

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.

MARK 13:33

How Has God Shaped You?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes it seems as if life is a laboratory of designed experiments on how to become human, all of them allotted ten-year blocks.

Have you noticed how nine- and ten-year-olds can be easy to be around? Then about the time we've gotten being a kid down to a science, life begins to move us into adolescence. We want to be independent and responsible, but we don't yet have all the skills. We have sexual feelings, but we're expected not to act on them. About the time we reach adulthood and move into our twenties, it seems we can finally do what we want, but then we might drink too much, spend too much, drive too fast, and party too long. Once we begin to settle down around year thirty, we have to learn how to live with another person. One likes it warm, the other cool. One seeks to save, the other spends. One is a homebody, the other enjoys going out on the town. By the time we've gotten to our sixties and seventies, we may have figured out life, but by then we've used up most of our energy.

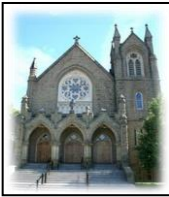
What's going on?

Faith suggests it's the hand of God shaping us into the sort of persons we're meant to be. "Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:7). Advent may be a time to figure out how God is acting in your life now and look back to see that God was shaping you all along. ●

Reflect

What did you learn in your last ten-year block of life?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Dec. 4	9:30 AM	Late Wayne Carrier	Madelaine & Grant Carrier
Thur.	Dec. 7	9:30 AM	Late James & Barry Heath	Ruth and Marla
Fri.	Dec. 8	9:30 AM	For the People	
Sat.	Dec. 9	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun	Dec. 10	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Patricia Lane	Billy and Reena

St. Clement's

Sat.	Dec. 9	7:00 PM	For the People	
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Dec. 10	9:00 AM	Late Theresa Tran	St. Bernard's CWL
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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 25 & 26, 2023

Envelopes	\$4,201	Loose	\$690.50	People in need	\$275.00
All Soul's	\$55.00	Karing Kitchen	\$62.00	Evang. of people	\$50.00
Poor	\$5.00	Capital Expenditures		\$180.00	
Bldg. Fund	\$10.00	Need of Canadian Church		\$20.00	

St. Clement's – November 25, 2023

Envelopes	\$185.00	Energy Needs	\$10.00	Donation IMO	\$100.00
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St. Vincent's – November 26, 2023

Envelopes	\$1205.00	Loose	\$25.00
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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

St. Bernard's

John Buckingham	Husband of Evelyn Buckingham and Sister of Eileen
<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.*

St. Bernard's

Norm Gallant	Al Gallant	Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube
Patricia Devine	Harold O' Blenis	Corry Evers	

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 all who care for them..



Father Charlie Broderick was ordained as a priest in the Archdiocese of Moncton
December 1, 2012

God's continual blessings upon him.

We thank him for all that he does in the service of God.

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The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Moncton invites everyone to join in our first ever **Simbang Gabi** in Moncton. **Simbang Gabi**, a Tagalog phrase that literally means "Evening Mass," is the Filipino traditional novena Masses offered for nine consecutive evenings before Christmas Eve. It is a spiritual journey for Filipinos, a time of reflection, devotion, and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Centred on the Eucharist, the nine Masses honour the Blessed Mother Mary, who carried Our Lord Jesus in her womb for nine months. How is it different from a daily Advent Mass? On Simbang Gabi Masses, the priest wears white festive

vestments, and the Gloria is sung. In Moncton, I will preside at **Simbang Gabi Masses at St. Bernard's Church from December 15th to the 23rd at 7:00 PM**. All Masses are in English. The Filipino choir will lead the hymns. We will keep the parish's regular daily and weekend Mass schedule, and we are only adding the nine evening Masses. We will be honoured if you join us in these celebrations. May this season of anticipation and reflection fill your days with peace, joy, and the warmth of love.

– Fr. Carlos Jacinto, **Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

Advent Resources: 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



St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

Baptisms Preparation	Sun, Jan. 21: 1:30 PM
RCIA	Sat, Dec. 9: 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



The Advent season is the beginning. of a new year in our liturgical church life.

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation [Norms

39]. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the General Norms point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Properly speaking, Advent is a season that recalls the Two Comings of Christ. Advent remains a time of preparation, however, the focus is on a joyous preparation. The circle of greens with four candles (The **first candle** symbolizes **hope**, the purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting. The **second candle** represents **faith**, it is also purple to symbolize preparation for the coming king. The **third candle** symbolizes **joy**, the color rose signifies joy. The **fourth candle** represents **peace**, it is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah. Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. **No matter what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year, it is always a part of the Paschal Mystery, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.** We are an Easter people even during this season. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light. The Advent season should be an accounting of how we have lived our lives over the past year. Have we become better disciples? Has there been a change in our hearts? If not what needs to change? Has our faith life deepened? How? What steps have we taken to work on our relationship with God, with Jesus, with our Church community? What are some of the acts of kindness or generosity that we could do that could start in Advent, but continue throughout the year?

**Advent is meant to be the beginning of a new heart.
How will you change this Advent season for the long term?**



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Schedule

Sundays Year 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM / Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM: Dec 10

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

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

Confirmation In-Person Session: Dec. 10

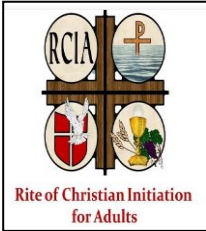


The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, making us sons and daughters of God and members of the Body of Christ.

On Sunday, November 26, 2023, Henry Robert MacDonald, son of Luke & Jessica was baptized and welcomed into the Roman Catholic faith and St. Bernard's parish community. God's blessings to Henry and his family in their continual journey of faith.

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit Christmas Schedule

St. Bernard's	Sunday	December 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent: 11 AM
			Christmas-The Nativity of the Lord: 5:00, 8:00 & 10:00 PM
			Christmas day Mass: 11:00 AM
St. Clement's	Monday	December 25	Christmas-The Nativity of the Lord: 9:00 AM
St. Vincent's	Sunday	December 25	Christmas-The Nativity of the Lord 11:00 AM
Advent Penitential Service for Pastoral Unit			At St. Bernard's: Sunday, December 10 @ 2 PM



*Congratulations and God's blessings to:
Roman Steeves*

On Saturday, November 18, 2023, at St. Bernard's 4:00 PM Mass, Roman was welcomed into the Roman Catholic family of faith. We pray that he continues to have the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, along with the support of St. Bernard's parish community, to persevere faithfully in the choice he has made. **God bless you Roman!**



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 7, 14 & 21 @ 6:00 PM**

*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. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin. **Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.**

Indicate parish:	St. Bernard's	St. Clement's	St. Vincent's
In Memory of:			
Donated by:			
Address:			
\$ Amount			Envelope # (if applicable)

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



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.

JOY TO THE WORLD! – Youth of St. Vincent's are invited to perform in a bell choir on Christmas morning! Children in Grade 3 and up are invited to participate; however, if enough older students lead the way, it may be possible to include younger children as well. No experience is necessary. Practices will be held on two Saturdays, December 9 and 16, with a final practice on Sunday, December 24. Time of rehearsals will be determined upon registration. To register your child, or obtain further information, please call or email Karen Olscamp: 506-536-3050 or kolscamp@live.com.

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 crrinnion@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:

December 3rd and 17th @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's Hall
Dec 10th @ 10am / resuming in January	Primary 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.

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

May 17– 27, 2024: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years. Cost of \$3570 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner, and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **INFO:** Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

Le Chœur des Aboiteaux: Christmas concert on Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m. Come and get into the holiday atmosphere in the magnificent St. John's United Church, at the corner of Victoria and Alma streets in Moncton NB. Tickets are on sale from the choir members for \$15, or at the door on the day of the concert for \$18. Children 12 and under are admitted free. An elevator is available. We look forward to welcoming you!

Dear Padre,

Why are the Gospels Matthew and Mark so alike? Why did the Church keep both Gospels when so much of Mark seems to be a mirror image of Matthew?

The Gospels were written over time and used by the faithful when they gathered for worship. They read the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus collected by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Christian communities were often great distances from one another. A community may have had access to only one of these accounts. There is considerable similarity because the Gospel writers depended on one another. All three Gospels include some of the same incidents. Each also has incidents or details unique to that Gospel.

These were not the only accounts written about the life and ministry of Jesus. At some point, the Church had to decide which should be considered the inspired word of God. There were four accounts that were widely used: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With their similarities and differences, the Church accepted these four accounts as Gospel—the Good News. ●



This first page of the Gospel of Mark is from a fourteenth-century Armenian illuminated manuscript painting by Sargis Pitsak.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 4 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	December 5 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	December 6 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	December 7 <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	December 8 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	December 9 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	December 10 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] ...is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord...who has come today to visit you...? He came to Bethlehem, he will come at the end of the world, but every day he comes to us. Be attentive, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks.

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