



May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 13:14, 43–52

Rev 7:9, 14b–17

Jn 10:27–30

Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue

Today's readings tell us of the Church's universality. The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but from its beginning it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism. The next week the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

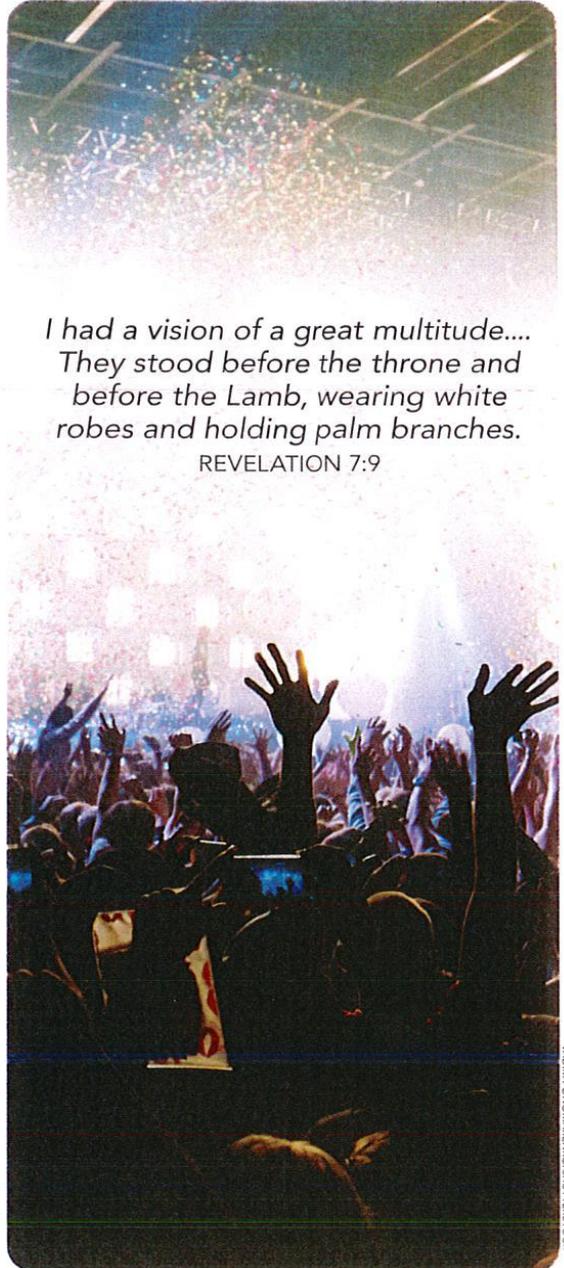
We know that many Jewish-Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement (see Acts 15:1). They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by “every nation, race, people, and tongue” (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected because what really unites them is the “blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How open are you to people of other nations, races, or tongues?*
- ★ *What might you learn from people with different backgrounds?*



*I had a vision of a great multitude...
They stood before the throne and
before the Lamb, wearing white
robes and holding palm branches.*

REVELATION 7:9

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 8, 2022***I am the good shepherd; says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and my own know me.***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****MASS TIMES-WEEK OF MAY 9-15, 2022**

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM
	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Saturday @ 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

St. Bernard's	Saturday @ 1:00 - 1:30 PM
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9-15, 2022

Thur.	May 12	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Emilie Martin-Robichaud	Ella Martin
Fri.	May 13	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Nick Evers	Corry & family
Sat.	May 14	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Michael Woods	Evelyn Woods
Sun.	May 15	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Francis Charles Joseph Gillis	Dr. Maria Gillis

OFFERINGS

April 30 & May 1, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 4,413.00	Loose	\$ 119.25
Building Fund	\$ 85.00	Capital Fund	\$ 2,077.00
Easter Offering	\$ 205.00	Share Lent	\$ 40.00
Papal Charities	\$ 30.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 75.00	Donation	\$ 150.00
Needy Fund	\$ 4.00	Reconnect	\$ 10.00
Indigenous fund	\$ 55.10	Syrian Fund	\$ 40.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

*A time to mourn.....
Sincere sympathies to the families of:*



Ted Riordan	Husband of (late) Theresa, father of Colleen & Patricia
Charlotte Coholan	Wife of (late) Bo, mother of Brenda, Mary, Jeannie, Patrick & (late) Kathryn
Roddie MacInnis	Brother in law of Irene (Jim) MacInnis
Denice Rose Furlotte	Wife of Maurice, mother of Katie, Cary & Joey

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	Marcelline Lokoka	Della Tower
Peter Steeves	Terry LeBlanc	Daniel Roche
Beulah Taylor-Richard		

And for all who care for them.



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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Faith Experiments Express

Our final Faith Experiments Express for this pastoral year will be held on Monday, May 9th at 6:00 PM via Zoom. The goal of Faith Experiments Express is to use hands-on science experiments to teach lessons in faith. To register, contact Trevor or Karen at 387-4198.

Monday @ the Movies

Our next film discussion will be held on Monday, May 16th at 10:00 am via Zoom when we will be talking about faith themes from the 2000 film *Erin Brokovich*, starring Julia Roberts. To register, contact Trevor or Karen at 387-4198.

For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

A three-part webinar on the Synod on Synodality is being offered by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis with the CCCB on Wednesday, May 18th, May 25th and June 1st from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. On May 18th, the theme of *Communion: Journeying Together* will be explored by Moira McQueen, LL.B., M.Div., Ph.D., Director, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute and David Daylor, Parish Lay Minister, St. Ann Parish, Hamilton, ON diocese. On May 25th, the theme of *Participation: A Co-responsibility* will be explored by Sr. Chantal Desmarals, SCSM, Pastoral Agent, Diocese of Joliette. On June 1, the theme of *Going Forth: A Missionary Church* will be explored by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Québec and Primate of Canada. Registration may be done at the CCCB website. For further information, please contact Ms. Margaret Shea-Lawrence at m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca.

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**. The registration deadline was May 1st, but at the time this bulletin was printed there were a very limited number of spaces left. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or catechism.set@gmail.com or Trevor to register.

Save the date:

A very early and preliminary announcement is being made regarding *Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower 2022*, a day of formation for all catechists, which is scheduled to take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 17th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview. The theme this year will be on mystagogical catechesis, and will be facilitated by Dr. Anne Walsh, from the Redemptorist Faith Formation Team. Anne is one of Canada's foremost catechists and has been on the writing and/or facilitation team for countless projects with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Combined with her beautiful Newfoundland spirituality, this is sure to be a day of shared wisdom, insight and storytelling and will be of special interest to all catechists in the diocese, especially those involved in coaching parents, RCIA, baptismal preparation, marriage preparation. Details concerning registration and sessions offered will appear in your bulletins in late August or may be found on-line at that time at <http://www.diomoncton.ca/en/>.



Canada Health Day May 12

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country.

This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.



Easter season: For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.



EASTER SEASON

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.



Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 2PM Prayer Service: Silver Rose pilgrimage

A Silver Rose on a nine-month pilgrimage will be the focus of a special prayer service at **Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral** (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus) in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and expresses both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The prayer service will be celebrated by **Archbishop Valéry Vienneau**. Everyone is welcome



JOB OFFER - FULL TIME WORKER

The Archdiocese of Moncton is seeking a full-time worker at Our Lady of Calvary Cemetery. Interested candidates should be bilingual, have demonstrated the ability to work in a team environment and be physically able to do the work. Applicants may submit their resumes to the Archdiocese of Moncton reception office at 224 St. George Street, Moncton, to the attention of the Manager, Our Lady of Calvary Cemetery no later than May 12, 2022. A job description is available at cimetierendc@gmail.com



Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

Over the past weeks, it was only possible for me to touch on some of the realities encountered by the Indigenous peoples in Canada. I have mainly touched on the issue of residential schools as this is where some dioceses and religious communities have been directly involved. I am well aware that there is still very much to be done to repair the legacy of the past, to overcome deep-seated systemic racism and to establish an equal footing between reconciled indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. I am also aware that no measure can

fully erase the pain of the survivors or that of the people living with intergenerational trauma. However, by listening to and cultivating trusting relationships with our indigenous peoples while working collaboratively with them, we hope to learn to walk together on the path leading to truth and healing. The projects we will be able to support locally, thanks to your generosity, will be concrete signs of our commitment to accompany our indigenous brothers and sisters on the long road to reconciliation. For those who may not have had the opportunity to contribute to the Reconciliation Fund, there are envelopes still available in the churches. You can pick one up and make your donation whenever you wish.

Thank you very very much. May God bless us and sustain us in our efforts to bring people together leading to reconciliation.

-Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



Human Trafficking in Canada

Human trafficking is an issue that Canadians need to be more educated about and to find ways to prevent the victimization of the vulnerable and marginalized. Monitor any developments from the federal government's *National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking*, which has a mandate until 2024. The federal government announced this strategy on September 4, 2019 with

a commitment to invest \$57.22 million over five years, starting in 2019-2020 with \$10.28 million annually thereafter to support the strategy. The strategy "puts in place a coordinated framework to guide the Government of Canada's anti-human trafficking efforts in a way that will **empower** victims and survivors; **prevent** more of these crimes from taking place; better **protect** those who are most vulnerable to trafficking; **prosecute** human traffickers for their heinous crimes; and embrace **partnerships** with provinces and territories and other organizations to maximize the impact of efforts." Read more about the strategy at publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/2019-ntnl-strtg-y-hmnn-trffc/index-en.aspx. Reference-Catholic Women's League of Canada National Council



KARING KITCHEN

The Karing Kitchen 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. Donations can be made through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> or donations may be mailed directly to: Karing Kitchen 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB , E1C 4Y3



*To all mothers...
May your days be filled with
love, peace, joy & laughter.
Happy Mother's Day!*



Food Depot Alimentaire (FDA) is a registered, non-profit charitable organization that serves food banks, community kitchens, after-school programs & other supportive agencies across NB.

Their primary functions include food storage and distribution, fundraising and food collection and advocacy for the people they serve and the agencies they support. In April 2017 in partnership with the NBAFB and Midland Transport, the Food Depot Alimentaire launched their provincial distribution division. Located at 330 MacNaughton, the warehouse is collecting and distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds of food each month. FDA services over 90 agencies provincially in an effort to ensure that no New Brunswicker goes hungry. Support is essential as they continue to service the frontline on hunger. If you would like to make a contribution, go to their website at: <https://fooddepot.ca/> for more information.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON
Office for Evangelization and Catechesis

April 25, 2022

Dear Families:

As the catechetical year comes to an end, I want to thank the parents and children who participated in the 2021-2022 Parent Coaching Program. Your support, patience and understanding have helped us navigate our way through another year of uncertainty related to COVID-19.

For the past two years out of necessity we have offered our families the option to participate in Parent Coaching sessions virtually via Zoom. However, with the removal of all public health restrictions by the Province of New Brunswick on March 14th, we have decided virtual sessions will not be offered for the 2022-2023 Catechetical Year.

As we have learned, public health restrictions can quickly change and we will revisit this decision when necessary. For now, your parish looks forward to gathering with your family in-person for Parent Coaching in September.

Have a wonderful summer!

Trevor Droesbeck
Office for Evangelization & Catechesis
Archdiocese of Moncton

Dear Padre,

Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter

the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

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Calendar

Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24–13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Sunday

MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21–27

Rv 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear....The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."

EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

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Overly Anxious About Sin?**
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