

January 9, 2022

*The Baptism of the Lord (C)*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

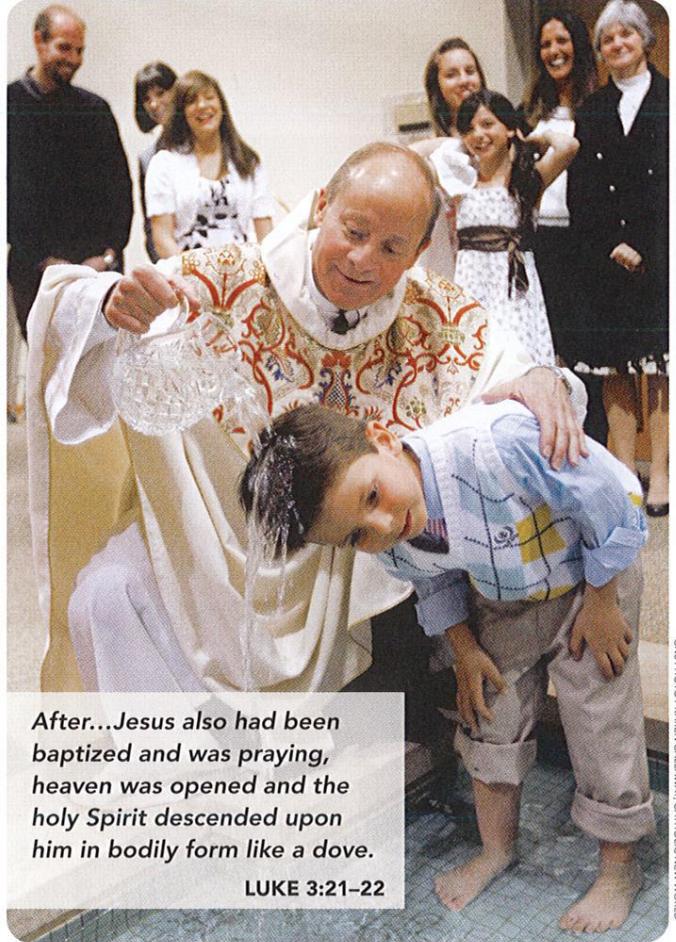
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Taking Up Christ's Ministry

**B**efore the Second Vatican Council, *ministry* was considered by many to be a Protestant word, and the religious leader who did it was called a *minister*. Catholics had priests and bishops who received and administered sacraments. Religious women did the Church's work in schools and hospitals. The council turned our understanding of Church membership inside out. We've come to realize that with baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world.

Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples.

Today we maintain that by baptism we are all children of God. Vatican II has enlightened us as to what this really means. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.



*After...Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.*

**LUKE 3:21-22**

### FOR Reflection

- \* *How does your life's work make the world better? If it does, then you are a missionary disciple of Jesus.*
- \* *Go out of your way to make someone's life a little better this week.*

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

*John said : One more powerful than I is coming;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

### 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

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



**Register  
for Mass**

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

### MASS TIMES – WEEK OF JANUARY 10-16, 2022

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

### PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator	Fr. Allison S. Carroll (sick leave)	
Administrator	Fr. Charles Broderick	charlesbroderick1@gmail.com
Assistant: (half-time)	Fr. Charles Lokoka	
Liturgy	Darlene McGraw	darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
Catechetics	Lorella Dunnett	Lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com
Social Justice	Claudia McCloskey	
Adult Faith	Andrew Wilson	

### STAFF

Pastoral Associate / Liturgy	Darlene McGraw	darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
Office support / bookkeeper	Janessa Virtudazo	sbhf@rogers.com
Catechetical Coordinator	Lorella Dunnett	Lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com
Custodian	Michel Saulnier	

Parish office hours: Monday - Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 - 4 PM  
Phone: 857-0425 Email: [sbhf@rogers.com](mailto:sbhf@rogers.com) Website: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10-16, 2022**

<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Suzanne "Yanne" Daigle	Ella Martin
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Eleanor Beck	Peter Trainor
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. Late Whitney Mary McCully	McCully Family
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Harold Woods	Evelyn Woods

**OFFERINGS**

**JANUARY 1-2, 2021, OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 6,850.00</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>\$ 1,550.15</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 186.10</b>	<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	<b>\$ 72.00</b>
<b>Needy Fund</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 2,837.00</b>	<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<b>\$ 2,695.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>	<b>Syrian Fund</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Needs of Can Ch.</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>Evan. Of People</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>All Souls Day</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>Reconnect</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>

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

**In Sympathy**

*A time to mourn.....*

*Sincere sympathies to the family of:*

<b>Levi LeBlanc</b>	Husband of (late) Evangeline
<b>Loretta Gallant</b>	Wife of Leonard and mother of Paul & Monique

*And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...*



*Ecclesiastes 3...*

*Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.  
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...*

<b>Kathleen Crosby</b>	<b>Beth Purcell</b>	<b>Blanche Gallant</b>
<b>Judy Chiasson</b>		

*And for all who care for them.*



**From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis**

**To contact us:**

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**Trevor - 857-4879 [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com)**

### **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.

**-Adult Faith Commission:** Friday, January 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Meetings take place at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

### **Catechetical Gatherings:**

With the most recent announcement by the NB Department of Education that in-class learning in schools will be delayed until at least January 21<sup>st</sup>, all catechetical sessions will now revert to virtual gatherings and remain as such until schools are returned to in-person gatherings. Please contact your parish catechetical coordinator for information on those gatherings, and the distribution of necessary supplies for the sessions.

### **Confirmation candidates**

from various parishes of the English Deanery will gather either virtually or in person with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing for Confirmation on **Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.** **A decision will be made as we draw closer to the date, but for the time being please mark your calendars. We will keep you posted.**

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

How will the Synod work? To facilitate as much participation in the discussion process as possible, Pope Francis has asked that a special document be prepared that contains both the purpose of the Synod, the way it will be organized and the various areas of discussions under consideration. This document is available from the Vatican at the following link: <https://www.synod.va/en/documents/english-version-of-the-preparatory-document.html> or by typing, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" in your Search Engine. By using this common tool, bishops from around the world are encouraged to involve as many people as possible in discussion groups throughout their Diocese. This process will conclude on June 1, 2022. More about this will be explained next week, so stay tuned.

## 2021 Christmas Flower - In Memory of:

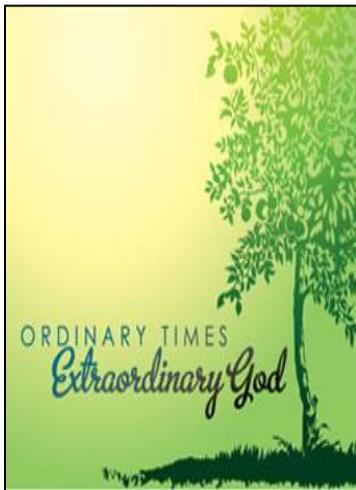


**Sid Wright**

**Imelda Wright**



**Gluten intolerance** has become more prevalent in recent years. Prompted by faithful Catholics wanting to receive Communion, we have ordered a supply of low gluten hosts (yields less than .01% gluten content per bread/wafer). We already have a few parishioners that have sourced their own supply & place them in their own personal pyx for consecration at mass. If you are diagnosed with gluten intolerance, you must purchase your personal pyx and low gluten hosts are **available** at our Parish office during office hours.



### **The Christmas Season ends and Ordinary time begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection.

Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the Risen Lord.



### **No Scent Policy**

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall. Thank you.



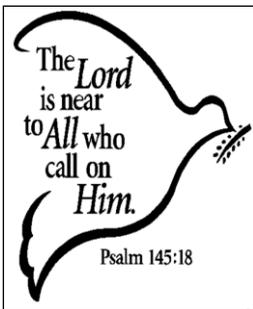
## Lions recycle for Sight - Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time:

Used eyeglasses are recycled, cleaned, sorted by prescription strength, then packaged and distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. A Lions Recycle for Sight box will be at the main entrance of the church for you to drop off unwanted eyeglasses. Thank you.



We are happy to have you join us! Are you new to the parish or have you been part of our community for awhile but have just never registered? There are registration forms available at the entrances to the church, at your parish office, on our web site ([www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)) or just give us a call and we'll mail you one. Fill in the information, return the

form to the office and you will be formally registered. This will help us to better serve your individual needs!



### Listening and Prayer

Are you in need of prayer?

Are you going through a difficult time?

You can confide in the prayers of the Notre-Dame-du Sacré-Coeur Sisters.

Phone 388-1701 or 1-800-561-3995.

**Hours: 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 2 - 4 PM (Mon-Fri),  
6 - 8 PM on Wednesdays.**



### IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:

ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)

OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425.



### **LAUDATO SI' CAMPAIGN**

Laudato Si' – Praise Be to You – Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis on Care for our Common Home. This encyclical letter was published in 2015

**Pope Francis 2015 encyclical to all humanity**-Pope Francis 2015 encyclical Laudato Si' affirms our interconnectedness to

one other and to all living things, and our responsibility to care for our common Earthly home. Papal encyclicals communicate to the faithful about some aspect of Catholic teaching but in this case Pope Francis is speaking to all humanity when he says that some of our earth damaging behaviors are not only morally wrong, but also practically wrong, leading to a broken world. He exhorts us to all work together to fix it. **(A video for Laudato campaign is available on the diocesan website [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca))**



### **Monday Mass at Holy Family**

Fr. Charles Lokoka has had to go back home to the Congo to attend to a family emergency. It is not sure when he will be returning so Monday morning mass at Holy Family will be cancelled until further notice. We keep Fr. Charles and his family in our prayers.



### **St. Bernard's Catechism Re: Outreach programs**

*Dear members of the catechism class and families,  
I want to thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards, messages, and gift cards you provided for those in need. I shared most of your donations with the YMCA ReConnect program and they went to help the homeless. I also was able to share the rest with a family living in a very difficult situation to help them during Christmas.*

*Your care for others is a true act of discipleship.*

*In appreciation,*

*Claudia McCloskey-Social Justice Coordinator*

*Dear Confirmation Candidates,*

*I want to thank you for the opportunity to be with you to discuss social justice and how we are called to help others. I also want to let you know that I took the sleeping matts you made, weaved out of milk bags to ReConnect and they were so appreciative to have these for individuals who were sleeping outdoors for whatever reason.*

*I keep you in my prayers as you journey towards confirmation.*

*Sincerely,*

*Claudia McCloskey*

# Dear Padre,

## Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring



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that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above

Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?... Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.*

ANGELUS, BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JANUARY 10  
Weekday  
1 Sm 1:1-8  
Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 11  
Weekday  
1 Sm 1:9-20  
Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 12  
Weekday  
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20  
Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 13  
Weekday  
1 Sm 4:1-11  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday**  
JANUARY 14  
Weekday  
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a  
Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 15  
Weekday  
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a  
Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 16  
Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 62:1-5  
1 Cor 12:4-11  
Jn 2:1-11

### 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.