



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Is 43:16–21

Phil 3:8–14

Jn 8:1–11

“Do Not Sin Any More.”

At first reading of today's Gospel, one might think that those who brought the adulterous woman to Jesus were concerned about observance of the law. Halfway through the story, this error is corrected: “They said this to test him” (John 8:6). They thought that any answer he would provide would anger his audience. If he directed them to stone her, his teaching about mercy and forgiveness would sound hollow, and people would turn away from him. If he spoke against stoning, he would appear to be setting himself above the law, which required that particular punishment for adultery. They must have thought they had Jesus cornered.

Not to be undone by them, Jesus traced his finger on the ground. Was he listing the sins of the woman's accusers? Was he using silence to make them feel uncomfortable? Was he choosing his words carefully? Was he simply doodling? We don't know. But his words

cut to the core: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7). Who would dare step forward to execute the sentence? They left, beginning with the elders because the custom was to throw the stones according to age—eldest first.

Had Jesus undermined his teaching about mercy and forgiveness? No. Had he denigrated the law? No. Did he leave the woman with the impression that her sin was not serious? No. He left her with this admonition: I will not condemn you to death, but you have to change your life.

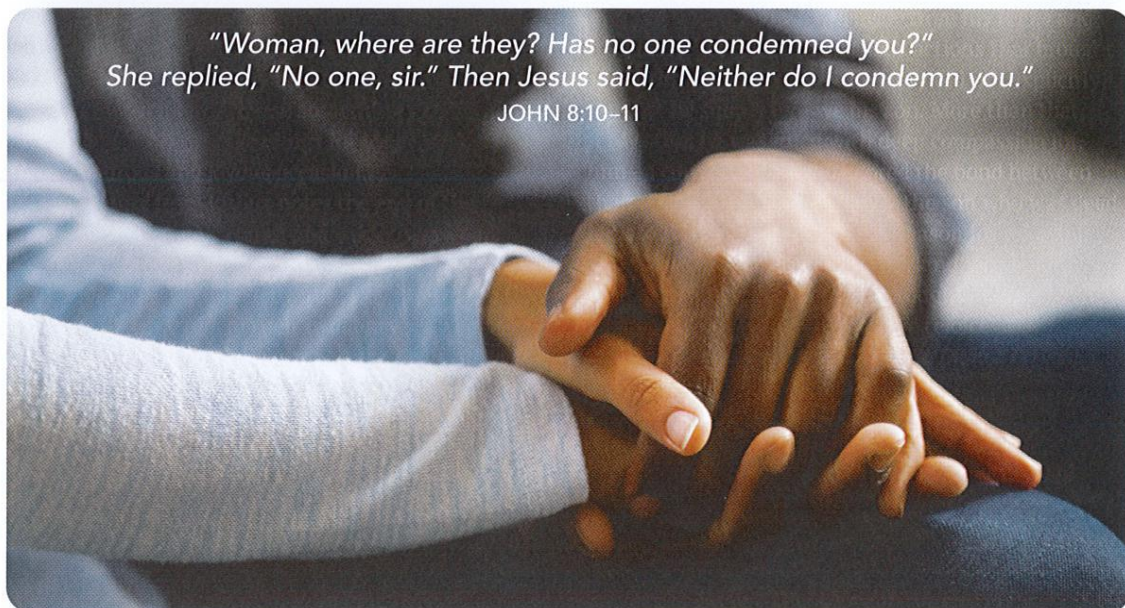
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How quick are you to point out the failings of others? What good comes from it?*
- ★ *What in your life do you know you have to change? Why can't you do it?*

*“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”*

JOHN 8:10–11



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

*Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord,
for I am gracious and merciful.*

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 APRIL 4-10, 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

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator	Fr. Allison S. Carroll (sick leave)	
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Adult Faith	Andrew Wilson	

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Phone: 857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4-10, 2022

Thur.	Apr. 7	9:30 AM	Late Marie-Mai LeBlanc	Elaine Elward
Fri.	Apr. 8	9:30 AM	Late Barry Johnson	Alma Gavain
Sat.	Apr. 9	4:00 PM	Late Lavire & Constance LeBlanc	Theresa & Edward
Sun.	Apr. 10	11:00 AM	For the People	

OFFERINGS

MARCH 26 & 27, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 4,371.00	New Year's Day	\$ 20.00	
Loose	\$ 167.90	Karing Kitchen	\$ 14.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 30.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00	
Capital Campaign	\$ 130.00	Share Lent	\$ 20.00	
Easter Flower	\$ 225.00	Candles	\$ 62.00	

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the families of:



Fernande Gautreau	Wife of Edgar, mother of Lise & Serge
Robert "Bob" Alain	Husband of Dianna, father of Angela & Lori, grandfather of Steven Lockhurst
Dina Arsenault	Wife of the late Alpee

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
Judy Chiasson		

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



Congratulations to 9 of our children from St. Bernard's who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday March 26, 2022.

Maya Guzman

Sid Rosalie Hart

Matisha Hilario

Meiyanna Hilario

Cailin Jensen

Alexandre Reis Manalo



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

To contact us:

Ellen - 857- 9952 or ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com; Trevor - 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Listening Church

The Atlantic Association of Catholic Youth Ministers is sponsoring an informal Zoom listening session where young people aged 14 and up are invited to join the conversation and share how they have been feeling about what's happening in their world. It will take place via Zoom on Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 PM with special guest and youth worker Jo Townsend from Community CARES in Sydney Mines. #ListeningChurch is an initiative arising from a series of virtual conversations held in collaboration with the CCCB and with young people across Canada in 2020. All young people aged 14 and up are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Trevor.

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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Sacrament Preparation Committee: Thursday, April 14th at 2:30 p.m.

Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will take place at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

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.



**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 8 & 15.**

**To make this prayer available to as many as possible, it
will be celebrated in different churches as follows:**

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.

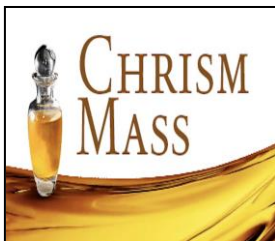
All parishioners of our parish unit are invited & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 6 PM - April 7.



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 \$	



Dear brothers and sisters, Good news! After two editions of celebration with a minimal number of people due to the pandemic, I am happy to be able to invite you in great numbers this year for the Chrism Mass that I will preside on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption in Moncton. During this beautiful and grandiose celebration, priests and deacons renew their promises. Also, the Holy Chrism used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination is consecrated. And the oil of the catechumens and the oil of the sick are blessed. So, we are all invited to reaffirm together our desire to proclaim the Gospel and build God's Kingdom. I will therefore be pleased to welcome you to the Chrism Mass.

- Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



JOB OFFER - PART TIME MANAGEMENT POSITION

The Archdiocese of Moncton is seeking candidates to fill the position of Manager of Our Lady of Calvary Cemetery on a part time basis. The interested candidates must be proficient in both English and French and have demonstrated management experience. Candidates may submit their resume to the Moncton Archdiocese Reception Office at 224 St George Street Moncton, Attention: Financial Administrator, by April 8, 2022. A job description is available by email: annettel.diocese@gmail.com



This Lent, give from the heart

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. In

Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, "Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods." Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.



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**". Thank you for your generosity in showing your affection for the women, men and children injured or forced to flee their homes.

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.

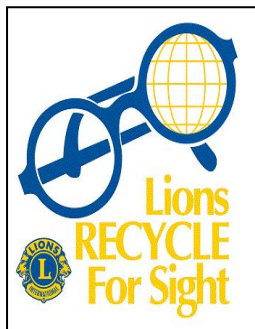


Next Sunday, April 10th is Palm Sunday

We celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday is also referred to as "Passion Sunday." It marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross



Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday - it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life of earth, beginning with his messianic entrance.



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.

Welcome to
ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH
We're glad you are here

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) 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!

**SCENT
FREE
ZONE**

Help us keep the air we share
healthy and fragrance-free

No Scent Policy

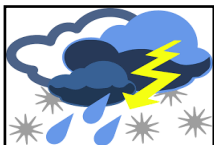
Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall.

Thank you.



Karing Kitchen

The Karing Kitchen offers basic, nutritional meals to all who come, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. They depend on private donations of both cash and foodstuffs to keep their doors open. They would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Without your help there can be no Karing Kitchen. They welcome your support.



**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**



*The week that
Changed the world.*

Chrism Mass - Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral	Tuesday, April 12 @ 6:30 PM
Holy Thursday - St. Bernard's (for parish unit)	Thursday, April 14 @ 7:00 PM
Good Friday - St. Bernard's - Children's Liturgy	Friday, April 15 @10:00 AM
Good Friday - St. Bernard's - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	Friday, April 15 @ 3:00 PM
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil – St. Bernard's (for parish unit)	Saturday – April 16 @ 8:30PM
Easter Sunday	April 17:
	St. Bernard's @ 11:00 AM
	St. Vincent's @ 9:00 AM
	St. Clement's @ 11:00 AM



A Special Journey

Is your spiritual life in need of renewal? Are you ready to embark on a spiritual journey? Look no further: we have the perfect experience for you! You are cordially invited to attend a 7 - week journey beginning April 25th, 2022.

Where? **Holy Family Church**

52 Falkland Drive, Moncton

When? **7 -9 pm**

This is a life-changing experience that will increase your faith, bring joy to your heart, and fill you with a new understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life. This experience is enhanced with music, praise, scripture, and friendship. Do plan on embarking on this faith – filling journey with us. Cost: \$15.00. Contact: Donna Babineau 386-2072 or Roberta Brine 386-5175.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Reconciliation Room

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, Thursday, February 28, 2008 Statement of CCCB

33. Thought should also be given to the actual place or space assigned for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with an individual penitent. While it is important to respect those who prefer the traditional confessional, other options are available, such as the reconciliation room or a more open space. The place chosen for the celebration of the sacrament must be a designated area for this purpose, with all the proper dignity that becomes a sacred liturgical space. Ministers of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are to respect whatever option the penitent chooses, whether the confessional, the reconciliation room, or a more open space. We do well to remember that Jesus forgave those who approached him in full public view. Who can forget the moving sight of those numerous young people during World Youth Day who went to confession in the open air of a city park? Are we not always edified by the good example of others?

In furtherance of this objective, we will construct a Reconciliation Room in the corner area next to the elevator. This will provide penitents with the option of receiving the sacrament either in the traditional manner or in a face-to-face meeting with the priest. Our hope is that more and more people will avail themselves of this wonderful sacrament of healing.

Blessings.

Fr. Charlie

Dear Padre,

If God is so forgiving, why can't I just ask for his forgiveness directly? Why do I need to go to confession and ask a man, a priest, to have my sins forgiven?

It's ironic that some claim a man cannot forgive sins. That same accusation was leveled against Jesus himself when he forgave the paralyzed man (see Mark 2:5-7). But Jesus clearly told his apostles they were to be instruments of his forgiveness. When he appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection he said: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).

James the Apostle also endorses the concept of humans administering God's forgiveness: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

Baptism, another sacrament administered by a person, starts our discipleship with Jesus. It cleanses us of all sin—including original sin. But even as Jesus' disciples, we are sometimes unfaithful and need to ask forgiveness. It's not surprising, then, that Jesus has given us another sacrament—again administered by a person—for the forgiveness of sins after baptism: the sacrament of reconciliation.

God is forgiving—so forgiving that when people killed Jesus, his Son, he did not punish and destroy the world. Rather, he used the death of Jesus to demonstrate just how patient and forgiving he is. Our gravest sins—murder, adultery, a life lived apart from God—require the intervention of the sacrament of penance. But even confessing smaller sins is useful. If nothing else, it keeps us humble enough to remember that all of us need forgiveness because all of us sin.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/GREGORY A. SHEMITZ

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Going to confess is not like going to the dry cleaner's to have a stain removed....If there is no love in the sacrament, it is not as Jesus wishes it to be. If it is functional, it is not how Jesus wants it to be. Love....toward the brother and the sister who are forgiven sinners. This is the fundamental relationship.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 12, 2021



Calendar

Monday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,

19-30, 33-62

or 13:41c-62

Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20,

91-92, 95

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

APRIL 7

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday

APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

APRIL 10

Palm Sunday of the

Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56

or 23:1-49