



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

MATTHEW 25:40



Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

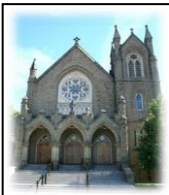
There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

Reflect

Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	Nov.27	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Bobby Girouard	Jessie Kinney
Thur.	Nov.30	9:30 AM	For the People	
Fri.	Dec. 1	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Shannon Rose Smith	Mom
Sat.	Dec. 2	4:00 PM	Late Ron Cavanaugh	Family
Sun	Dec. 3	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sat.	Dec. 2	7:00 PM	Boyne Murphy	Patsy Murphy and Family
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Sun.	Dec. 3	9:00 AM	John Gates	Paulette Durant
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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 18 & 19, 2023

Envelopes	\$2,985	Loose	\$999.50	People in need	\$280.00
All Soul's	\$20.00	Karing Kitchen	\$75.00	Evang. of people	\$25.00
Candles	\$224.85	Donations	\$105.00	Capital Exp.	\$355.00
Books	\$20.00	Papal Charities	\$20.00	Needs	\$100.00
Bldg. Repair	\$50.00	Pastoral Care	\$25.00	Need of Canadian Church	\$20.00

St. Clement's – November 18, 2023

Envelopes	\$265.00	Energy Needs	\$25.00	Donation IMO	\$50.00
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St. Vincent's – November 19, 2023

Envelopes	\$1,205	Loose	\$85.00	Maintenance	\$20.00
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn... sincere sympathies to:

St. Bernard's

Sylvia Roy	Jeanita Evers
Irene MacInnis	Wife of late Jim. Mother of Heather, Anita, Tony, and Paul
<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.

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Norm Gallant	Al Gallant	Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube
Patricia Devine	Carol O'Reilly	John Buckingham	Harold O' Blenis

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

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

And for all who care for them.

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



Mass of the Deceased

Mass of the Deceased for The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit was held at St. Bernard's on Wednesday, Nov. 8th.
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.



Needy Fund

Thank you for the ongoing **donations for the needy**. With less people attending masses, **the needy fund has seen an understandable reduction**. With what funds we had, monthly donations were made to the YMCA Re-Connect program to help with emergency needs for those in unsafe living conditions or being homeless. As we enter the winter months, we see greater needs present themselves for food and shelter. **Parishioners receiving envelope packets will note an envelope for People in Need in November. At any time, donations can be made to the needy fund by using a regular envelope with your name on it (and envelope number), so this can be included with your parish tax receipt.**



The last week of the Liturgical Year is devoted to eschatological themes:

Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. "There, with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord." (EP IV)

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

Baptisms	Sun. Nov. 26: 1:30 PM
RCIA	Sat, Dec. 2: 10-11:30 PM
CWL Meeting & St. Nicholas Party	Sun. Dec.3: 1:30 PM – Rosary & 2- 4 PM Meeting/Refreshments
Breaking Open – The Word	Thurs. Dec. 21: 10 AM



Season of Advent

The First Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2023

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and

messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



Breaking Open the Word – ADVENT 2023 Happening in St. Bernard's Church on December 21st at 10AM. Together we will reflect on how God is speaking to us this Advent Season.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Schedule

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

Nov. 26, Dec 10

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

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

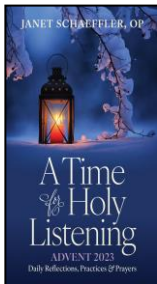
Confirmation In-Person Session: Dec. 10



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.

Advent Resources Next weekend you will find two resources at the back of the church for use during Advent:



The first is a booklet of daily reflections titled **A Time for Holy Listening** by Janet Schaeffler, OP. There are limited copies, so first come, first served. Please take a copy only if you intend to use it.

The second resource is a little book on the Holy Eucharist from Dynamic Catholic called **Beautiful Eucharist**. A very generous parishioner donated 120 copies which we will distribute as we did with previous books. You are invited to take a copy, read it, meditate on it, and when you are finished with it, return it to the back of the church for use by others.

THESE ARE AVAILABLE AT ST. BERNARD'S, ST. VINCENT'S, AND ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCHES



Christmas Boxes Please contact Food Depot Alimentaire for information regarding Christmas Boxes. Their contact number is 506-800-0803, email address: info@fooddepot.ca

St. Clement's



Christmas Sweet Plate 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

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Allan Leblanc and Darlene Dawn Carter their wedding took place at St. Vincent's on Saturday, November 18, 2023, with Father Carlos officiating! We wish you many wonderful years together!



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – December 3, 2023, has been designated White Gift Sunday at St. Vincent's. Unwrapped donations of new toys and books, pajamas for children of all ages, as well as new hats, mitts, and gloves for children of all ages are welcomed and will be distributed to families in need in Sackville and surrounding areas. Wrapping paper is also appreciated.

CONVERSION TO NATURAL GAS – After much discussion and research, St. Vincent's Local Pastoral Council has voted to convert the heating system in our church from oil furnaces to natural gas furnaces. This decision was made due to the increasing cost of oil and the fact that the furnaces and oil tanks are nearing their life span. The supply of natural gas to the church was completed this week and the installation of the furnaces will take place soon.

CHOIR – If you enjoy singing and would like to offer your musical gifts to St. Vincent's, please contact Leonette Nelson at rlnelson@nbn.net.nb.ca or 506-536-0764.

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 26th and Dec 10th @ 10am	Primary group – St. Vincent's Hall
December 3rd and 17th @ 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

FOOD BANK – If you can donate, please remember to contribute non-perishable items (including toilet paper, tissues, hand soap and dish soap, etc.) to the Food Bank basket which is located on the right side of the entrance to the church.



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Advent @ The Movies We are excited to announce that again this year we will meet four times prior to Christmas to discuss Advent themes found in some of our favourite popular films. All discussions will be held on Mondays at 2:00 pm via Zoom. Monday, November 27th at 2:00 pm we will be discussing the 2019 film 1917; December 4th: Citizen Kane; December 11th: Frozen; and December 18th: The Polar Express. Mondays @ The Movies is a film discussion group designed to spark conversation about issues of faith and spirituality found in popular films. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com if you are interested.

Transformed Through Eucharist What happens during the Eucharist? How important is Eucharist to you? Why do we prepare our children for First Communion? Transformed Through Eucharist will deepen your understanding of what the Church believes and teaches about the sacrament of Eucharist. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 4th at Holy Family Parish (52 Falkland Street). Facilitators Karen LeBlanc and Ellen Bennett will offer an overview of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and talk about how, through the Eucharist, the bread and wine and the assembly are transformed again into the Body of Christ. Please register with Karen at 387-4198 / karen.diocese@gmail.com.

Seniors Connect a safe space for seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on December 7TH at 10:30 am at Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland Ave., Moncton. We will gather for some festive music with Bill & Cathy and some treats. Also bring your ideas of topics you would like to discuss. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc 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

A Night in Bethlehem: All families are invited to attend a special interactive event at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, December 8th at 6:00 pm. Families will be led through a journey like that of Mary and Joseph on the night Jesus was born. This is a collaborative effort between St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and the diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. Registration is required, so please contact Karen at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

COP8 Matters – What can we do? Pray for Pope Francis, who is the first Pope ever to participate in a UN Climate Summit. Send letters to politicians to keep global warming below 1.5°C. Encourage municipalities, corporations, and others to sign the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. Make sure you sign yourself! <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/>

Let us pray,

‘Dear God, as we give thanks for the beauty and wonder of creation, we pray for wisdom, courage, and compassion in the those participating at COP28. May they agree on shared solutions that honour the needs of the poorest, while reflecting meaningful action from the richest. We pray the developed countries will lead, as they have long promised. We offer this prayer with all our hearts. Amen’

Dear Padre,

In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?

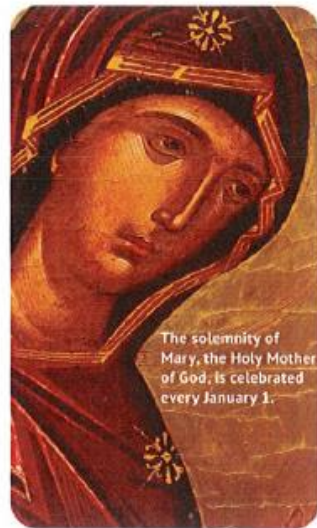
Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●



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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 <i>Weekday</i>	November 28 <i>Weekday</i>	November 29 <i>Weekday</i>	November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	December 1 <i>Weekday</i>	December 2 <i>Weekday</i>	December 3 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, NOVEMBER 22, 2020