

[Jesus said,] "Stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13

The Light of Wisdom

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darkneses cause.

Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

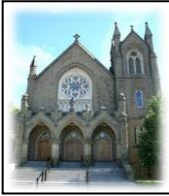
Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●

Reflect

*When and how has God entered into
your darkness?*

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9
Phone: (506) 857-0425 **Email:** sbhf@rogers.com
Office hours: Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 noon & 1-4 PM
Closed: Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, in lieu of Remembrance Day
Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5
Phone: (506) 536-1460 **Email:** stvince@nbnet.nb.ca
Office hours: Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM-2 PM



St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9
Phone: (506) 538-2262 **Email:** stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com
Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Nov.13	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Sid Wright	Mellie Wright
Thur.	Nov.16	9:30 AM	Late Walter Carroll	Sisters Alice, Geraldine & Jessie
Fri.	Nov.17	9:30 AM	For the People	
Sat.	Nov.18	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Chris Fortin	Family
Sun	Nov.19	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sat.	Nov.18	7:00 PM	Anniv. Late Barbara Olsen	Betty Ann Robichaud
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Nov.19	9:00 AM	Catherine Horyl	David & Lorraine Horyl
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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule
Prior to weekday masses: Monday, Thursday. & Friday: 8:30 – 9:20AM
First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Saturdays: 1:00 PM

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's – November 4 & 5, 2023

Envelopes	4,109.00	Loose	1,178.20	People in need	100.00
All Soul's	240.00	Karing Kitchen	44.00	Evang. of people	10.00
Donation	1,000.00	Capital Expenditure	607.00		

St. Clement's – November 4, 2023

Envelopes	265.00	Loose	45.00
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St. Vincent's – November 5, 2023

Envelopes	1,480.00	Loose	5.00	Maintenance	175.00
Baptism	60.00	HR-SV Cemetery	20.00		

Online donations for St. Bernard's and St. Vincent's will be reported in near future.

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

*A time to mourn...
sincere sympathies to the family of:*

St. Bernard's

Doris McKinnon	Mother of Carolyn Jardine
Pelagia Nhongo	Mother of Josephine (Blessed Simbanegavi, grandmother of Alvin and Allison)
<i>And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.</i>	



*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

Norm Gallant	Al Gallant	John Buckingham	Wayne Currier
Carol O'Reilly			

St. Clement's

Vina McGraw	Gerard McGraw	Ophelia McGraw	Shadra McGraw
Arabella McGraw	Carol Murphy	Ken Murphy	Hudson Sweeney
Baby Owen	Corine Allen		

St. Vincent's

Lowell Brine	Vince Wood	Mary & Art Chase	Leone Campbell
Tim Nye			

And for all who care for them.

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Ministry Team

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St. Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	



Remembrance Day-November 11

Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war & to pray for the victims of aggression & inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community & as a nation to bring God's peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer & action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.



In-lieu of Remembrance Day, parish offices closed Monday, Nov. 13/23



Holy Family Christmas Indoor Yard Sale Saturday, November 18
from 9-1 pm Lots of items, especially Christmas decorations!
52 Falkland St. Moncton

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

Baptisms	Sun. Nov. 26: 1:30 PM
RCIA	Start date to be announced soon
Baptism Prep	Sun., Nov. 19: 1:00 - 3:30 PM – contact parish office to register
Parish Potluck	Sun., Nov. 19 after 11 AM Mass– please see below

SUNDAY MISSAL

2023 - 2024 - Sunday Missals

We will have a limited number of Sunday Missals at the cost of **\$ 8.00 each**.

You may purchase a copy at the Parish office during regular office hours Monday to Friday, 9-12 or when attending weekend masses at the main entrance of the church.



Faith Formation Schedule

Sundays Year 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM / Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM:

Nov 12, Nov. 26, Dec 10

Tuesday Year 1-2-3 @ 6PM: Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 12

Wednesday Year 4-5-6 @ 6PM: Nov. 15, Nov. 29, Dec. 13

Confirmation In-Person Session: Nov. 12 and Dec. 10



St. Bernard's fall potluck November 19th after the 11 o'clock Mass. We pray it will be an opportunity to share our food and our faith with new and old friends. Anyone wishing to bring a dish, be it an appetizer or finger food, a main, or a dessert, please speak with one of the parishioners from our Local Pastoral Council after Mass on Saturday or Sunday or contact the parish office for more details. There will be representatives from various ministries on hand during the potluck should anyone be interested in learning more about how to get involved in the life of the Church. We hope to see you all next Sunday.



Used postage stamps have been gathered by numerous churches since 1984 to support various mission initiatives. We are setting up a collection box for people who would like to donate their used stamps at St. Bernard's Church's main entrance. To raise money for their projects in developing nations, the New Brunswick Catholic Women's League is collaborating with The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development & Peace to collect

stamps from parishes that are involved across the province and send them to the Montreal office. To generate revenue for projects? Dealers purchase the stamps, who subsequently resell them to artists and stamp collectors. Consider snipping the stamp off an old envelope before discarding it.



The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, making us sons and daughters of God and members of the Body of Christ. We welcome into St. Bernard's parish community the following children who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2023.

Simon Alexander White, child of Anne White

God bless them and their families in their continual journey of faith.



On the 13th of September, I received a letter from Father Allison Carroll in which he informed me of his decision to retire from active ministry, after dedicating 45 years of his life to the service of the Archdiocese of Moncton. He was ordained a priest by the late Archbishop Donat Chiasson on October 8, 1978. I want to

express my profound gratitude to Father Carroll. I sincerely thank him for his entire ministry, his dedication, and service to the various English-speaking parishes within the Archdiocese of Moncton. I am also grateful for his active contribution to various diocesan committees and his service as Episcopal Vicar for the English sector. He has been an excellent collaborator. As Father Carroll enters this new chapter of his life, we wish him good health, a well deserved, peaceful, and fulfilling retirement. Archbishop Emeritus, Valéry Vienneau.



***Mass of thanksgiving
in honour of Father Allison S. Carroll's Retirement***

Fr. Carroll was ordained October 8, 1978. His years of ministry included: Curate at St-Augustine's (1977-1981), Pastor: Holy Rosary - St. Vincent's, Sackville (1981-1986) and pastor of St. Edward's in Dorchester (1983); Pastor: St. Michael's, Moncton (1986-1997), St. Jude's, Salisbury (1987-1997), St. Augustine's, Moncton (1997-2000), Moderator: St. Augustine's (2000-2006), Priest Moderator of St. Bernard's: (St. Bernard's, St. Vincent's, St. Bartholemew and St. Clement's 2005-2023); Moderator St. Augustine's Pastoral Unit (St.

Augustine's, St. Michael and St. Lawrence O'Toole (2012-2019) and Priest Moderator Our Lady of Mercy (Pointe-du-Chêne 2014 - 2019). To honor his years of service and for all that he has done for us and our Lord, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving in his honor, **Thursday, November 23, 2023, at St. Bernards Church, 7 PM. All are invited to attend.** For those who wish to extend greetings, there will be a basket at the entrance of the church to drop them of in. **Thank you, Fr. Carroll for your care, love, and ministry to each of us. God bless you with His great peace, good health, and many happy years of retirement.**

Together, let's support the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro in Honduras!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to the call from our partner ERIC—Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain: Justice, Reparations and protection, The cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits and the restoration of their national park. “It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. All the damage caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired.” — Daniel Márquez, Guapinol defender and former political prisoner Let's ask the Honduran government to better protect environmental and human rights defenders and to act for justice. Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at devp.org/act.

St. Clement's

Fundraiser – St. Clements will once again be selling "Christmas sweet plates" loaded with goodies for Christmas. Plates are \$15.00 and orders are now being taken. Delivery of the plates will be Dec. 16th. Please call the office to order 506-538-2262.

St. Vincent's

3rd PUBLICATION OF BANNIS OF MARRIAGE – There is a promise of marriage between ANDREW ALLAN LEBLANC and DARLENE DAWN CARTER on Saturday, Nov. 18/23. at St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Sackville, NB.

PRAYING THE ROSARY – We invite you to join us in the Chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary for the intentions of our Pope and our parish/parishioners. All are welcome!

FAITH FORMATION – In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for the program, now until mid-May, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470. Adults of the parish, no previous experience is necessary for you to share your time with our Faith Formation families, as a helper or as a catechist!

The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

Nov 12, 26, Dec 10, 10am	Primary group – St. Vincent's Hall
Nov 19, Dec 3 & 17, 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's Hall
Mon. Dec. 4, 6PM - 1 st Eucharist prep parents of Grade 2 students	Holy Family Church 52 Falkland St, Moncton

HOLY ROSARY-ST. VINCENT'S CEMETERY – With the winter season approaching, the Cemetery Committee asks that all floral arrangements in the cemetery be removed before November 15, 2023

SOCIAL GATHERING – as announced at the end of mass last Sunday, St. Vincent's invites everyone to a social gathering after mass every second Sunday of the month, starting today! It will be a wonderful way to get to know each other and especially to welcome newcomers to our parish!



Trevor Drosbeck - 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com
Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com

Advent Retreat on Sat., Nov. 25 Craig Murphy will lead us on an Advent Retreat entitled "The **Longing and the Short of It**: An Advent Retreat, 9 – 12 pm. Location will be announced in next weekend's bulletin. Please register with Karen at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP: next Theology on Tap, Mon., Dec. 18, 6:30 pm at Five Bridges Pub in Riverview. Guest speaker, Maurise Levesque who will share with us talk entitled "Dealing with Loss in Death and Life: Common Misconceptions about Grief." Register with Karen at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com
Understanding Laudato Si': Laudato Si is a letter from Pope Francis that he writes to everyone on the planet, urging all of us to protect the earth, our common home. In his wisdom, Pope Francis suggests that human life is grounded in three important and intertwined (entangled) relationships: with God - with our neighbour - with the earth itself. A young Franciscan Friar, Daniel Horan, has taken it upon himself to help us all better understand Laudato Si. Please join us on Thurs. Nov.16, 6:30 p.m at **St. Bernard's Parish Hall** to watch **Part 1 of Friar Daniel's series, 'Understanding Laudato Si'**. This is a short 20-minute video that we can all watch, and then discuss, together.

Dear Padre,

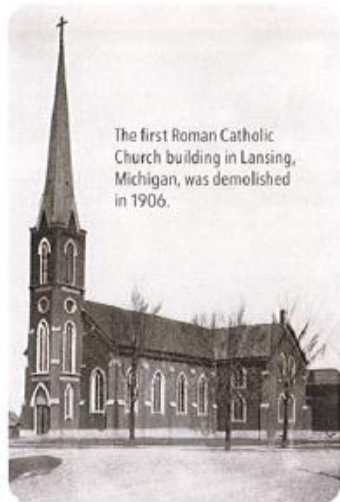
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13 <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i> Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6	November 14 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 2:23-3:9 Lk 17:7-10	November 15 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19	November 16 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 7:22b-8:1 Lk 17:20-25	November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37	November 18 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8	November 19 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

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