

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38

## Love Your Enemies

**P**erhaps one of the most difficult mandates that Jesus directed of his followers is love of enemies. He was not talking about people whom we do not particularly like or who do not belong to your families, ethnic or political groups. He was very clear about this. Jesus was talking about those who actually hate us, cause us physical harm, or who take from us what we need to live. This kind of love is not only difficult but seems contrary to a specific kind of justice. This justice is called *retributive justice* and it maintains that evil deeds should be punished. This kind of justice is often accomplished by requiring time in jail or some form of fine.

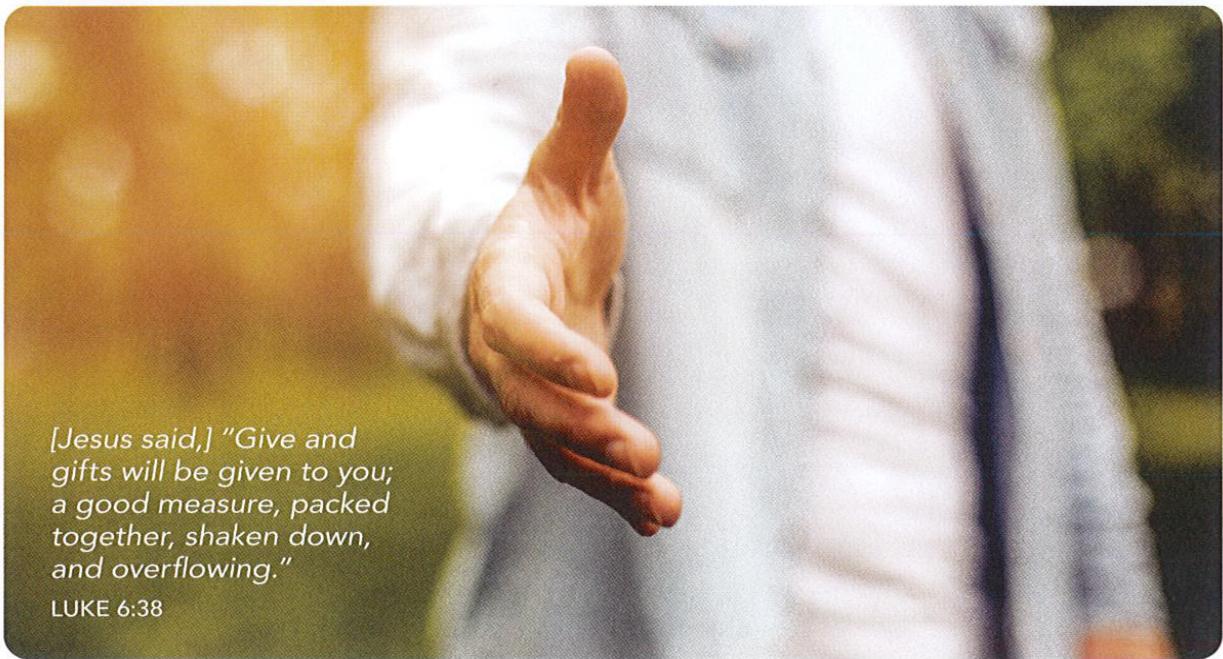
However, another kind of justice is called *restorative justice*. It maintains that a violation of someone's rights not only harms the victim, but it also fractures

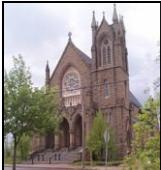
society. Therefore, it is not enough for the perpetrator to be punished; society must be restored as well. This might require restoring the victim's sense of personal value or security. At times some form of community service is required. It has been said that the best way to get rid of enemies is to make them friends. That seems to be what Jesus is advocating in today's Gospel. If someone has hurt you, overwhelm that person with your kindness, just as God has overwhelmed you with kindness and mercy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Think of how often you have been made new by the forgiveness of others.*
- ★ *Who in your life might be made new by your forgiveness?*





## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

*I give you a new commandment:  
love one another just as I have loved you.*

### 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:

1. Call in to register for Mass @ 857-0425.
2. Deadline to register for Masses – Wednesday 4 PM.
3. Congregational singing allowed with masks.
4. Masks are mandatory, 6 feet social distancing always.  
(In the church and in the church parking lot)

### MASS TIMES-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21-27, 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 5382262 to confirm

### PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator	Fr. Allison S. Carroll (sick leave)	
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Social Justice	Claudia McCloskey	
Adult Faith	Andrew Wilson	

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Parish office hours: Monday, February 21 closed - Family Day

Tuesday- Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 - 4 PM

Phone: 857-0425 Email: [sbfh@rogers.com](mailto:sbfh@rogers.com) Website: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21-27, 2022**

Thurs.	Feb. 24	9:30 AM	Late Rose & Bill Vautour	Elizabeth (Betty) Vautour
Fri.	Feb. 25	9:30 AM	Late Leona Demers	Lucien, Lorraine, Roger & Elaine
Sat.	Feb. 26	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Gordon & Min Hooper	Irene MacInnis
Sun.	Feb. 27	11:00 AM	Late Hank Murphy	Pat, Julia & Mike

**OFFERINGS**

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE WILL BE NOTED IN  
NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

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

**In Sympathy**

*A time to mourn.....*

*Sincere sympathies to the families of:*



**Blanche Gallant**

Wife of Paul, mother of Susanne (Tim)

**Raymond Fagan**

Husband of Emily, father of Raylene

*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...*

**Beth Purcell**

**Michelle Bastarache**

*And for all who care for them.*

Inclement  
Weather  
Policy

**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**



### \*\*Sunday In person sessions

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

Session date for both groupings:

- #12 Feb.27, 2022
- # 13 March 20, 2022
- # 14 April 3, 2022
- #15 April 10, 2022
- #16 April 24, 2022

### \*\*Tuesday In person sessions @ 6 PM – Years 1-2-3

- #12 March 1, 2022
- #13 March 22, 2022
- #14 April 5, 2022
- # 15 April 12, 2022
- # 16 Apr 26, 2022

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

### Sunday Confirmation In person Session

- # 11 Feb 27, 2022- Preparation session 2 @ 3 PM
- # 12 March 20, 2022 Retreat @ 3 PM
- # 13 April 3, 2022 Preparation Session 3 @ 3 PM
- # 14 April 24, 2022 Wrap up Session 4 @ 3 PM

### Zoom Sessions

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

- Session # 11 Feb. 28, 2022
- Session #112 Mar 14, 2022
- Session # 13 March 28, 2022
- Session # 14 April 4, 2022
- Session # 15 April 25, 2022
- Session #16 May2, 2022

#### Wednesday years 1-2-3@ 6PM

- Session # 11 Feb.23, 2022
- Session # 12 March 16, 2022
- Session # 13 March 30, 2022
- Session# 14 April 13, 2022
- Session # 15 April 27, 2022
- Session # 16 May 11, 2022

### Sacrament of Holy Communion May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation TBD

Sacrament of Confirmation May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM Mass



### REMINDER TO BRING IN PALM

A basket will be placed in the church entrance to receive your palm. It would be helpful if your palm were cut into small lengths, as that saves much time for those who will be burning the palms.



## COME & JOIN US!!!

### Synod - You are Invited

For the past few weeks, you have been reading notices about Pope Francis' call for the Church to embark on a journey of reflection and discernment under the title For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. The Preparatory Document says, the fundamental question that guides this consultation of the People of

God is the following:

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'journeys together:' How is this 'journeying together' happening in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together'?

The synodal process requires us to gather and to respond to this fundamental question. To facilitate this discernment and reflection several themes are presented for our consideration. The PMT has reviewed these and has chosen the following theme:

**LISTENING-SPEAKING OUT** Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, freedom, truth and charity.

You are invited to come to the church hall on Thursday, February 24, 7:00 PM to be part of this historic event. As noted in the earlier bulletin announcements, all are welcome and, in fact, encouraged, to come and participate. Invite your friends, acquaintances, everyone. As Pope Francis reminds us so often, especially invite those on the peripheries, those marginalized for whatever reason. Let all come to share where they see the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the life of the Church.



#### ASH WEDNESDAY– MARCH 2, 2022

St. Bernard's	9:30 AM
St. Bernard's	7:00 PM
St. Vincent's	7:00 PM



## **Call to transformation: Individuals, Church & Society**

In Laudato Si' paragraph 202, Pope Francis says that "A great cultural, spiritual, and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal." On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis

launched a two-year synod process in the Catholic Church. This is a "time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers." Our world is in the midst of a climate emergency. To move toward a greener and more sustainable future, drastic changes need to happen in our society at the environmental, economic, and social levels. We trust that God is with us and leading us on a path towards a just and more sustainable world for all humanity and for all of God's creatures. You are invited to our diocesan web site at <http://www.diomoncton.ca/en/news-item/diocesan-committee-laudato-si-> to view the sixth presentation from our Laudato Si Committee, prepared by Mr Eugène Aucoin.

## **Moncton Chapter of NB Right to Life**

Is holding a raffle....all proceeds will be donated to NBRL. There are 2 prizes: A bedspread (size double) with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe (protectress of the unborn) on it, donated by a local supporter and second, a bundle of gift cards (value 200\$). 1/5\$ or 3/10\$ Please make cheque payable to Moncton Chapter of NB Right to Life and mail to 87 Grand Trunk St, Moncton NB E1E 0E1 (add your phone number also) or you may use e-transfer [monctonchapter@arcadiev.com](mailto:monctonchapter@arcadiev.com) (Info: 381 4315) Draw date, March 31, 2022.

## **Development and Peace**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ. First of all, I would like to wish you a good Lent which will begin in a few days. It is also an opportunity to thank you for your precious donations to Development and Peace: donations of your time during the campaigns, monetary donations during Lent, monthly donations and donations of stamps. I remind you that these stamps are always welcome by leaving them in a box dedicated to this purpose in your parish. You can also send them to the Diocesan Secretariat for Development and Peace. In addition, the Diocesan Volunteer Committee is always looking for people to represent the organization in your parish and in diocesan activities by serving as a link between your parish and the Diocesan Committee. If you are interested, please contact the Development and Peace regional office by phone: 506 801-0440 or email: [nkalgora@devp.org](mailto:nkalgora@devp.org) . You can also contact the committee chairperson, Bertrand LeBlanc, phone 758-2253, email [bleblanc3347@rogers.com](mailto:bleblanc3347@rogers.com) .



**Update regarding the warming shelter that had been at St. Georges.** This warming center will now be housed at the old fire station on Assumption Blvd. While they are hiring staff, they still have need for some volunteers daily 6-11pm and 7am-10am (to help serve breakfast and assist guests in departing for the day). Anyone interested in helping can email Sonia Miller at [info@firstmoncton.com](mailto:info@firstmoncton.com) or by phone 857-1113.

**St. George's** will continue to let people come in to eat their breakfast and get/stay warm in the morning. The shower will still be available, and they have clothes to offer. There is always need for the following: Underwear, gloves, and handwarmers. A bin will be set up at the entrance of St. Bernard's to collect those clothing items which will later be dropped off to St. Georges. Breakfast items needed: cheese strings, yogurt cups, fruit or applesauce cups, and granola bars. These food items can be dropped off directly at St. George church. Call ahead before dropping off @ 855-5209.



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!



Observed in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ontario, and Saskatchewan. This holiday celebrates **the importance of families and family life to people and their communities**. Its timing is said to have been selected to coincide with the American holiday of Presidents Day.



#### 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.

# Dear Padre,

Previously you wrote that the Church is the bride of Christ, and we should remain faithful to that bond. Is there another reason to remain in the Catholic Church?

The Church is also the body of Christ. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he left his disciples with the mission he had received from the Father: instruct everyone in Jesus' teachings and baptize them into his divine life (Matthew 28:19–20). Through the Church, Jesus would remain present in the world.

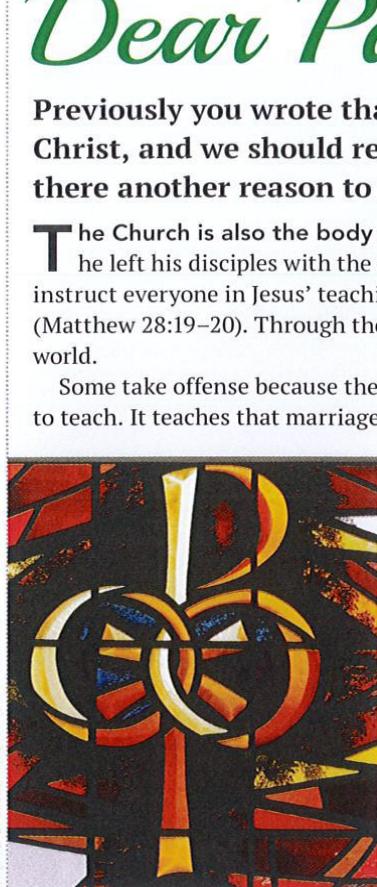
Some take offense because the Church claims the authority of Jesus himself to teach. It teaches that marriage is between one man and one woman, that

contraception and abortion are immoral, that capital punishment is a sin. Jesus himself may not have expressly addressed these issues, but he said to his apostles, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16). And to Peter he said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

It's true that since the time of the apostles some members, and even Church leaders, have caused scandal. The Lord asks that they, like Peter, repent and live a life of obedience and service to the Lord. That's why it's important that we examine

our own actions. Someone who abandons the Church due to scandals within its ranks should realize that encouraging others to abandon the bride of Christ and the body of Christ is a scandalous act itself.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We need to stop seeing the reform of the Church as putting a patch on an old garment, or simply drafting a new Apostolic Constitution....It cannot be a matter of putting a patch here or there, for the Church is not just an item of Christ's clothing, but rather his body.

ADDRESS TO THE ROMAN CURIA, DECEMBER 21, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 21

Weekday

Jas 3:13–18

Mk 9:14–29

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 22

*The Chair of St. Peter*

*the Apostle*

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 23

*St. Polycarp,*

*Bishop and Martyr*

Jas 4:13–17

Mk 9:38–40

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday

Jas 5:1–6

Mk 9:41–50

### Friday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Jas 5:9–12

Mk 10:1–12

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 26

Weekday

Jas 5:13–20

Mk 10:13–16

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 27

Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4–7

1 Cor 15:54–58

Lk 6:39–45

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.