

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 15:5

## Pretend the Dream

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen I was in college, we had a professor who would often say that if, instead of acting the way we feel, we would act the way we would like to feel, then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped. Over the years, I've found a fair amount of wisdom in that advice, although I don't always remember to tap into it. I know it's all a kind of pretending, but somehow the pretending does seem to make a difference.

Each year, we make our journey into Christmas with a year's baggage. We come with good memories of moments of lazy fun, sun-drenched summers, and dappled autumns, vacations, and birthday parties. But we also make our way into this red and green season with a generous share of hurts and pains, failures and even sins, just because most years are lived that way.

And so, during this last month of each year we play at being happy and pretend that all is good. We sing carols

and toast friendships and wish each other blessings and goodness. And we do it all with an unspoken honesty, knowing full well that life is not always so, but maybe by pretending, and by some freakish twist of godliness, we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied by Isaiah. Maybe the wolf and the lamb will be kind, and the calf and lion will forget their history, and for at least one brief shining moment we will live in harmony with one another. ●

### Reflect

***This Advent, once a week, try to skip doing something that stresses you.***

***Once a week, act the way you would like to feel. Fake it if you must.***



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 4, 2022**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

**WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL UNIT**

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

**ST. BERNARD'S MASS TIMES / INTENTIONS - WEEK OF DEC. 5- 11, 2022**

Mon.	Dec. 5	9:30 AM	Late Jeffrey Ermen	Valerie & David Connors
Thur.	Dec. 8	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Jim Heath	Marla Johnson
Fri.	Dec. 9	9:30 AM	Late Jeff Ermen	Jeanne Wood
Sat.	Dec. 10	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Dec. 11	11:00 AM	Late Lloyd McCue	Family
St. Vincent			Sunday @ 9 AM	
St. Clement			Saturday @ 7 PM	

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**

St. Bernard's	Saturday @ 1:00 - 1:30 PM
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 CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:  
 ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)  
 OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425

## OFFERINGS

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

Envelopes	\$ 5,395.00	Loose	\$ 196.55
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Capital Fund	\$ 270.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 17.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 60.00
Christmas Boxes	\$ 425.00	Donation	\$ 120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00	Needy Fund	\$ 265.00

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

In Sympathy

*A time to mourn.....  
 Sincere sympathies to  
 all those who mourn the loss of a loved one...*



Prayer Request

*Ecclesiastes 3...  
 Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.  
 We remember in our prayers those who are sick...*

<b>Beth Purcell</b>	<b>Grant Stevenson</b>	<b>Judy Chiasson</b>
<b>Roger Berube</b>	<b>Ida Caruso</b>	<b>Tony MacInnis</b>
<b>Patricia Devine</b>	<b>Michelle Bastarache</b>	<b>Lori Rigby</b>
<b>Catalino Virtudazo</b>	<b>Bill Connor</b>	<b>Terry LeBlanc</b>
<b>Ed Muise</b>		

*And for all who care for them.*



**For the Holy Father's general intention for December  
 For volunteer not-profit organisations**

We pray for volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<b>Carmelites</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of month, 9:00 -11:00 AM	Meeting Room
<b>Prayer Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat & last Sat. of each month @ 7 PM	Church Hall
<b>RCIA</b>	Dec. 7 @ 6:30 PM	Meeting Room
<b>Advent Evening Prayer</b>	Thursdays, Dec. 8, 15 & 22 @ 6 PM	Church

### The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit Christmas Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>5:00 PM, 8:00 PM, &amp; 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>St. Clement</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
		<b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
		<b>St. Vincent</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Further details for Parish Unit &amp; Advent Reconciliation will be in next week's bulletin</b>			



### *Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers*



Once again, this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas 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 mailed to the parish office. (43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9) Names will be in the Christmas bulletin.

**Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.**

<b>In Memory of:</b>	
<b>Donated by:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>\$ Amount</b>	
<b>Envelope #</b> (if applicable)	



### **We are nearing the end of 2022!**

It is a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you may have missed over the year. Together as a parish community we can meet St. Bernard's financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, and preauthorized payments. **All donations for 2022 must be received prior to December 31st to be included in 2022 taxation receipts. Thank you for your continued generosity!!**



**From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis**

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### **Faith Experiments Express**

Children in grades 1 through 6 are invited back to Faith Experiments Express where we use science experiments to teach about God and Scripture. Sessions are conducted via Zoom and our next session will take place on December 5th at 6:00 PM. For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com)

### **Mondays @ The Movies**

Mondays @ The Movies is a group that meets regularly to discuss faith connections in popular films. This year we will have a special series of discussions called Advent @ The Movies where we will meet every Monday on Zoom. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss the (2006) *Children of Men*, and on December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be talking about the (1982) *E.T. the Extraterrestrial*. For more information or to register, contact Karen. .

### **Sacramental Preparation Committee**

The Committee planning sacramental preparation resources will meet again on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Riverview.

### **A Night in Bethlehem Family Event**

On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we will be offering a Family event entitled "Night in Bethlehem," at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Riverview. Contact Karen to register.



### **Advent Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)**

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. **We are encouraged to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent 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 and encouraged to gather for the Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) on Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church**

**December 8, 15 & 22 @ 6:00 PM**





## REFLECTION ON THE STORY OF CREATION, GENESIS 1

As we begin our journey of conversion and transformation in the Archdiocese, understanding the root of our present ecological crisis is our starting point. You are invited to participate at a reflection on the story of creation from the Book of Genesis. This reflection will be offered at three different locations on different

dates: **at St. Augustine on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (in the basement of the Church) and at St. Bernard's on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (in the basement of the Church).** All are welcome.



## Faith Formation

### Sunday

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

- Session #6----- December 4, 2022
- Session #7-----December 11, 2022
- Session #8-----January 8, 2023
- Session #9-----January 22, 2023
- Session #10-----February 5, 2023
- Session #11-----February 12, 2023
- Session #12-----February 26, 2023
- Session #13-----March 19, 2023
- Session #14-----April 2, 2023
- Session #15-----April 16, 2023
- Session #16-----April 30, 2023

### **Tuesday Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM**

### **Wednesday Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM**

- Session # 6 December 6, 2022-----December 7, 2022
- Session #7    **No session**                      -----December 14, 2022
- Session #8 January 10, 2023-----January 11, 2023
- Session #9 January 24, 2023-----January 25, 2023
- Session #10 February 7, 2023-----February 8, 2023
- Session #11 February 14, 2023-----February 15, 2023
- Session #12 February 28, 2023-----March 1, 2023
- Session # 13 March 21, 2023-----March 22, 2023
- Session #14 April 4, 2023-----April 5, 2023
- Session #15 April 18, 2023-----April 19, 2023
- Session #16 May 2, 2023-----May 3, 2023

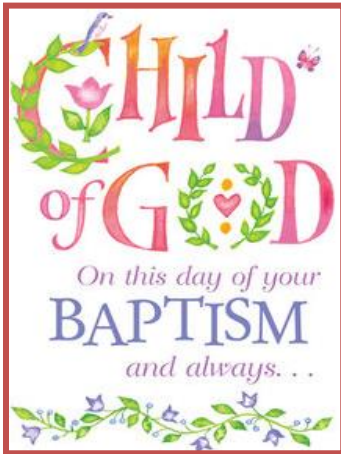


### *Mass of the Deceased*

*Mass of the Deceased for The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit was held at St. Bernard's on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd.*

*Thank you to all who attended and to all who helped in anyway to make that evening a very special time to remember deceased loved ones.*

*May their soul's rest in His great peace.*



### *Congratulations!*

*The following children were welcomed into St. Bernard's Parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 27, 2022:*

*Carter Patrick Theriault,  
child of Nancy Theriault*

*Dawson Machum Theriault,  
child of Chris & Courtney Steeves*

*May your children and your family always know the peace of Jesus and the light of His love.*



### **Advent Penitential Service for The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

**(St. Bernard's, St. Vincent's, St. Clement's)**

**Sunday, December 11, 2022 @ 2 PM at St. Vincent's, Sackville**

**Confessions are also available every Saturday @ 1 PM at St. Bernard's.**



### *Congratulations and best wishes to:*

*Barry & Pat Dickie*

*On the occasion of their  
62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
God bless and all the best.*

# Dear Padre,

**Many LGBTQ+ youth are homeless, suicidal, or even murdered because of who they are. How can we support them?**

Your desire to be compassionate is very much in keeping with the Church's teaching. In 1986, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now emeritus Pope Benedict XVI), issued a strongly worded call for civility and respect for homosexual persons. On the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons emphasized, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses that homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (CCC 2358).

"The Church actively asserts and promotes the intrinsic dignity of every person. As human persons, persons with a homosexual inclination have the same basic rights as all people, including the right to be treated with dignity," wrote the US Bishops in "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination" (2006). In terms of offering support, this document reads, "As baptized members of the Catholic community, persons with a homosexual inclination continue to look to the Church for a place where they may live in authentic human integrity and holiness of life. Being welcomed into and participating in their local faith community is the foundation of spiritual support that the Church offers to them. Full and active participation is encouraged. Participation in a worshipping Catholic community is a support for living a life of chastity and integrity and an encouragement to an ongoing personal conversion." ●

— **The Redemptorists**  
**DearPadre.org**



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Many people today are constantly using social media, but are not themselves very social: they are caught up in themselves, prisoners of the cell phone in their hand. What appears on the screen is not the reality of other persons: their eyes, their breath and their hands.**



ADDRESS IN A MEETING  
WITH YOUNG PEOPLE,  
ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021

### MONDAY

December 5  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 35:1–10  
Lk 5:17–26

### TUESDAY

December 6  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 40:1–11  
Mt 18:12–14

### WEDNESDAY

December 7  
*St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*  
Is 40:25–31  
Mt 11:28–30

### THURSDAY

December 8  
*The Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary*

Gn 3:9–15, 20  
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12  
Lk 1:26–38

### FRIDAY

December 9  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 48:17–19  
Mt 11:16–19

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### SATURDAY

December 10  
*Advent Weekday*  
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11  
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

### SUNDAY

December 11  
*Third Sunday  
of Advent*  
Is 35:1–6a, 10  
Jas 5:7–10  
Mt 11:2–11