

December 26, 2021

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)  
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or 1 Sm 1:20–22, 24–28  
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17 or 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24  
Lk 2:41–52



[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.  
LUKE 2:51

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## All in the Family

**S**o many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- \* What might you do to make family life easier for those with whom you live?
- \* Do you show gratitude to your family for their respect and care of you?



*Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.*

### WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

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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 27, 2021- JANUARY 2, 2022

St. Bernard's	Dec. 30 - Thursday @ 9:30 AM
	Dec. 31 - Friday @ 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM
	Jan. 1 - Saturday @ 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM
	Jan. 2 - Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Jan. 1 - Saturday @ 9 AM
	Jan. 2 - Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Dec. 31 - Friday @ 4 PM
	Jan. 2 - Sunday @ 11 AM
	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm

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**Parish office hours: Monday & Tuesday (Dec. 27 & 28) - Office Closed**

**Wednesday - Thursday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 - 4 PM**

**Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2021- JANUARY 2, 2022

<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late David Weir	Tricia & Family
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Elaine Davis	Elizabeth (Betty) Vautour
		<b>6:00 PM</b>	Anniv. Late Ronald Struble	Claire, Sherrie & Family
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For the People	
		<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. Late Andrew Devine	Patricia & Family
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Pat Lawlor	Linda, Jason & Family

## OFFERINGS

### DECEMBER 18-19, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 6,283.00</b>	<b>Reconnect</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 108.45</b>	<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	<b>\$ 69.00</b>
<b>Needy Fund</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>Syrian Fund</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Christmas Boxes</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>	<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>		

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

*In Sympathy*

*A time to mourn.....*

*Sincere sympathies to the family of*

**Frances Hanusiak-Roach**

**Mother of Veronica Walker**

*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...*

**Mike Murphy**

**Louise McGregor**

**Kathleen Crosby**

**Beth Purcell**

**Blanche Gallant**

*And for all who care for them.*



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### **Mondays @ The Movies**

Our next Mondays @ The Movies conversation will take place on Monday, January 24th at 10:30 am. The film for our next discussion will be announced soon so watch your bulletin for additional details. Contact Karen at 387-4918 or Trevor for more information or to register.

### **Faith Experiments Express**

Our next Faith Experiments Express for young people in grades 1-6 will be on Monday, January 10th at 6:00 pm. Faith Experiments Express uses science experiments to help children learn about faith and scripture, and it's on Zoom so you can participate from the comfort of your own home. Contact Karen for more information at 387-4198 or Trevor.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Parish Catechetical Coordinators:** Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

### **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission**

What is this latest Synod all about, you ask? In the latest Synod, opened by Pope Francis on October 10, 2021, the Pope has asked the Church to reflect on how we journey together as Church, listen and respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world, and how decisions are reached at all levels: who is involved, who is excluded and how can our processes be improved. In order to be a Church that walks works and worships together, it is important that we work together for the greatest amount of participation and respect.

Stay tuned as we next speak about how this Synod will work.



### ***New Year's Mass Schedule***

#### ***Friday, New Year's Eve, December 31***

St. Bernard's	6:00 PM
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#### ***Saturday, New Year's Day, January 1***

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM & 4 PM
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**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](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)**  
**We will not be calling persons to advise that Masses are cancelled**



## *2021 Christmas Flower - In Memory of:*



<b>Les &amp; Eleanor Buzzell</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Paulette Buzzell</b>
<b>Val &amp; Geneva Caissie</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Paulette Buzzell</b>
<b>Mrs. Gloria Savoie</b>	<b>Terry, Linda, Jason, Todd &amp; Jamie</b>
<b>Deceased members of Cormier and Steele families</b>	<b>Norma Cormier</b>
<b>Sam &amp; Erma Ermen, Louis &amp; Kay Boudreau</b>	<b>Sam &amp; Donna Ermen</b>
<b>John &amp; Ann Boom</b>	<b>Casey &amp; Betty Evers</b>
<b>Deceased members of Cassidy and Richard families</b>	<b>Diane &amp; Paul Cassidy</b>
<b>Edward &amp; Florence Pitre</b>	<b>Lillian &amp; Family</b>
<b>Lester Rossiter</b>	<b>Melda &amp; Family</b>
<b>Howard "Ticker" Shean</b>	<b>Irene Shean</b>
<b>Roy C. Hopper</b>	<b>Juanita Hopper &amp; Family</b>
<b>Fahey &amp; Donahue families</b>	<b>Linda Fahey</b>
<b>Ralph, Florence &amp; Peter Fahey</b>	<b>Wanda &amp; Earl Garland</b>
<b>Joseph O'Connor, Tom &amp; Edna Bryant</b>	<b>Neil &amp; Carol Bryant</b>
<b>Ron Snyder</b>	<b>Stella Snyder</b>
<b>Louis &amp; Florence McKinley, Ben &amp; Olézine Arsenault</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Helen McKinley</b>
<b>Deceased members of Power &amp; Martin families</b>	<b>Gerry Power</b>
<b>Gladys &amp; Harmon Fogarty, Rose, Frank &amp; Jeannet Arsenault</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Bernice Fogarty</b>
<b>Deceased members of Carter &amp; Flanagan families</b>	<b>Roy &amp; DeeDee Carter</b>
<b>Rosalina Habana, Ely Habana, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Habana, Roberto Divina, Perfecto Salma &amp; Betty Salma</b>	<b>Elaine Habana, Latrell &amp; Eric</b>
<b>Jim Beek</b>	<b>Marie</b>
<b>Bobby &amp; Mabel Girouard, James, Rose &amp; Michael Carroll &amp; Edward Palardy</b>	<b>Chuck &amp; Jessie Kinney</b>

## 2021 Christmas Flower - In Memory of:



<b>Eleanor Beck</b>	<b>David &amp; Lise Watts</b>
<b>George &amp; Zella O'Dell</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Donna Shaw</b>
<b>Hooper &amp; MacInnis Families</b>	<b>Irene &amp; Family</b>
<b>Deceased members of O'Brien &amp; Scott Families</b>	<b>Michael &amp; JoAnne Scott</b>
<b>Deceased family members</b>	<b>Eddie &amp; Sherry Pitre</b>
<b>Jim Heath &amp; Niece Adrienne, Deceased members of Matchett family</b>	<b>Ruth Heath &amp; family</b>
<b>Harry &amp; Greta Fahey, James &amp; Mary Fahey, Ernest &amp; Margaret Fahey</b>	<b>James, Gary &amp; Sharon Fahey</b>
<b>Deceased members of Kane &amp; Noel families</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Rosemary Kane</b>
<b>Andrew &amp; David Devine</b>	<b>Patricia Devine &amp; Family</b>
<b>John Hay, Ron &amp; Margaret Briffett</b>	<b>Emily &amp; Brenda Hay</b>
<b>Krista Porter, Dave Murphy, Neil Murphy &amp; Laura Murphy</b>	<b>Bernadette Vanbuskirk</b>
<b>Minnie Burnett, Verna &amp; George Perry</b>	<b>Ross &amp; Sharon Burnett</b>
<b>Arthur &amp; Alice Roach</b>	<b>Brenda &amp; Fred Fitzsimmons</b>
<b>Venecio Pino &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>	<b>Chalmere &amp; Janessa Virtudazo</b>



### 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!!**

**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)



*"Fr. Carroll, Fr. Broderick and Fr. Lokoka extend greetings to all the parishioners of St. Bernard's. This past year has been a year of challenges, but God is a God of hope, and Jesus' coming into the world and into our lives is cause for great hope as we look to the future. It is our prayer that each of you experience this Christmas season as a time of joy, peace, and love. May you enjoy a holy and happy Christmas."*



**St. Bernard's Catechism**

Catechism years 4-5-6 Sunday group purchased Gift cards for the less fortunate and created homemade Christmas cards with their own special message. The Christmas cards and gift cards were given to Claudia McCloskey of St. Bernard's Church Social Justice Ministry who will distribute them to Reconnect on behalf of the group. The looming of milk bags matts, keeping 800 milk bags out of our landfill. The two matts were presented to Claudia McCloskey of St. Bernard's Social Justice ministry from our confirmation candidates, Claudia will distribute them to Reconnect on their behalf.



**Mitten Tree and Knitted items**

A huge thank you to all who made or purchased items for the mitten tree.

Much appreciated by all!



# Dear Padre,

**I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice?**

**I**t's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."



A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

*Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)*

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced that, through these simple, daily actions, we can achieve a true cultural revolution...If every one of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 27

St. John,  
Apostle and Evangelist  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents,  
Martyrs  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2  
Mt 2:13-18

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35

### Thursday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:12-17  
Lk 2:36-40

### Friday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18

### Saturday

JANUARY 1

Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God  
Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7

### Sunday

JANUARY 2

Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12e

**Know Someone  
Overly Anxious About Sin?**  
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