



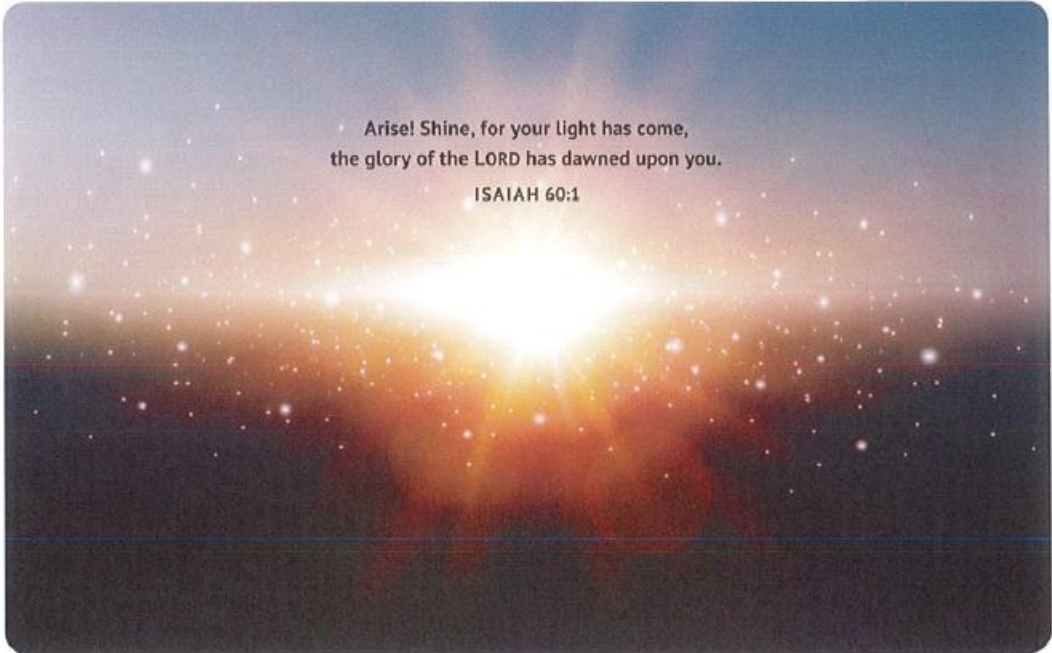
The Seekers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee. From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beneath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.

The story of the *Magi* is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sufis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God. ●

A photograph of a starry night sky with a bright, glowing light source in the center, creating a lens flare effect. The stars are scattered across the dark blue and black background, with a concentration of light in the lower half of the image.

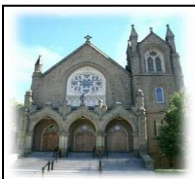
Arise! Shine, for your light has come,
the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

Reflect

Does it make sense to you to say that your deepest hunger is for God?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	Jan. 8	9:30 AM	Late Blain Guimond	Mary (Wife)
Thur.	Jan. 11	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Howard 'Ticker' Shean	Irene Shean
Fri.	Jan. 12	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Harold Woods	Evelyn Woods
Sat.	Jan. 13	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun	Jan. 14	11:00 AM	Late Tom and Mae Clark	Family

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Sat	Jan. 13	7:00 PM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
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St. Vincent's

Mon	Jan. 1	9:00 AM	Late Sharon Leger	Doreen Cormier
Sun	Jan. 7	9:00 AM	Late Lois Gallie	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Sun	Jan. 14	9:00 AM	The Sick	Jean Williamson



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 – Dec 30 and 31

Envelopes	\$8,340.00	Loose	\$1,490.95	Christmas Offer	\$155.00
Donation	\$10.00	Christmas Offer	\$155.00	Capital Exp.	\$95.00
Karing Kitchen	\$31.10		Building Fund		\$10.00

St. Clement's – December 24, 25, 30 and 31

Envelopes	\$2,245.00	Collection	\$20.00
Donation	\$570.00	Fundraiser	\$30.00

St. Vincent's – December 24, 25, 31 and Jan 1

Envelopes	\$2,175.00	Loose	\$169.00	Maintenance	\$70.00
Fuel	\$60.00	Christmas Offer	\$1,370.00	Christmas Flowers	\$50.00
Offering	\$790.00	Funeral	\$100.00	Cemetery	\$1,100.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



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

St. Bernard's

Cornelia (Corry) Evers	Wife of (late) Nick, Mother of Cornelius (Casey & Betty), Timothy (Kellie), Mark (Kelly), and Angela (Gary Pittman)
Florence Gallant	Wife of (late) Jacques Gallant, Mother of Raymond, Andrea, Mona & Roger
Roberta Power	Wife of (late) Gerard, Mother of Barbara, Susan, Stephen, (late) Robert



*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	Terry LeBlanc	Michael Black	Jim White
Patricia Thomson	Paul Doiron	Victor Williams	Carolyn LeBlanc
Shauna Chalifoux	Leonardo 'Boy' Generale		

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

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Lowell Brine	Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell	Tim Nye
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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	



"It's crucial to remain vigilant and protect us against potential fraud. Unfortunately, this festive time can attract the attention of scammers seeking to take advantage of our goodwill and increased online activity. **We would like to remind everyone that if you receive suspicious emails or text messages claiming to be Fr. Charlie, Fr. Carlos, or any of our parish staff, please be cautious and bring this our attention. Call our parish offices to verify any suspicious email.**

Bring your bottles and cans to support two good causes: Children of Haiti and Moncton's "Housing for Life Inc.'s project. Date: Saturday, January 20, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Location: Golden Age Club, Dominion Street. For information: Alphonse Dionne (506) 381-3525



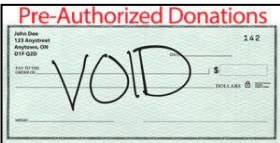
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Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Jan. 20 and 27: 10 AM
Baptisms Preparation	Sun, Jan. 21: 1:30 PM
Next Baptisms	Sun, Jan. 28: 1:30 PM
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425



PADS – (pre-authorized donations) If you would like to continue to donate to Capital Expenditure, you may also do this through the Pre-Authorized Debit system. Kindly contact **Geneva Rivera at 857-0425 or send an email to sbhf@rogers.com** to register for St. Bernard's PADS.



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 following child was welcomed into:
St. Bernard's Parish community
through the Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, December 31, 2023
Matteo Rojas Ruiz, child of Nestor & Vanessa
God's blessings on your precious little one
& your Family with his love and grace.*



YMCA ReConnect provides short-term and long-term assistance through outreach to youth and adults who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. YMCA Re-Connect is looking for donations of new or gently used sweaters, sweatpants, socks, hand / foot warmers and warm blankets. If you can donate any of these items to St. Bernard's Church, baskets will be set up at the entrance of the church to receive these donations. We will ensure donations get to Re-Connect. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

2023 Christmas Flower - St. Clement's



<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Boyne Murphy, Eileen and Alfred Doiron, Clarence, and Ethel Murphy	Patsy Murphy
Lester and Edna Brie	Everard Brien
Brian Edwards	Vivienne Edwards
Camille Leger, Lorraine and Rudolph Legere, Betty, and Allen Sharp	Jan Legere
Murray Legere, Ed, and Poppy Kehoe	Patricia Legere
Deceased loved ones	Charlene Cullen
All the Van Egmonds, Joe, and Ada Gagnon	Pam Van Egmond

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PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES – are offered to the family of Lowell Brine, who passed away on December 31, 2023. May he rest in the arms of our loving God.

FOOD BANK– Thank you to everyone who donated perishable food items and other goods to our local Food Bank in 2023. As there are many in need in our local area, we encourage parishioners to continue donating to this worthy cause. The food basket is located on the right side of the entrance to the church. Donated goods are transported weekly to the Sackville Food Bank by volunteers from our parish.

2023 Christmas Flower - St. Vincent's



<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Parents Leo & Ida Babineau and brother Fred	Rosemary & Garry Goodwin



Trevor Droesbeck 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or 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 January 11 at 10:30 am at the Dan Bohan Centre at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Dr., Riverview. We will have retired dietician Lynn Burdock join us. Jot down any questions you may have in the meantime. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next film discussion will take place via Zoom on January 29th at 2:00 pm, when we will talk about faith themes from Five People You Meet in Heaven (2004). 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 LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

Theology on Tap Our next Theology on Tap will take place on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 pm at Mai Asian Restaurant on Mountain Road. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Carlos Jacinto who will speak to us about vocation and discernment. Please register with Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.



On Christmas night the angel announced to the shepherds: “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news...” This message must still resound in our nights, in the nights of this world in crisis. Jesus is Emmanuel, “God with us”! On this occasion, I wish to convey to all my most sincere wishes, a Holy Year 2024 filled with love, peace, and joy in Christ! May it be an opportunity for you to recognize in an even deeper way this Jesus “God with us”, who walks alongside us as he walked alongside his disciples.

+ Guy Desrochers, C.M.

Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Moncton

Dear Padre,

On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of his birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six months after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life. ●

Fr. John Schmidt, 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

January 8

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

TUESDAY

January 9

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

January 10

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY

January 11

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY

January 13

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY

January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

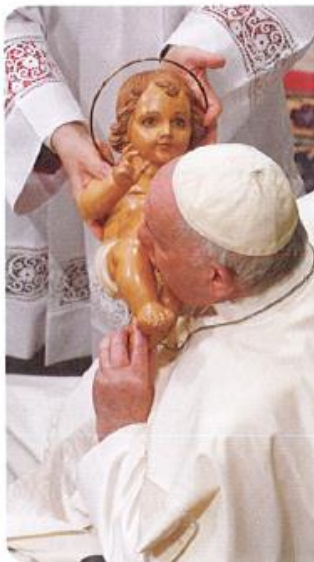
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



JOSEPH V. MICHELE



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like a rising star (see Numbers 24:17), Jesus comes to enlighten all peoples and to brighten the nights of humanity. Today, with the Magi, let us lift our eyes to heaven and ask: "Where is the child who has been born?" (Matthew 2:2). Where can we find and encounter our Lord?

HOMILY, ROME,
JANUARY 6, 2023

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