



# Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

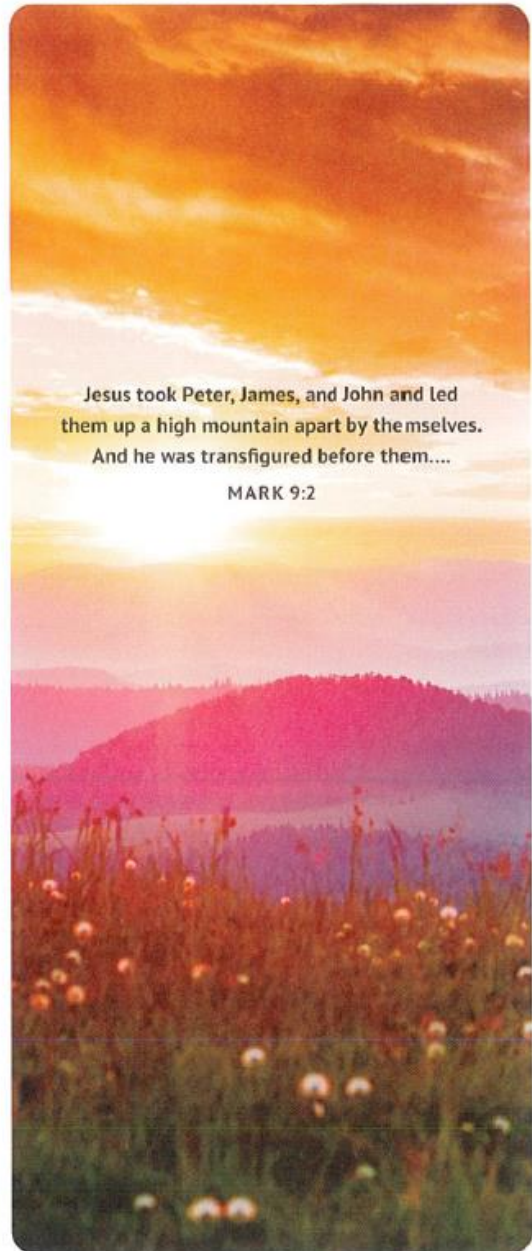
**I'** ve never met anyone who thought today's story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? Why would they tell it over and over?" Because of the ending—that's why. Like a movie we watch over and over even though we know how it ends, we watch it, in part, because the ending is satisfying.

The ending of the Abraham/Isaac story shows God is not interested in death and human sacrifice, contrary to the gods of that time. The God of the Hebrews is a God of Life—that's the surprise ending they love, and they keep telling it over and over lest they forget. For them, the part about the testing is simply a means to that unbelievable ending when God insists upon life, contrary to false gods.

In his poem "Try to Praise the Mutilated World," Adam Zagajewski writes of life's Godly moments in a world we have mutilated by violence, greed, division, and more. He muses on tender moments when we fall in love, on laughter until our sides hurt, on nature's dazzle, on the sweet taste of wine—all simple moments of a life-giving God transfigured in a mutilated world, for our God insists upon life. ●

## Reflect

*Remember and give thanks for the moments  
of this past week that made you smile.*



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them....

MARK 9:2

**Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**



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**Mass times / Intentions:**

**St. Bernard's**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Norman Avery	Jeanne Melanson
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Feb. 29</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Louise MacGregor	Yvonne Williams
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Gerald John Bouma	Mary Kelly and Walter Best
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Late Bob Bassett	Norma Sanders
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar. 3</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For the People	

**St. Clement's**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Late Marcel Arsenault	Vina and Bernadette MacGraw
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**St. Vincent's**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar. 3</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Late Lois Gallie	Brian and Helene Gallie
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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. 17 & 18, 2024

Envelopes	\$7,051.67	Loose	\$736.80	Reconnect	\$170.00
Karing Kitchen	\$202.65	Needy	\$60.00	Ash Wednesday	\$1,405.60
Capital Expenditures			\$1,143.33		

## St. Clement's – Feb. 17, 2024

Envelopes	\$530.00	Donation w/ Receipt	\$20.00
Candles	\$17.00	Missals	\$7.00
Ash Wednesday	\$170.00	Collection	\$10.00

## St. Vincent's – Feb. 18, 2024

Envelopes	\$1,842.00	Loose	\$20.00
Fuel	\$25.00	Ash Wednesday	\$225.00

*Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!*

**In Sympathy**

*A time to mourn. Sincere sympathies to all who mourn.  
the loss of a loved one.*

**Prayer Request**

*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	Francesca Ysabelle Magnabijon	Lynda Laverty	

### St. Clement's

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

### St. Vincent's

Hank Hendrikson	Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase
Leone Campbell	Evelyn Ayer	Teresa Vermette	Barbara Bowes
			Bertha DesBarres

*And all who care for them...*



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<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Pam Van Egmond	



**World Day of Prayer – March 1, 2024**, The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the sign of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated approximately 165 countries. To assist celebrations of the World Day of Prayer, services have been prepared for adults, youth, and children. Copies of these may be obtained from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, phone (416) 929-5184; fax (416) 929-4064; wicc.org.



**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.**

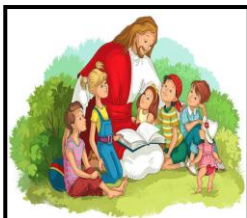


**IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca) OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 506-857-0425**

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, Mar. 9 and Mar. 30



### Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

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

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



### Holy Communion for the Homebound

If you are aware of someone who is homebound or in a special care home who would like to receive Holy Communion, please have them contact the parish office @ 506-857-0425

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. 29, Mar. 7, Mar. 14 and Mar. 21**

### First Friday Devotion on March 1, 2024, at St. Bernard's Church

8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 AM – Benediction - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 AM – Holy Mass



### Praying Before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

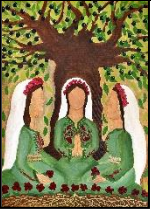
As we are continually reminded, prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three foundation stones of our Lenten practices. One exemplary way to pray is before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. To facilitate this prayer, the church will be open from twelve noon to one o'clock (12:00 – 1:00) daily, Monday to Friday, beginning this Monday. All are invited to avail themselves of this opportunity to visit Jesus's present in the tabernacle. Blessings.



## St. Clement's

Mon. Feb 26<sup>th</sup> our series **BELIEVE – Why Catholic?** Adult Faith Journey begins at St. Clement's at 1:30PM. Please register by calling or emailing Pam Van Egmond, [stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com](mailto:stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com) or 506-382-1835.

## 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. 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.



A reminder that St. Vincent's church building is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for those who wish to have a personal and quiet time of prayer. A group of faithful also prays the Rosary at this time in the Chapel. You are also warmly invited to join them currently.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Praying the Stations of the Cross is a traditional way of praying during Lent. We pray this familiar prayer to be with Jesus on this journey. We will pray The Stations of the Cross at St. Vincent's Church on Wednesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!



**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](mailto: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 25th (\*\*7pm\*\*) ~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall  
March 3rd and 17th (10am) ~ Primary group (grades 1-3) ~ 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)

**DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS** – As we welcome newcomers, please remember that they need household goods to furnish their homes. Thank you to all who have offered household items, 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](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca)



Trevor Driesbeck 857-4879 or [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com)

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:karen.dioceses@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com) or online at [www.diocesemoncton.ca](http://www.diocesemoncton.ca) → [Pastoral Offices](#) → [Adult Faith](#) → [Formation Opportunities](#).



**May 16– 26, 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](mailto:hectorcaissie@gmail.com) or 506-857-2295.



**Week 2: February 25 Last chance to sign the Stand for the Land petition.**

Today February 25 is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign. Over 32,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act). Thank you for your solidarity!



**Knights of Columbus, Council 1310's, 84 Broadway St., Moncton: Sunday breakfast: March 3rd, 2024:** Come join us for our Sunday Morning Breakfast and enjoy an awesome meal for a great price while supporting local charities! Our breakfast menu includes scrambled or boiled eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pan fries, pancakes, baked beans, toast, coffee, tea, and juice.

This event runs from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, cost \$12/adults & \$5/children. We hope to see you there!!! All are welcome to attend.

**We need your help: a call to show mercy to the poor.** Safe and clean water for all people is a right.

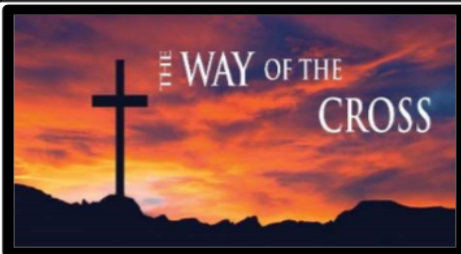
However, we often limit our actions surrounding this belief to drinking water; forgetting an all too prevalent emergency here in the Moncton area: the access to clean water for personal hygiene.

We're looking for individuals who would be interested in joining a steering committee to help open a mission allowing the working poor and people experiencing extreme poverty to access a private shower, laundry services, a safe washroom and free hygiene and sanitary products.

If you have a strong belief in the works of mercy and are interested in joining the steering committee or to help with this initiative, please contact Justin Mury by email at [gasliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:gasliturgy@gmail.com) or by phone at 1 - (506) 863-5466.

### 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



## **001 - Message from the Archbishop**

**February 20, 2024**

### **Lent: a time to fall back in love with God!**

It's resolution time! At least, that's what most people think of doing when Lent begins. There are signs that remind us of the importance of making new resolutions and keeping them: pants have become too small; the waist is too round; the mirror seems to be distorting us a bit. It's time to eat healthy, we say... which also allows us to eat a little more, perhaps!

But for Christ, there is nothing truly "holy" about this kind of resolution. Lent is a time to renew our loving relationship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters around the world. Through the beautiful texts that will be offered to us throughout Lent, God will invite us to renew our Christian commitment by nourishing our faith in his Word and reminding us that "we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. "(Mt 4:4) Attentive listening to the Word of God, lived each day in the silence of our hearts, is the primary attitude that will enable us to undertake a true spiritual turning point or change in our lives, which can so easily become anemic or lukewarm as we follow the currents of the world.

You might say, "I don't really need to change anything in my life. I have been a good Christian for a long time. I don't commit any serious sins. " But consider the great apostle

Paul: he wasn't a great sinner either. On the contrary, according to Jewish law, he claimed to be a man without fault. But when Jesus challenged him one day, this personal encounter with Him completely overwhelmed him and he became a man whose heart burned with love for God and for his neighbor.

Prayer, fasting and sharing. These are the three magic words that define the time of Lent. To live a "holy" forty days that will surely lead us to participate in the glorious resurrection of Jesus at Easter, I propose to you a different kind of fasting. A fast that will give a true place to God in your heart and that will consume you with love for your neighbor:

- Fasting on food a few times a week, or reducing the quantity, will lead me to stand in solidarity with the 3 million people who die of hunger every year all over the world.
- Fasting of electronic games, television, worldly readings or activities that do not elevate the soul in any way and that will allow me to devote more time to intimate prayer, this heart to heart with God.
- Fasting from unnecessary shopping or extravagant spending.
- Fasting that pushes me to share certain goods or talents with the most needy.
- Fasting of certain leisure activities that will allow me to do some volunteer work and that will bring me in solidarity with those who suffer from chronic or terminal illnesses, or

who are desperately waiting for the presence of someone who will know how to chase away their morbid loneliness.

- Fasting of a thousand and one small renunciations of my own will and offered to God to relieve or save souls, especially those who are still waiting for their deliverance from purgatory.

I wish each and every one of you a "holy" Lent. Let us take advantage of this sacred time that God gives us to fall in love with Him again; to become more supportive and compassionate towards our brothers and sisters who unfortunately stopped "bothering" us a long time ago. Imagine, for a moment, how transfigured and radiant the Earth would be if we all decided to live this Lent by making more effort to love one another sincerely, as Christ has shown and taught us by his example and words? We would already be in paradise, I am sure! As Lent begins, let us choose to embellish and transfigure our world by devoting more of our time to God and to our neighbor.

Sincerely yours in Christ our Redeemer,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Moncton

# Dear Padre,

*What are the guidelines for producing a passion play?  
My pastor said there are special guidelines to follow.  
What are they?*

Please read "Criteria for the Evaluation of Dramatizations of the Passion," issued in 1988 by the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of what was then called the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. (The document is located at usccb.org.)

Passion plays should emphasize the saving action of Christ's death and resurrection without becoming stumbling blocks to understanding the role of the Jewish people in salvation history. The document warns that "'stock ideas,' unfortunately, can become vividly alive in passion dramatizations. It is all too easy...to resort to artificial oppositions...to heighten interest or provide sharp contrasts between the characters." We must avoid portraying the Jewish tradition as "a religion of only justice, fear, and legalism with no appeal to the love of God and neighbor."

It is simplistic and incorrect to blame Christ's death on certain historical groups and neglect the complexities of the Gospel portrait and of Christ's life. Christ freely undertook his passion and death because of the sins of all, so that all might attain salvation. This is the truth that passion plays should strive to communicate most clearly. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29	March 1	March 2	March 3
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Our Father said this to these Apostles, and says it to us as well: "Listen to Jesus!" The Pope is not saying this, God the Father says it to everyone: to me, to you, to everyone, all people! It is like an aid for going forward on the path of Lent. "Listen to Jesus!" Don't forget.*

ANGELUS, MARCH 16, 2014

