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March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

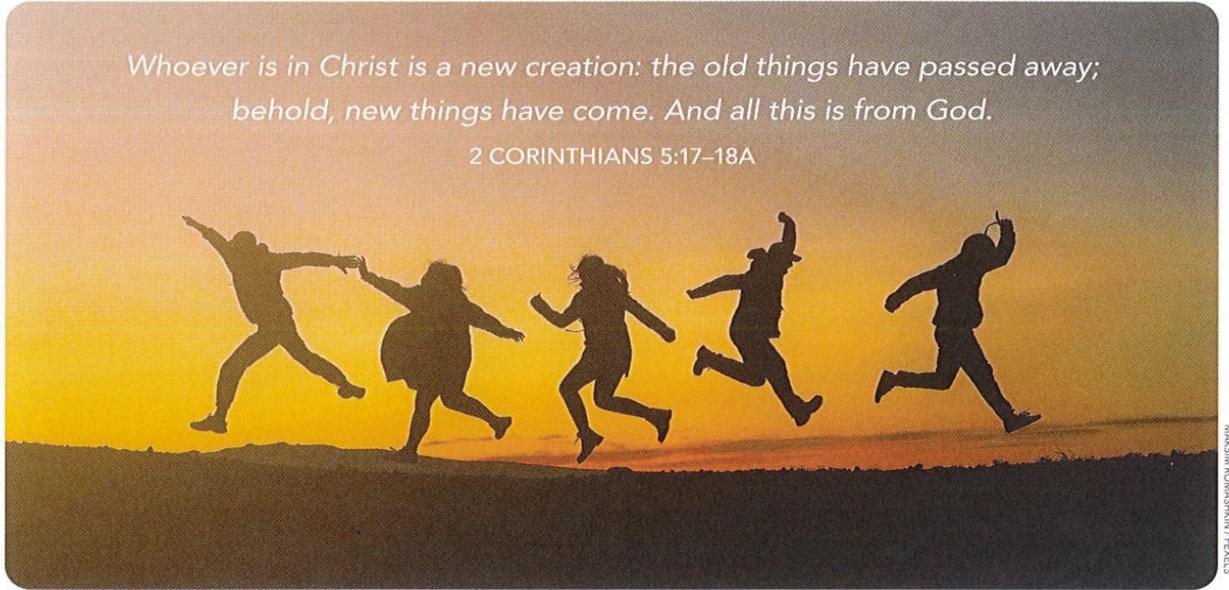
Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17–18A



MAKSM HONASHKIN / PEXELS

Rejoice!

Today is **Laetare Sunday**, the **Lenten Sunday to rejoice**. We are encouraged to rejoice, not because Lent is half over, but because something extraordinary has occurred. All three readings for today applaud some wondrous and joyous occasion.

The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites' grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience. They settled in Canaan and now celebrated the anniversary of their deliverance by offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice.

Paul's words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation. This too is reason to rejoice.

Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every

life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father's actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing.

God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Think of a time when a severed relationship was repaired. Be grateful.*
- ✦ *What might you do to repair a situation of alienation in your life?*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

*I will get up and go to my father and say to him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and before 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

The following items came into effect **March 14:**

Wearing of mask: We ask parishioners to maintain face masks in the churches *while people circulate (entering, exiting, and going to communion, etc.).*

Once seated, people will be able to remove their mask or keep it on.

Those who refuse to wear the mask will still be accommodated.

Distancing: People are encouraged to respect a certain distancing, but not imposed.

Registering for Mass: You no longer need to register to attend a Mass.

MASS TIMES-WEEK OF MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 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	Saturday @ 7:00 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 2022

Thur.	Mar. 31	9:30 AM	Late Michael Melanson & siblings	Marg Moore
Fri.	Apr. 1	9:30 AM	Late Leith Watts	Diane & Matthew Mallard
Sat.	Apr. 2	4:00 PM	Late Ronnie Cavanaugh	Family
Sun.	Apr. 3	11:00 AM	For the People	

OFFERINGS

MARCH 19 & 20, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 3,663.00	New Year's Day	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 188.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 285.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 75.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 920.00	Needy Fund	\$ 20.00
Easter Flower	\$ 160.00	St. Patrick's Day	\$ 149.00
Donation	\$ 40.00	Candles	\$ 68.15

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the families of:



Gary Clancy	Husband of Margo, father of Deborah, John, Bekki, Stephanie, Nathalie, Darryl & Kemble
Cathy Steeves	Mother of Roman

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	Della Tower	Peter Steeves
Ria Vrensen	Joanna Crosby	Lois Gallie

And for all who care for them.



****Sunday In person sessions**

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

Session date for both groupings:

#15 April 10, 2022

#16 April 24, 2022

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

15 April 12, 2022

16 Apr 26, 2022

Masks are required for all in person sessions.

Sunday Confirmation In person Session

14 April 24, 2022 Wrap up Session 4 @ 3 PM

Zoom Sessions

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

Session # 14 April 4, 2022

Session # 15 April 25, 2022

Session #16 May2, 2022

Wednesday years 1-2-3@ 6PM

Session# 14 April 13, 2022

Session # 15 April 27, 2022

Session # 16 May 11, 2022

Sacrament of Holy Communion May 8th @ 11 AM Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation May 8th @ 11 AM Mass



**Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
(CCODP) April 3**

Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God's children in preparation for Easter. The Bishop of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South. Normally this collection is held on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. On the day of the collection, an appropriate petition may be added to the Prayer of the

Faithful. Founded and mandated in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, and now a member of the Caritas International network of Catholic agencies, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. "So many people even today hope to have enough to eat. The planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking. To prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be one table for all. Doing whatever we can so that everyone has food, but also reminding the world's powerful that God will call them to be judged one day, and it will be demonstrated whether they have truly tried to provide food for Him in each person (cf. Mt 25.35) and whether they have acted in order that the environment would not be destroyed but would be able to produce this food."

-Pope Francis



**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



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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International meeting of the catechumenate 2022

To mark the 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, the Institut Catholique de Paris is holding a hybrid physical and virtual conference from May 5-7, 2022, entitled *The RCIA at 50: Developments and Challenges*. When introduced, the RCIA was unprecedented drawing on well proven liturgical practices that had not been used for hundreds of years. Within five years of promulgation, the Church began to recognize the catechumenate as the inspiration for all catechesis. Organizers of the conference feel the “50th anniversary ... offers an occasion to re-examine and deepen the reflection on this ritual and on the process of Christian initiation.” Major talks will be translated into English, and documents will be distributed to any registered participants. Currently, the planning committee is in the process of preparing workshops for English speaking North America. The link to the conference can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/billets-assises-internationales-du-catechumenat-2022-289490412617>. While the website does not offer an English version, once reached it can be translated using Google Translate. Cost is €110. Anyone interested in further information can contact Ellen and will be forwarded the brochure outlining the schedule of the days and indicating North American times and additional information for the sessions.

VBS EXPRESS Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will take place 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Zoom from June 6th-9th. The theme is **MONUMENTAL: Celebrating God's Greatness**. Register with Karen at 387-4198 or catechism.set@gmail.com or Trevor at 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com. Due to limited space, the registrations must be received by May 1st, and there will be a \$20 registration/place-holding fee that will be refunded at the end of the program.

A special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

On September 24, 2021, the Bishops of Canada issued a formal apology to the Indigenous peoples of our country. A few days later, they collectively made a nationwide financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. The national goal is to raise \$30 million over five years. In solidarity with all Indigenous peoples and, particularly with our local Mi'gmaq communities, the Archdiocese of Moncton is making a financial appeal to the faithful in our parishes to contribute to this fundraising effort. The first annual collection will take place on May 7 and 8, 2022. Starting on April 9, I will be sending out weekly announcements in the parish bulletins to inform you about the reasons for this national collection and the use of the funds. The Holy Father is scheduled to meet with individual Indigenous delegations the week of March 28th, 2022. A final audience with all participants will take place on Friday, April 1st. I invite you to pray for the success of these meetings that they may be fruitful and further engage us in recognizing the truth and achieving reconciliation. -Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



St. Bernards Church is open daily during Lent
Monday to Friday 12:00 - 1:00 PM & Sundays 2:00 - 3:00 PM
 This is to facilitate Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
 Please feel very welcome to come to the church during this time.
Mass may be said in some days on these times.



The Way of the Cross will be celebrated Fridays during Lent at 6:30 PM, April 1, 8 & 15.
To make this prayer available to as many as possible, it will be celebrated in different churches as follows:

April 1	Holy Family
April 8	Holy Family
April 15	St. Bernard's



EVENING PRAYER
 Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. Our priests, encourage us at the beginning of Lent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Lenten 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 & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 6 PM-March 31 & April 7.



Easter Flowers
 If you would like to donate funds for Easter 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 dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Envelope #	
Amount \$	



Standing up to corporate power in Honduras

The *People and Planet First* campaign is about helping communities stand up to corporate power. In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses. The Lenca Indigenous leader Víctor Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. Development and Peace's partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion

of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail. Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare the municipality of Orocuina a mining-free zone if elected. Read more about these people's victories in our Mini-magazine at devp.org/lent/resources



ONLINE COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Development and Peace is taking online donations to help the thousands of people affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. You can make a donation on our website (www.devp.org), by calling 1 888 664-3387 or by sending us a cheque by mail (1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7) made out to Development and Peace and marked "**Ukraine Emergency**".

St. Bernard's Lenten Penitential service will be Tuesday, April 5, 2022 @ 6:30 PM



Lenten Penitential celebration is intended for all who have already celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are invited to listen to the word of the Lord, & take some time to examine our Christian living (examination of conscience) in preparation for Easter. What attitudes or actions have kept us from loving God & neighbor the way the Lord calls us to do? Maybe we have hardened our hearts to others, or hurt others. The Lord calls us to come back with all our hearts to recognize & celebrate his forgiveness, mercy, compassion and peace. Take the opportunity to celebrate this sacrament and to help us welcome the Lord's pardon and peace. May we all take advantage of these sacred days to draw ever nearer to the Lord.



To celebrate Synod is to agree to "walk together", to discover what new steps the Spirit is inviting us to take to better respond to the Church's mission of Evangelization. The local phase of Synod began in the fall of 2021. As part of our Synodal journey, each parish in our pastoral unit has already met once to discuss a Synodal theme. The next step for our

pastoral unit, **St. Bernard's, St. Vincent's & St. Clement's**, is to meet for a second time to discuss the theme: Co-Responsible in the Mission.

Parishioners, and all interested persons, from the Pastoral unit are encouraged and invited to attend.

Where: St. Vincent's Church, Sackville, NB

When: Sunday, April 3, 2022

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Dear Padre,

When I'm trying to pray, I can't stop thinking about my to-do list. How do I keep my mind from racing when I pray?

Most spiritual directors encourage a person to enter gently into solitude and prayer. Real conversation with any friend begins with warm acknowledgment of that friend's presence, so as you sit or kneel, acknowledge that you are in a sacred place and that God is present.

Several techniques can help us find interior silence and solitude. Many people find it helps to sit in a comfortable position and pay close attention to their breathing. Taking slow, deep breaths relaxes our minds and hearts.

When repeated, a sacred word like *Jesus* or *Abba* can focus our attention and help us let go of the distractions that can so easily crowd our consciousness.

Another technique is to take a few moments to find quiet, then read a passage from Scripture. Many people choose the Gospel passage of the day; others read a Gospel through from beginning to end by reading a short passage each day. Other excellent techniques to focus your praying include the Church traditions of *lectio divina* as well as the imaginative prayer method advocated by St. Ignatius.

True conversation goes both ways. One way God speaks to us is through the word. Reading Scripture as part of our conversation with God is a good way to be sure we don't do all the talking.

Fr. Michael Brehl, 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*

Prayer often coexists with distraction. Indeed, the human mind struggles to dwell for long on a single thought. We all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompanies us even during sleep. And we all know that it is not good to follow this inclination toward disorder.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 19, 2021



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Calendar

Monday

MARCH 28
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

MARCH 29
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

MARCH 30
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

MARCH 31
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

Friday

APRIL 1
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

APRIL 2
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

APRIL 3
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 43:16-21
Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11

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