



Spring Cleaning Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present—from a building to himself. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God's temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life's details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives—to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God's Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

*What might be cluttering
your life right now?*



While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9
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Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5
Phone: (506) 536-1460 Email: stvince@nbnet.nb.ca
Office hours: Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM- 2 PM



St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9
Phone: (506) 538-2262 Email: stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com
Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Mar. 4	9:30 AM	Late Donna Squires	Hector and Cecile Caissie
Thur.	Mar. 7	9:30 AM	Late Carmel DeLong	St. Bernard's CWL
Fri.	Mar. 8	9:30 AM	Late Ronald (Sam) Pellerin	Jessie Kinney
Sat.	Mar. 9	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun	Mar. 10	11:00 AM	Anniversary Late Paul Tran	Anna Tran

St. Clement's

Sat	Mar. 9	7:00 PM	For the People	
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Sun	Mar. 10	9:00 AM	For the Sick	Jean Williamson
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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. 24 and 25, 2024

Envelopes	\$3,671.00	Loose	\$743.50	Share Lent	\$7.00
Karing Kitchen	\$110.60	Capital Expenditures	\$125.00	Ash Wednesday	\$140.00

St. Clement's – Feb. 24, 2024 – **CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER**

St. Vincent's – Feb. 25, 2024

Envelopes	\$675.00	Loose	\$50.00		
Maintenance	\$70.00	HST Rebate	\$767.08	Ash Wednesday	\$30.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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

St. Bernard's

Dave Pesklevy | Husband of Carm



*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
Donna Bourque	Patricia Delahunt Thomson	Lynda Laverty	Cecil Rigby
Teresa Vermette	Francesca Ysabelle Magnabijon		

St. Clement's

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

St. Vincent's

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

And all who care for them...



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 or by phone at 1 - (506) 863-5466.

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Ministry Team

Priest Administrator	Fr. Charles Broderick	charlesbroderick1@gmail.com
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St. Vincent's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Lorraine Horyl	
Catechetical Coordinator	Cathy Crinnion	
St. Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	



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



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.

Easter Flowers



If you would like to donate funds for Easter 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 dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter 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:			
Envelope #			
Amount \$			

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Mar. 16: and Apr. 8: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	To be determined
Carmelites	2 nd 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:

March 12, March 26, April 9, April 23, and May 7

Years Wednesday 4-5-6 @ 6PM:

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

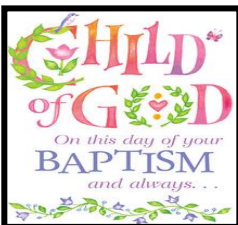
If you are aware of someone who is homebound or in a special care home who would like to receive Holy Communion, please have them contact the parish office @ 506-857-0425



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 Mar. 7, Mar. 14 and Mar. 21



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

On Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, Rywin Monteiro, son of Ryan & Babitha was welcomed into the Roman Catholic faith and St. Bernard's parish community through the sacrament of Baptism.

God bless them and their family in their continual journey of faith.



Rite of Acceptance

Congratulations to Sarah Bordas, who on Sunday, February 25, 2024, was accepted, through the Rite of Acceptance, into The Order of Catechumens.

Please continue to pray for her as and all those who are continuing their journey in moving towards a closer relationship with God.

St. Vincent's

PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES – are offered to Deb Gillespie and her family on the death of her mother, Vivian Brennan, at the Drew Nursing Home on February 21, 2024. May she rest in the arms of our loving God.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS – If you wish to reserve a mass time for a family member or friend, please contact the Parish Office at 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca. A donation of \$15 is requested for each mass intention.



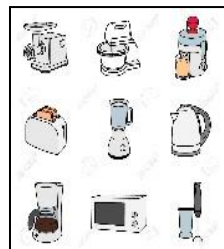
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Praying the Stations of the Cross is a traditional way of praying during Lent. We pray this familiar prayer to be with Jesus on this journey. We will pray The Stations of the Cross at St. Vincent's Church on Wednesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!



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 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:

March 3rd and 17th (10am) ~ Primary group (grades 1-3) ~ St. Vincent's Hall
March 10th and 24th (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



FOOD BANK – There are many in our local area who are struggling to feed their families. The parishioners of St. Vincent's have been very generous in the past. We encourage our faithful 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.



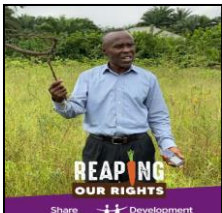
Trevor Droesbeck 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or 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. **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.

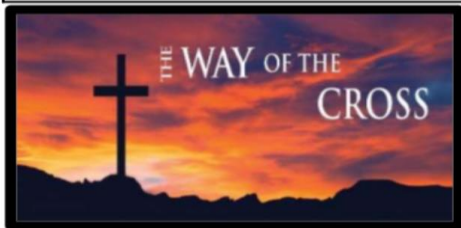
POSTPONED: ENLARGE YOUR TENT: A Symposium on Welcome and Hospitality has been postponed to a later date. Please watch your bulletins for more information, and those who registered will be notified when a new date has been determined.



Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria - Nigeria is Africa’s largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers’ rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our Mini-magazine and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

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	Holy Family

WAY OF THE CROSS 2024 – Please note the Way of the Cross on March 29th will take place at Holy Family Church in Moncton and NOT Immaculate Heart of Mary Church as originally published in your bulletin.

Dear Padre,

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
<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>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Lk 4:24-30	Mt 18:21-35	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.

HOMILY, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021