

*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

Life without a Blankie

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

F aith can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death

was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours. ●

Reflect

*Have you ever experienced life flowing
from what appeared to be a death?*

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office Closure: Monday, April 1, Easter Monday



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Phone: (506) 538-2262 Email: stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com
Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	Apr. 1	9:30 AM	Late Viola Parsons	Hector and Cecil Caissie
Thur.	Apr. 4	9:30 AM	Late Marie Collette	Hector and Cecil Caissie
Fri.	Apr. 5	9:30 AM	Late Bertha LeBlanc	Hector and Cecil Caissie
Sat.	Apr. 6	4:00 PM	Late Gerald Bouma	St. Bernard's Choir
Sun.	Apr. 7	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sat.	Apr. 6	7:00 PM	Special Intentions	Johanne Carol
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Sun.	Apr. 7	9:00 AM	Baby Benedict Jinson	Family
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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 – Mar. 23 and 24, 2024

Envelopes	\$1,570.00	Loose	\$1,139.70	Share Lent	\$545.00
Karing Kitchen	\$28.00	Reconnect	\$5,040.00	Good Friday	\$85.00
Easter	\$70.00	Ash Wednesday	\$10.00	Easter Flowers	\$240.00
Capital Expenditures			\$120.00		

St. Clement's – Mar. 23, 2024

Envelopes	\$245.00	Collection	\$15.00
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St. Vincent's – **To be reported in the April 7, 2024 bulletin**

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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

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Esther Fearon	Wife of (late) Austin. Mother of (late) Lisa, Bill, David, Mary Fearon-Keys
Ruby Perry	Wife of (late) Francis. Mother of Michael, Gregory, Donna, Peter, Angela, David, and Stephen. Grandmother of Andrew, Christopher, Ashley, Tim, Travis, Keith, Matthew, Chantel, Rachelle, Sean, Sarah, Sean, Kathryn, Keirsten, Jack and Abby.



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	Greg Murphy	Lynda Laverty	Leona Cormier
Cecil Rigby	Paul Doiron	Barb Bowes	Avard Christie
Terry Soulliere	Patricia Delahunt Thomson		

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

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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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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



St. Bernard's Fire Lane:
We ask that you do not park in the Fire Lane and keep this area clear.
 This space is dedicated for emergencies **ONLY**.



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.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Envelope #	
Amount \$	

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Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Apr. 6 and Apr. 20: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	To be determined
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, Apr. 13 and Apr. 27



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

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

April 7, April 21, and May 5

Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM: April 9, April 23, and May 7

Years 4-5-6 @ 6PM: April 10, April 24, May 8

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



SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS

Holy Communion: Sunday April 14th @ 11 AM Confirmation:
Sunday April 28th @ 11 AM



St. Bernard's Capital Projects 2024 On the recommendation of the Building Committee, the Local Pastoral Council has approved the following Capital Projects for 2024:

Description	Approximate Amount
Bell Tower (Louvers and window woodwork)	\$21,000
Upper and lower windows (North side)	\$35,000
Heat Pumps	\$30,000 (before grants)
Ceiling Fans	\$5,000
Interior Painting	\$25,000
Sound System	\$45,000
Total	\$161,000

As noted, the costs are estimates and may be higher or lower depending on bids from contractors. We will keep you informed as we progress through the year.



Knights of Columbus, Council 1310, 84 Broadway St., Moncton:

Sunday breakfast: April 7, 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 would like to thank our generous sponsors:

Maritime Pride Eggs of Amherst NS, Nana's Bakery of Moncton NB and Bimbo Bread

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Local Pastoral Council:

The LPC is an important element in the functioning of the parish and its pastoral life. **As a consultative body it is a privileged place of reflection and orientation of the pastoral activities of the local community.** Two of our current members, **Sam Ermen & Heather Morris**, have fulfilled their term / commitment to this council. On behalf of St. Bernard's, thank you for your service and time.

We will be looking for two new candidates to fill these roles.

As a **first step** parishioners are invited to pray over and discern who in our midst are best suited for this role. **second step:** we will call for nominations May 3 / 4, 2024 and the **third step** will be an **election to follow the weekend of June 1 / 2, 2024.**

Please think about possible candidates, including yourself, and be prepared to submit nominations when called for. **To nominate a candidate**, simply send the name and telephone number of your nominee to the parish office either by dropping it in the collection, sending it by email or hard copy. Parish administration will contact each nominee to get his / her consent to have his / her name on the ballot. **Nominations will be received up to noon Friday, May 31.**

General Qualifications for Members of LPC: Must be 18 years of age or older, be a Christian of "proven faith, good morals, and outstanding prudence.", be a registered member of the parish (or be willing to register), be reasonably familiar with the parish and its activities, be able to work in a group setting, be committed to personal growth.



First Friday Devotion & Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
at St. Bernard's Church on April 5, 2024 *Please bring candles for blessing.

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

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

9:30 AM – Blessing of Candles - Holy Mass (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)



THE DIVINE MERCY **NOVENA 2024**

AT ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH
43 BOTSFORD ST. MONCTON NB



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION • CHAPLET • RECONCILIATION

Day 1: March 29, 12:00 Noon (Parish Hall)

Day 2: March 30, 12:00 Noon (Parish Hall)

Day 3: March 31, 2:30 PM (Main Church)

Day 4: April 1, 6:30 PM (Main Church)

Day 5: April 2, 6:30 PM (Main Church)

Day 6: April 3, 6:30 PM (Main Church)

Day 7: April 4, 6:30 PM (Main Church)

Day 8: April 5, 6:30 PM (Main Church)

Day 9: April 6, 2:30 PM (Main Church)

*Feast of the Divine Mercy: April 7, 2:30 PM (Main Church)

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PRAYERS - 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.

EASTER FLOWERS – If you wish to donate money for Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones, please remember to complete the form included in this bulletin and in a plain envelope put the donation along with the names of those to be remembered on the front, along with your name and regular envelope number.



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! There will be no session on Easter Sunday, March 31st -- we wish all families a happy and blessed Easter! The upcoming Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

~ Primary group (grades 1-3) ~ St. Vincent's Hall ~
*Wednesday April 3rd (6pm); then Sunday April 21st (10am)
~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall ~ April 14th and 28th (10am)

St. Vincent's will celebrate the Sacraments of 1st Eucharist and 1st Reconciliation this spring, and preparatory resources have been shared with the families. If your child is ready for one of these Sacraments and you haven't yet talked with the Faith Formation Coordinator, please speak with Cathy as soon as possible.



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<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Parents Bill & Freda, Husband Ken, Daughter Bonnie, and Hank Hendrikson	Deanna Crossman
Deceased members of the Shea and Landry Families	Claudette Shea
Stephen & Catherine Horyl, Michael & Stephen (Jr) Horyl and Norman & Verna Etter	David & Lorraine Horyl



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

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com

R.C.I.A. FORMATION WITH CATHERINE ECKER We will be offering a series of four virtual formation sessions (Via Zoom) on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), facilitated by Catherine Ecker. Catherine joins us from the Archdiocese of Toronto, Ontario where she currently serves as the Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist at St. Mary's Parish. She is also a lead Canadian expert in Christian Initiation and has co-authored the Alive in the Spirit! confirmation preparation program for young people. Sessions will take place on **April 22nd, April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th** from **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Trevor at 857-4879 or email trevord.diocese@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next Theology on Tap will take place on **Monday, April 22nd** (Earth Day), when we will be joined by Sr. Denise Lirette, fj who will give a presentation entitled "My Faith Journey: From Sky God to God Consciousness at the Heart of the Cosmos." The event will take place at Mai Asian Restaurant (1909 Mountain Road, Moncton) at 6:30 pm. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com.

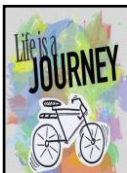
Welcome to SENIORS CONNECT A safe space for Seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday April 11th at 10:30 am** at Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. An avid gardener will be speaking to us about benefits of gardening. She will also instruct us on container gardening inside on a window ledge, our balcony, and our backyard. We ask that you bring your favorite pot to plant a little something in it. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

A GREAT SYMPHONY OF PRAYER: THE OUR FATHER AS A PROGRAMME OF LIFE

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering an eight-part webinar series on prayer, facilitated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine's Seminary). There will be one four-part webinar series in the spring (information below) and one four-part webinar series in the fall (details TBA). The Jubilee Office in Rome has prepared a series of booklets on prayer, the themes of which will be taken up during the webinar series. This will enable the faithful one meaningful way to participate in the Year of Prayer, which was announced by Pope Francis on January 21st, 2024.

1. Tuesday, April 2 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Why did Jesus' address God as Father?
2. Tuesday, April 9 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Seeking God's Kingdom and Knowing God's Will
3. Tuesday, April 23 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Daily Bread and the Gift of Forgiveness
4. Tuesday, April 30 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Managing Trials and Resisting Evil

Contact Trevor at 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com for information on how to register.



A Special Journey Is your spiritual life in need of renewal? Look no further: we have the perfect experience for you! You are invited to attend a 7 - week journey beginning **April 8th, 2024**, in **Holy Family Church** 52 Falkland Drive, Moncton at **7 -9 pm**. Cost: **\$15.00**. This is a life-changing experience that will increase your faith, bring joy to your heart, and fill you with a new understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life. This experience is enhanced with music, praise, scripture, and friendship. Do plan on embarking on this faith-filling journey with us. Contact: Donna Babineau 506-386-2072 or Roberta Brine 506-386-5175

EASTER CHANGES everything

*The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues.
Alleluia! Is our shout of joy, meaning praise to God!*



Easter season: For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.



*May the promise of Easter fill you
with renewed
faith, hope, love & joy
Happy Easter!*

Fr. Broderick and Fr. Jacinto



2024 Easter Flowers

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<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Timothy and Mary Donahue, Winifred Donahue, James and Mary Cameron, James, and Irene Donahue	James and Sharon Fahey
Charles (Chuck) Kinney, Mabel-Bobby Girouard, James Carroll Family, Edward Polardy, Walter Carroll	Jessie and Peter Kinney
Sid Wright	Mellie Wright
Deceased Members of Cassidy and Richard Families	Diane and Paul Cassidy
Deceased Family Members	Lydia R. Espiritu
Deceased Members of Cormier and Steele Families	Norma Cormier
Minnie Burnett, Verna and George Perry	Rose and Sharon Burnett
Pasquine Lobo	Alisha Dsouza
The O'Brien and Scott Family Deceased Members	Joanne and Michael Scott
Corry and Nick Evers	Casey and Betty Evers
John and Ann Boom	Casey and Betty Evers
Ralph, Florence and Peter Fahey	The Family
Eleanor Beck	Family
Emery "Tim" Cormier	Arline
Ernest and Margaret Fahey	Bernie McCourt
The Pitre, Keenan, Haley, Mills and Loubert Family	Ed and Sherry Pitre
Deceased Members of Chase Family	The Family



2024 Easter Flowers

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<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Louis and Florence McKinley, Ben and Olizine Arsenault	Bob and Helen McKinley
Roy C. Hopper	Wife Juanita. Stephanie, Melanie and Natalie
Katie Ermen, Jeff Ermen, Louis and Kay Boudreau, Sam and Erma Ermen	Sam and Donna Ermen
Manuel de Matos	Grant and Madelaine Currier
Wayne Currier	Grant and Madelaine Currier
Howard E. Shean and Deceased Members of Family	Wife Irene
Anthony Francis Maillard	Diane and Maillard Family
George and Zella O'Dell	Donna and Richard Shaw
Joy (Bell) Brown	Debbie Sebastien
Deceased Family Members of Carter and Flanagan Families	Roy and DeeDee Carter
Jim Beek	Marie
Lester Rossiter	Melda and Family
Edward and Viola Parks	Jim and Gayle Gallant
Gloria Savoie	Terry, Linda, Jason, Todd and James
Patsy Soulliere	Terry, Linda, Jason, Todd and James
Parents Joseph O' Connor / Thomas and Edna Bryant	Neil Bryant

Dear Padre,

Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from? What about the Easter egg?



ISTOCK/ANDREW HARRISON

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord."

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	<i>(Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i> Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.

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