



[Jesus] remained in the desert
for forty days, tempted by
Satan.

MARK 1:13



A Trek in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

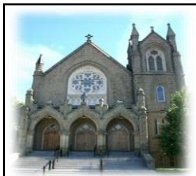
Deserts come in all shapes and sizes. For Noah, it turned out to be a desert of water, an endless, dreary expanse. For Jesus, it was also without end, one of rocks and sand; it was a harsh existence. In our lives, deserts might be a debilitating illness, a dried-up marriage, grief over lost love, a job that seems to tax our sanity, or a childhood scarred by abuse. Not long ago, the world found itself in a pandemic desert. For many, it was one of cabin fever that isolated us from family and friends. Deserts are not alluring places. They are places from which we tend to run.

Some people deal with the inevitable deserts of life by becoming angry; others grow bitter and turn inward; others blame God and walk away from faith. Yet deserts can also be the very forces that reshape lives. With nothing else to distract us, in the desert we come face to face with ourselves, with who we really are and whose voice it is that we follow. There we take a stand on life, as Jesus did. It was the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert, and it was there that he realized the future to which he was being called. So also with us. Deserts become places where we discover what God is asking of us and where we need to go, all discoveries that may otherwise never have occurred. In some strange and curious way, then, deserts may be blessings in our lives. ●

Reflect

Have you had a desert experience? How did it reshape your 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.	Feb. 19	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Barry & Jim Heath	Marla Johnson and Ruth Heath
Thur.	Feb. 22	9:30 AM	For our Family's needs	From a Parishioner
Fri.	Feb. 23	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Hampford Hachey	Claire Hachey
Sat.	Feb. 24	4:00 PM	Late Bob Bassett	Norma Sanders
Sun	Feb. 25	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sat	Feb. 24	7:00 PM	Cheryl Doucette	
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St. Vincent's

Sun	Feb. 25	9:00 AM	For the People	
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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 – Feb. 10 & 11, 2024

Envelopes	\$3,159.55	Loose	\$764.20	Capital Exp.	\$4,769
Karing Kitchen	\$34.85	Needy	\$5.00	Ash Wednesday	\$115.00

St. Clement's – Feb. 4 and 10, 2024

Envelopes	\$730.00
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St. Vincent's – Feb 11, 2024

Envelopes	\$4,075.00	Loose	\$25.00	Cost Offer Envelopes	\$10.00
Maintenance	\$255.00	Fuel	\$220.50	Ash Wednesday	\$50.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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

St. Bernard's

Robert "Bob" Cormier	Husband of Helen, Father to Nicholas and Curran
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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	Connie Wilden	Barb Bowes	Paul Doiron
Priscilla Tobin	Joseph Phee	Donna Bourque	Patricia Delahunt Thomson
Teresa Vermette			

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Carol Murphy	Ken Murphy	Hudson Sweeney
Baby Owen	Emma Cormier		

St. Vincent's

Hank Hendrikson	Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase
Leone Campbell	Evelyn Ayer	Teresa Vermette	

And all who care for them...



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



INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To save on the cost of mailing out income tax receipts your receipt will be available for pick up at the weekend liturgies, both before & after mass, at the main entrance to the church. They may also be picked up at the office during regular office hours. Any tax receipts that are not picked up by February 26, 2024, will be mailed accordingly. **Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous support to the Parish.**



Please - No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall. Thank you.



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 @ 506-857-0425

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Mar. 2 and Mar. 16: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	Sun, Feb. 25: 1:30 PM
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, Feb. 24



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

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

Feb. 25, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21, and May 5

Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM:

Feb.27, March 12, March 26, April 9, April 23, and May 7

Years Wednesday 4-5-6 @ 6PM:

Feb. 28, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8

Year 7 Confirmation next in person Sessions Sunday @ 2 PM:

March 10, April 7

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:



February 16	Immaculate Heart
February 23	St. Augustine's
March 1	St. Bernard's
March 8	Immaculate Heart
March 15	St. Augustine's
March 22	St. Bernard's
March 29	Immaculate Heart

LORD · JESUS



BE · OUR · MORNING · JOY
OUR · EVENING · REST

Join us for Evening Prayer

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 Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 6 PM Feb. 22, Feb. 29, Mar. 7, Mar. 14 and Mar. 21



Coffee & Chat

Coffee and Chat:

Please join us after 11:00 AM mass on Sunday, February 18th
for Coffee, Tea, and some sweets.

Apple Juice for the children.

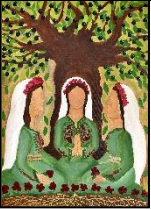
Compliments of Knights Council 1310

St. Clement's

Believe Hope you will consider joining our group at St. Clement's for a casual discussion on our faith. Mon. 26 Feb. 1:30pm St. Clement's downstairs.

Tax Receipts 2023 has been mailed

St. Vincent's



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 – World Day of Prayer is celebrated on the first Friday of March each year to encourage Christian women to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within their mission auxiliaries and associations. Women have a strong sense of identification with the needs of other women and children and are better suited to provide the appropriate support. Since 1861, despite strong resistance from the all-male mission boards, women have established several effective boards for foreign and home missions working directly with and for women and children. World Day of Prayer is an initiative of one such board, which aims to make the lives of women and children easier by offering resources and support. You are warmly invited to attend **The World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Worship Service at The Church by The Lake, 14 Church Street, Sackville, NB, on March 1, 2024, at 2 p.m. (Snow date March 8, 2024)**. Many denominations in Sackville will take turns reading sections of the service. We are looking for one of our parishioners to be one of these readers. Please notify Lorraine at the Parish Office if you would like to represent St. Vincent's and offer your gifts in this manner.



FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's – 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 upcoming Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

February 18th and March 3rd @ 10am in Primary group (grades 1-3) – St. Vincent's Hall
*February 25th at 7pm ****note the change of meeting time**** ~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall*

March 10th (10am) ~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall

Sacramental preparations (guided sessions for children and their parents) will be scheduled soon for: 1st Eucharist (students in Grade 2 or 3) and 1st Reconciliation (students in Grade 3 and beyond who have already received the Eucharist)



WELCOME NEWCOMERS! – The Town of Sackville, St. Vincent's Church, and the Drew Nursing Home welcome the newly arrived nurses and their families from the Philippines! Thank you to all who have offered household goods, small appliances, children's toys, etc. to assist these new families! We are still looking for bedding/blankets/furniture/small appliances to help them set up apartments. Please call the Parish Office if you have items in good condition that you wish to donate. Please leave a message if you call at a time when there is no one in the office. 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca

LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet five times over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films. **February 26th – The Notebook (2004); March 4th – Straight Story (1999); March 11th – Calvary (2014); March 18th – Monsoon Wedding (2001); and March 25th – Billy Elliot (2000).** All discussions take place on Zoom at 2:00 pm. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com to register. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, and DVDs will be made available for participants to borrow.

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 March 14th at 10:30am at the Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. We will be joined by a representative from the Alzheimer's Society to talk about how we can keep our brains sharp. Jot down any questions you may have in the meantime. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.dioceses@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.

ENLARGE YOUR TENT: A Symposium on Welcome and Hospitality the English Diocesan Adult Faith Commission invites you to an interactive discussion on Thursday, February 29th, 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish in Moncton (52 Falkland Street). Grounded in Isaiah 54:2, the tent image was used by Pope Francis to help inform our Synod conversations, and we will use it as a starting point for our conversation on the 29th. For more information and to register, contact Trevor at 857-4879, trevord.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.

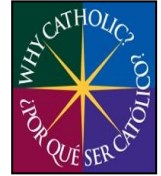
Lenten Walk with the Lord – 40 Acts of Kindness the Moncton Archdiocese is presenting an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. “Lenten Walk with the Lord” invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. There is a calendar which will be placed in the bulletin to help you keep track of your kindness along with some simple instructions to help guide you. For example, kindness can be as simple as a ‘smile’ and often begins at home.



Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. Our transformative work is possible thanks to the generosity and support of our members and Canadians who stand by us. Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/membership. For more information, contact Development and Peace -

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THIS LENT! Jesus continues to ask us the question: "What are you looking for?"
Are you looking for a spiritual adventure where your curiosity meets enlightenment?
Are you looking for companions on your quest for spiritual growth?
Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your friendship with God?



The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit is launching **'Why Catholic?' Adult Faith Journey** on **February 25- March 2, 2024**. 'Why Catholic?' is a four-part faith-sharing series that will help you connect Catholic teachings in your daily life. If you look at your Catechism book, it has four pillars: *The Profession of Faith, The Celebration of the Christian Mystery, Life in Christ, and Christian Prayer*. The whole **'Why Catholic?'** journey is divided into four books: *Believe, Celebrate, Live, and Pray*. These four books pertain to the four pillars of the Catechism. Each book has 12 sessions. Each session typically lasts for 90 minutes. The heart of this process will be the gathering of small groups of parishioners in homes, parish hall, or via Zoom to read and pray with the Scriptures and the Catechism. Sessions occur every two weeks. This coming Lent, our pastoral unit will begin with *Believe* book. This is a total parish experience designed to help you and all in our parish community bring faith to life by exploring the truths that we, as Catholics, believe, offering the opportunity to explore these basic tenets of our faith, looking at what the Catechism calls "the oldest Roman Catechism," namely, the Apostles' Creed, and its relevance in our daily life. \$20 is the suggested fee for the book, but this fee may be waived if the budget is tight. Money should not deter us from exploring our faith. Sign-up cards will be available in the pews in the next few weeks. One of the questions we will ask is your preferred day and time for the sessions. We will try to work around your schedule.

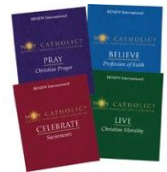
Interested already? More questions in mind?

Send an email to one of the coordinators in your area:

Ms. Pam Van Egmond (Port-Elgin) - pamvanegmond@gmail.com

Ms. Lynn Sitland (Sackville) - lsitland@live.com

Fr. Carlos Jacinto (Moncton) – fathercarlosj@gmail.com



Frequently Asked Questions about "Why Catholic Faith?"

1. Where do I get the book? Books will be given to the participants once we processed your registration. Registration forms are found at the entrance of the church. Once we receive your registration, we will contact you to arrange the pick-up of your book. We hope to give you your book one week before Session 1 starts.
2. How do I pay? There is a recommended fee of \$20 to cover the cost of the books. Payment is done anonymously. There is a blue box at the back of the church where you may deposit both the registration form and the payment. But, if that isn't within your budget, please don't let that keep you from registering. Your participation, your insights, and experience are what's most important. You may also pay for someone if you wish to share your blessings! The box is brought into the office every after Mass to ensure that the money and the registration are secured.
3. How many sessions are there in one book? There are twelve sessions in one book. The duration of each session is approximately 90 minutes. Each group will meet every two weeks.
4. Is this another catechism class? No. Rather than a "class," *Why Catholic?* is done through small faith-sharing groups. Eight people in one group. Each of us have insights and experiences about our faith. Often, we don't think about all the ways our faith connects with our everyday lives. These small group sessions will give us a chance to explore and share just how it does.

Dear Padre,

We're in the middle of home renovations, and the season of Lent is beginning. Everything is in total disarray. Any ideas to help me "keep my religion" at this time?

"There is...a time to tear down, and a time to build" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3). During the season of Lent—a word meaning "spring"—we are called to put away the "dead" deeds of winter. It's a time of spiritual "spring cleaning" for the individual and for the faith community. As nature renews herself every spring, so do we. The change of season may even prompt a renovation project—the kind you are now undertaking. The structural changes to a home afford many spiritual parallels—the redoing of your physical home can be a challenge to realign your spiritual home during Lent.

In the Genesis story, God is pleased with the handiwork of his creation. Likewise, our stamina, perseverance, and patience to see a work through to its completion are cause for great satisfaction and celebration. This would remind us that we are made in the same image of God, who took delight in his own work. Lent also can become a time of delighting in ourselves as God's special and ongoing creation.

When your home improvement project is completed, arrange for a blessing of your home. Enthroned a special cross or icon to venerate, light a devotional candle, and use holy water in the area of the home that was improved. At that time, remind yourself again that you and your home belong to the Lord—renewed during the spring cleaning of Lent!



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 19 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Lv 19:1–2, 11–18 Mt 25:31–46	February 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 55:10–11 Mt 6:7–15	February 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jon 3:1–10 Lk 11:29–32	February 22 <i>Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i> 1 Pt 5:1–4 Mt 16:13–19	February 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 18:21–28 Mt 5:20–26	February 24 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dt 26:16–19 Mt 5:43–48	February 25 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Gn 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 Rom 8:31b–34 Mk 9:2–10



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How do we hear the voice of God? We hear it in his Word. For this reason, it is important to know Scripture, because otherwise we do not know how to react to the snares of the Evil One. And here I would like to return to my advice of reading the Gospel every day....

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 22, 2015