Eric Richard

Husband of (late) Madelyn

Patti Vokurka

Wife of (late) Gary, sister of Sherry Pitre (Eddie)

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...*

Roger Berube

Suzanne Theriault-Mitton

Judy Bourque

Mike Murphy

Louise McGregor

And for all who care for them.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RCIA

1st & 3rd Weds. of month @ 6 PM

Stage

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)

FAITH FORMATION



Sunday In person sessions

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

Session #7 Dec 12, 2021

Christmas Break Sessions resume on January 9, 2022

Tuesday In person sessions – Years 1-2-3

Session #7 Dec 14, 2021

Christmas Break Sessions resume on January 11, 2022

Zoom Sessions

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

Christmas Break

Session#8 Jan 17, 2022

Wednesday years 1-2-3 @ 6PM

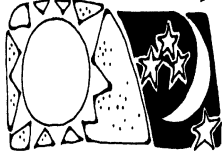
Session # 7 Dec 15, 2021

Christmas Break

Session #8 Jan 12,2022

****Mask are required for all in person sessions as well as proof of vaccination for eligible individuals.****

LORD · JESUS



BE OUR MORNING JOY
OUR EVENING REST

Join us for Evening Prayer

Advent Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. **We are encourages to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer?** It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship. **All parishioners of our parish unit are invited and encouraged to gather for the Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) on Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church. Must show proof of double vaccination & ID upon entry.**

December 16, 23 @ 6:00 PM



We are nearing the end of 2021!

It is a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you may have missed over the year. Together as a parish community we can meet St. Bernard's financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, and preauthorized payments. **All donations for 2021 must be received prior to December 31st to be included in 2021 taxation receipts. Thank you for your continued generosity!!**



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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Pope Francis Prays for Catechists

During December 2021, Pope Francis is praying “for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God.” He says the Church needs “good catechists who are both companions and teachers. ... The lay ministry of catechist is a vocation; it’s a mission ... an entire way of being.” We, the faithful, are invited by Pope Francis to “thank catechists for the interior enthusiasm with which they live this mission at the service of the Church.” Check out his video at the link to see what Pope Francis has to say: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-11/pope-s-december-prayer-intention-for-catechists.html>

Mondays @ The Movies

Connecting faith to popular films, will meet again on December 13th at 10:30 am via Zoom when we will be discussing the 2006 version of *The Nativity Story* with Oscar Isaac and Keisha Castle-Hughes. 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). Due to inclement weather our session scheduled for Monday, November 29th was postponed until Monday, January 10th. 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

Advent Video Series by the CCCB

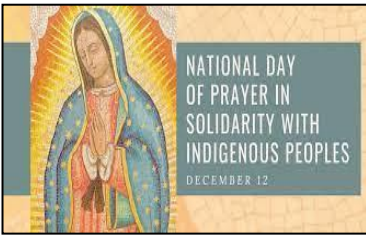
Beginning Sunday, **November 21**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and for the four Sundays of Advent, the CCCB will release a video recording of one of Canada’s bishops reflecting on the Gospel Reading for that Sunday. This year’s reflections were inspired by the Indigenous Delegation travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from **17-20 December 2021**, and may be found at the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>.

Family Movie: "Miracle On 34th Street" (1994 Version)

Will be shown at Immaculate Heart of Mary (Dan Bohan Center) on Sunday, **December 12th at 12:30 pm**. Families from all parishes in the diocese are invited to join us. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food-items, which will go to those who need them. **PLEASE NOTE THAT MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE REQUIRED AS WELL AS PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION.** Please contact Karen to register at 387-4198 or catechism.set@gmail.com.



Calling All Knitters Yarn is available at the Parish office for knitters who wish to make hats, mittens, etc. for the Advent Mitten Tree. Thank you to all the dedicated past and present knitters!



The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

is celebrated by the Church in Canada on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each year the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council prepares a reflection for this occasion. This year the message centers on the theme: "We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation. We, the

Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God". You may read this reflection on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.cccb.ca

Catholics across the country are invited to join in prayer as a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and young people travel to Rome to meet with Pope Francis as soon as health conditions surrounding international travel will allow it to be done in a safe manner in 2022. The delegation will also help inform the planned pilgrimage of the Holy Father to Canada at a future date. -Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER

CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:

ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca

OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425.



*Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends
with Christmas Flowers*



Once again, this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or mailed to the parish office. (43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9) Names will be in the Christmas bulletin.

Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
\$ Amount	
Envelope # (if applicable)	



Christmas / New Year's Mass Schedule
Call 857-0425 to register.

Friday, Christmas Eve - December 24

St. Bernard's	2:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM
St. Vincent's	4 PM

Saturday, Christmas Day - December 25

St. Bernard's	9 AM & 11:30 AM
St. Vincent's	9:00 AM
St. Clement's	11:00 AM

Sunday, December 26

St. Bernard's	9 AM & 11:00 AM
St. Vincent's	9:00 AM
St. Clement's	11:00 AM

Friday, New Year's Eve, December 31

St. Clement's	4:00 PM
St. Bernard's	6:00 PM

Saturday, New Year's Day, January 1

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM & 4 PM
St. Vincent's	9:00 AM

Sunday, January 2

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM
St. Vincent's	9:00 AM
St. Clement's	11:00 AM

**Should Covid phases cancel any of the above masses, cancellations will be noted on the parish phone (857-0425) or our parish website: www.stbernardschurch.ca
 We will not be calling persons to advise that Masses are cancelled.**

Dear Padre,

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that's known for their annual *posadas* event. What is that?

Las *posadas*, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve.

Posada is Spanish for "inn." The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. *Posadas* are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the "pilgrims," going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for *posada*. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on.

On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

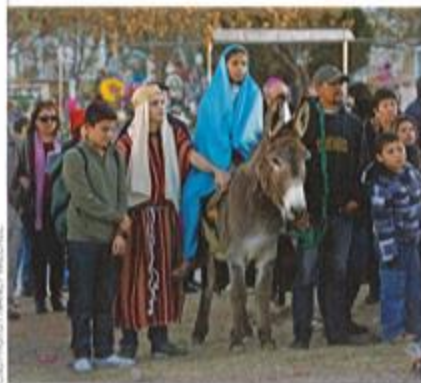
This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging—it's a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God

searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Many Christians have that face...from a funeral wake, a face of sadness. But Christ is risen! Christ loves you! And you have no joy? Let us think a bit about this and let us ask: "Do I have joy because the Lord is close to me, because the Lord loves me, because the Lord has redeemed me?"

GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,

Virgin and Martyr

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8, 18,

21c-25

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday

Is 54:1-10

Lk 7:24-30

Friday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17

Saturday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25

Sunday

DECEMBER 19

Fourth Sunday

of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

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