



Once Upon a Mountaintop

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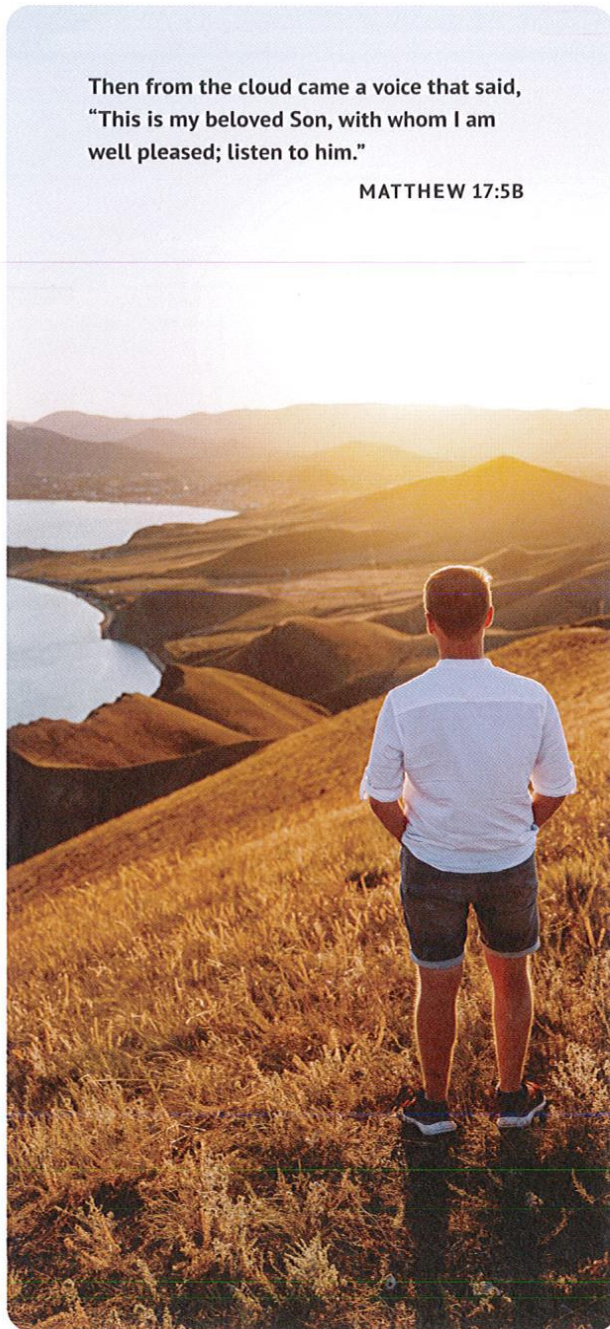
Many people, perhaps most people, have had a religious experience of some sort, something akin to that of Peter, James, and John atop the mountain with Jesus. It may or may not have included hearing a voice. Most often it is a deep sense of God's presence beyond anything they have ever known, like a profound realization of what life is about or how it is laced through and through with God. It usually occurs as we are idle, not doing anything in particular, and often when we are younger, yet it is also something that changes our understanding of what life and God are about.

Most people do not talk about such experiences for any number of reasons, partly because there do not seem to be words to describe such a moment in a way anyone would understand, like trying to describe falling in love. Partly because if we tried, we fear others would think us strange. And partly because we can find ourselves wondering whether it was real or simply our imagination. Yet always we remember the moment and know it to be true.

One additional characteristic of such moments is that they tend to take us to a new place in life, as with Abram in the first reading. For him it was to pack up his life and move. More likely for us it is to a life of service, caring, and treasuring all of life now in a new way. ●

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased; listen to him."

MATTHEW 17:5B



Reflect

*If you've had a religious experience,
is there someone you can talk to about
how it changed your faith?*

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions: March 6-12, 2023

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Mar. 6	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Peg & Giles Arsenault
Thur.	Mar. 9	9:30 AM	Late Blanche Gallant	Roy & DeeDee Carter
Fri.	Mar. 10	9:30 AM	Late Paul Gallant	Marie Beek
Sat.	Mar. 11	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Catherine Steeves	Roman
Sun.	Mar. 12	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sat.	Mar. 11	7:00 PM	Late Doris Spencer	Vina McGraw
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Mar. 12	9:00 AM	Glenda	Bob & Irene LeClair
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Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturdays, 1:00 PM at St. Bernard's

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St Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	

OFFERINGS			
February 25 & 26, 2023			
St. Bernard's			
Envelopes	\$ 5,360.25	Loose	\$ 494.85
Karing Kitchen	\$ 19.75	Ash Wednesday	\$ 515.00
New Years Day	\$ 30.00	Reconnect	\$ 10.00
Capital Fund	\$ 1,730.00	Building Fund	\$ 85.00
Syrian Fund	\$ 55.00	Share Lent	\$ 50.00
St. Clement's			
Envelopes	\$ 336.00		
St. Vincent's			
Envelopes	\$ 882.00	Loose	\$ 50.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 185.00	Funeral	\$ 100.00
<i>Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!</i>			



St. Bernards Church is open daily during Lent
Monday to Friday 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Sundays 2:00 - 3:00 PM

St Bernard's		
		MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Carmelites	2 nd Sat. of month, 9:00 -11:00 AM	Meeting Room
Prayer Group	2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month @ 7 PM	Church Hall
RCIA	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays of the month @ 6:30 PM	Meeting Room
Evening Prayer	March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5 @ 6 PM	Church
Penitential Service	March 26 @ 2 PM	Church



Music Ministry at St. Bernard's

St. Augustine wrote that one who sings prays twice. Music is one of the single most important elements of the liturgy. However, the music minister is not a performer, but a servant, encouraging and leading the people of God in song.

Music Ministry enriches the spiritual lives and liturgical experience of the parish community by providing religious song and the music necessary to experience sung prayer at the Mass. Looking forward to the Easter liturgies, St. Bernard's invites those interested in being a part of the music ministry to a **meeting in the Parish Hall Sunday, March 12 @ 1:30 PM.**

If you enjoy singing and would like to serve the Parish in this special way, please plan to attend this meeting for further information.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord! (Psalm 95:1)



Rite of Election / Enrollment of Names

The rite of election or enrollment of names is the recognition of God's choice to call the catechumens for immediate initiation into the church. This rite usually coincides with the First Sunday of Lent which begins the immediate preparation for the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Amy Melanson & Jacob Melanson celebrated this rite with

St. Bernard's parish community Sunday, February 26, 2023, and are now known as the "elect".

They will now enter what is the Period of Purification and Enlightenment which customarily coincides with Lent. It is a period of intense spiritual preparation, consisting of more individual reflection than catechetical instruction for the Elect.

The season of Lent points us all toward Baptism. The community is reminded of a Baptism already received. The Elect is reminded and focused on preparing for a Baptism yet to be received at the Easter Vigil. So, both the Elect and the community should take advantage of the season of Lent, or the Period 3 of Purification and Enlightenment, ".....as a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery." (RCIA 138)

Please consistently keep the elect and the candidates who are journeying through RCIA in your prayers.

St Vincent's FAITH FORMATION

There will be no session held on March 5th due to March Break and we wish all families a safe and happy time. The session on March 12th will be for the Elementary group and the Primary group will meet next on March 19th. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for the program, now until mid-May, please contact Cathy Crinnion at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:crcrinnion@yahoo.ca) or 536-4470.



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Formation for Parish R.C.I.A. Teams

We are pleased to offer a series of four virtual formation sessions led by Catherine Ecker, a lead Canadian voice in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Each session will take place on Zoom and run from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The fourth and final session will take place on **March 20th** and upon the completion of four sessions each participant will receive a certificate from the Archdiocese.

Monday @ The Movies – Lent Goes to the Movies

Everyone is invited to join our film discussion series taking place during Lent. Our remaining discussions will take place on March 13th (*Water*, 2005); March 27th (*Loving*, 2016); and April 3rd (*The Mission*, 1986). Each discussion will take place at 10:30 am via Zoom. Monday @ The Movies is a discussion group that meets regularly via Zoom to talk about faith connections in popular movies. Contact Karen for more information or to register.

Faith Experiments Express

Children in grades 1 through 6 are invited back to Faith Experiments Express where we use interactive science experiments to teach about God and Scripture. Sessions are conducted via Zoom and our next session will take place **March 27th** at 6:00 pm. For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com. Register online at www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development.

'The Hour Has Come' 3-Day Lenten Retreat

The Laudato Si' Committee invites you to enter this Lenten season with this scripture-based, evening retreat at St. Bernard's Church Hall. March 28th, 29th and 30th, we will start each evening at 7:00 p.m. and together, explore this beautiful world and its sacred community of life. Join us as we learn to pay more attention to God, to become more thankful and reverent, and through this, more deeply in love with our Creator and all that he made. For more information, please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com

Opportunity for Catechists and those involved in Sacramental Preparation

Msgr. Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau will offer a virtual conversation for catechists and those involved in sacramental preparation entitled "Baptism and Confirmation: The Big Picture". This interactive session will be held on Zoom on Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Archbishop Durocher's session is sponsored by the Atlantic Catechetical Association and is offered at no charge. For more information or to register, contact Karen LeBlanc or visit www.acacatholic.ca

Upcoming Meetings

Sacramental Preparation Committee, March 9, 2:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary.

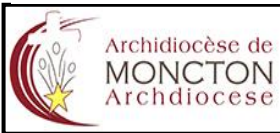
Parish Catechetical Coordinators, March 9, 6:00 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Youth Faith Commission, Wednesday, March 15, 4:30 pm via Zoom.

The Adult Faith Commission, Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 am, March 12, 2023.



The courage to Create Hope - To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion."

These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you do this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.org/lent.

Thanks for donations of used stamps to Development and Peace- Caritas Canada

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the donations of used stamps that are collected in the boxes placed **at the back of churches or that are sent to the Development and Peace Moncton Regional Office located at the Diocesan Centre (Cathedral Square).**

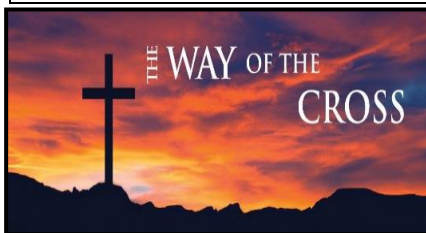
Last year, thanks to these donations, we collected about 15 boxes representing several thousand used stamps that were sent to Montreal and Quebec City where volunteers processed them to sell to collectors. The money raised (close to 1 million dollars since the beginning of this activity) allows us to finance projects of our partners in the South who work with the poorest.

Info.: Development and Peace Regional Office at 506 801-0440 or by email dpatlantique@devp.org Thank you very much and have a good Lent.

Development and Peace- there have been tensions over the years about some of the contracted projects delivered at the local level by this lay organization, even to the point that some Catholic dioceses withheld funds until an investigation was undertaken. A review took place, and 14 recommendations were made. Relationships and subcontracts were reviewed as well. Four bishops now sit on the D&P Board and have input into all projects.

The Way Of The Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross **during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM.** To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in different churches according to the following schedule:



March 10th	St. Bernard's
March 17th	Immaculate Heart
March 24th	St. Augustine's
March 31st	St. Bernard's
April 7th	Immaculate Heart



THE GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL UNIT

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Sunday, March 26, 2023, 2:00 PM at 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 Wednesday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 6 PM - March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5.

In Sympathy

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



St. Bernard's

Louise McGregor	Sister of Yvonne, Aunt of Angelique
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St. Vincent's

Ludger Throop	Husband of (late) Irene, father of Jacqueline
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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...*

St. Bernard's

Beth Purcell	Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube
Ida Caruso	Patricia Devine	Leona Cormier
Boyd Clory	Caroll Fiset	

St. Clement's

Gabriel Becker	Vina McGraw	Gerard McGraw
Ophelia McGraw	Shadra McGraw	Arabella McGraw
Helena Coulter	Suzanne Jones	Hudson Sweeney
Beverley Melanson	Harvey Niles	

St. Vincent's

Leone Campbell	Victor Landry	Victor Tower
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And for all who care for them.

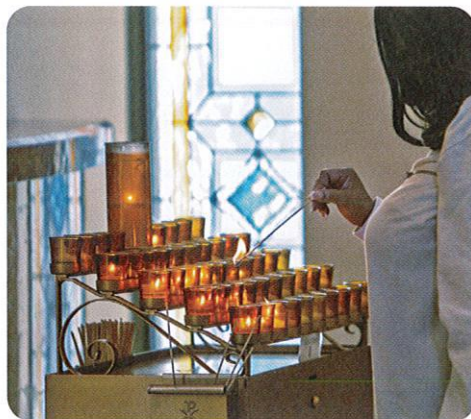
Dear Padre,

What is the value of lighting a candle in church?

Lighting candles is one of many customs that can be found in most of the world's religions. Lit candles, in church or at home, in front of a picture or statue of a favorite saint, serve a symbolic function. The light of the candle represents our desire that our prayer may be constant, as St. Paul urged (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The candle burns while we go about our daily tasks, symbolizing our desire to be at prayer with God. Similarly, Tibetan Buddhists spin prayer wheels and believe that as long as the wheels spin, a prayer is offered. Candles give light and banish the darkness. For Catholics they symbolize the light of Christ, by whose death and resurrection we are saved.

Lighting a candle isn't a required act. You can pray without lighting candles, without statues, without anything but your faith in God. However, we Catholics love our symbols. We like to engage all of our senses in our prayer experience: beautiful churches, colored light, incense, great music and, yes, candles.

One extreme position to avoid is lighting a candle hoping it will cause something else to happen, like the sudden cure of a loved one or relief from financial ruin. We are to avoid all appearance of using candles as if they have an untapped, magical power. Nevertheless, lighting a candle as a part of our prayer is a comforting custom and most things (and people?) look lovelier by candlelight. ●



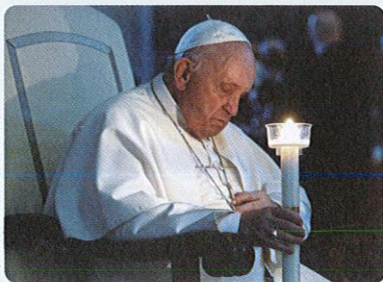
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Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](#) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4,	Mi 7:14-15,	Ex 17:3-7
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	12-13a, 17-28	18-20	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
				Mt 21:33-43,	Lk 15:1-3,	Jn 4:5-42
				45-46	11-32	



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy,... "The only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint."

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD), MARCH 19, 2018