



## The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that "who" has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

### Reflect

***How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?***



[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

JOHN 15:1-2

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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**Mass times / Intentions:**

**St. Bernard's**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Charles Kinney	Mellie Wright
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Lowell Brine	Claire Hachey
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniversary Late Dad, Mum and Donna	Fran Robichaud
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	For the People	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Anniversary Late Tom Queena	Jean Queena

**St. Clement's**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	For the People	
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**St. Vincent's**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	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

**St. Bernard's Offerings – April 20 and 21, 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$3,023.00	<b>Loose</b>	\$807.70	<b>Donation</b>	\$535.00
<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	\$86.25	<b>Capital Campaign</b>	\$200.00	<b>Good Friday</b>	\$40.00
<b>Easter</b>	\$45.00	<b>Reconnect</b>		\$40.00	

**St. Clement's Offerings – April 20, 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$495.00	<b>Collection</b>	\$40.00
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**St. Vincent's Offerings – April 21, 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$900.00	<b>Loose</b>	\$40.00
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$25.00	<b>Donation in Memory of Hank Hendrikson</b>	\$30.00

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

<b>In Sympathy</b>	<i>A time to mourn... sincere sympathies to the families of:</i>
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**St. Bernard's**

Baby Liam Gosselin	Son of Jillian (Freeman) Gosselin (Alexandre), Grandson of Janice Freeman
Cécile Duquette	Wife of (late) Marcel, Mother of Lise (Darrell) Culligan, Dainiel (Susan), Lucie Duguay (Bruce), and Jeanne
Paul Doiron	Husband of (late) Shirley, Father of Cheryl Kervin, Brian, Tony, Roger, Maurice, & Larry
Cecil Rigby	Husband of Margaret (Peggy), Father of Keith, Lori, Cecilia, Greg



*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	Barb Bowes	Deacon Frank Quinn	Marcela Mallare
Maureen Murphy	Jim MacDougall	Carmella Murphy	Sheila Holt

**St. Clement's**

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

**St. Vincent's**

Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell
Evelyn Ayer	Teresa Vermette	Barbara Bowes	Bertha DesBarres
Deacon Frank Quinn			

*And all who care for them...*

## The Good Shepherd Pastoral Ministry Team

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



**International Worker's Day - May 1** is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.



**The Pope's Pastoral Works – May 5** This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271). Information about how Peter's Pence is used, as well as donations in response to Canon 1271, is available in the Holy See's yearly financial report.

### St. Bernard's



**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.**

## Bursaries

**St. Bernard's Church is offering a \$1000 bursary** to a student graduating from High School in June 2024, who is a parishioner, and is pursuing post-secondary studies. **Mail or email your letter of**

**application, including your future plans, to arrive no later than Friday, June 28, 2024 to:**

St. Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB, E1C 4W9 or Email to: [sbhf@rogers.com](mailto:sbhf@rogers.com)

## St. Bernard's

### Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, May 4, 11 and 18: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	To be determined
Carmelites	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, May 11 and May 25: 7:00 PM



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

Years 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM / Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM: May 5  
Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM: May 7  
Years 4-5-6 @ 6PM: May 8



### **First Friday Devotion & Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at St. Bernard's Church on May 3, 2024**

8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 AM – Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Benediction  
9:30 AM – Holy Mass



**Volunteers needed:** St. Bernard's is tentatively looking to have the church open from 12-1 PM during the weekdays to allow persons to come in for a time of quiet reflection / personal prayer. To do this, we would have to establish a group of volunteers who would be willing to have their name on a rotating schedule to keep an eye on the church while it is open. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please contact the parish office by email, [sbhf@rogers.com](mailto:sbhf@rogers.com) or by phone, 506 857 0425.

**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.



**Catholic Women's League Notice on Saturday, May 4 at 4pm** parish mass, Fr. Carlos will be installed as the spiritual advisor for St. Bernard's Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. We are truly blessed to have Fr. Carlos accept this role.



## St. Vincent's



**PRAYERS** – 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. Also meeting at this time is a group of faithful who pray the Rosary in the Chapel.

**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](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca). A donation of \$15 is requested for each mass intention.

**DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS** – Thank you to everyone who has donated household items to date! The nurses greatly appreciated your help! More nurses from the Philippines will be arriving by the end of April! They need household goods to furnish their new accommodations. We are still looking for dishes and cookware/blankets/furniture/small appliances. Please call the Parish Office [506-536-1460 or [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca) if you have items in good condition that you wish to donate.



**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 [crrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:crrinnion@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!

~ Primary group (grades 1-3) ~ St. Vincent's Hall ~ May 5th (10am)  
~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall ~ April 28th (10am) and May 12th\* (10am)  
\* May be shifted if families are otherwise busy on Mother's Day!

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.



**SINGING THE PSALM** – Do you have a love of singing and of the Liturgy of the Word? This is an invitation to consider the ministry of a Psalmist, which requires singing the verses of the Psalm between the First and Second Readings and leading the people in singing the Response to this Psalm. It is hoped that each Psalmist will be required to lead only on a rotational basis. This role requires preparation and commitment, but you will not be without help and support. If interested, please contact Karen Olscamp 506-536-3050 or [kolscamp@live.com](mailto:kolscamp@live.com)

**DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS** – What a great time to declutter!! **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners and friends who have donated items or offered transportation of items to apartments. Here are some items that would be most welcomed and appreciated by our new to Sackville and Canada friends: **kettles, coffee makers, blenders, mixers, slow cookers, irons, small vacuums and/or electric brooms, pots, pans, frying pans and everyday dishes, linens, bedspreads, and new pillows furniture** such as **beds, dressers, tables and chairs, armchairs and/or sofas**. Please call the Parish Office [506-536-1460 or [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca)] if you have items in good condition that you wish to donate.



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**MONDAY @ THE MOVIES** Our next Monday @ The Movies will be on **April 29th at 2:00 PM** when we will discuss the 2022 film *The Whale*, starring Brendan Fraser. Monday @ The Movies is a film discussion group which meets monthly on Zoom to discuss faith themes in popular films. Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto: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 29th, May 6th, and May 13th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. To register visit [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Trevor at 857-4879 or email [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 – SAVE THE DATE!** This year's Vacation Bible School (for ages 3 up to the end of sixth grade) is scheduled to take place this upcoming **June 26th, 27th, and 28th (mornings)**. It will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Riverview. Watch for more information in the coming weeks. This year's theme is SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God.



**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 May 9th at 10:30am** at the Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. Our topic of the day will be "Being Safe in the Sun", things to consider as we enjoy the lovely days of summer! Do not forget to bring your favorite summer hat! Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com)

**NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK** A message to all Catholic families: National Family and Life Week (NFLW) this year will take place from **13 May to 19 May 2024**. The theme for this year is "Love hopes all things," which is taken from Saint Paul's hymn on love in 1 Corinthians 13.7: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." This description of love is also at the heart of Pope Francis's reflection on the dynamics of spousal and family love in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, chapter 4.



**Knights of Columbus, Council 1310, 84 Broadway St., Moncton: Sunday breakfast: May 5, 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.

## **Annual collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your great generosity during last year's collection, which allowed our Archdiocese of Moncton to raise 15,369 \$. A big thank you to all the faithful who contributed and the people who organized fundraising activities.

The Catholic Bishops of Canada have committed to raising \$30 million within five years. Last year, the collection across Canada raised \$9,594,986. The funds are managed by a national board of directors composed of leaders, half of whom are Indigenous. This Board is responsible for implementing measures to ensure the proper functioning and transparency of the administration of the collected funds.

I am pleased to inform you that the funds collected in our parishes last year will be used for local projects in collaboration with our four local Mi'gmaq communities: Elsipogtog First Nation, Bouctouche MicMac, Fort Folly First Nation, and Indian Island First Nation.

Special envelopes will be distributed to parishes for this year's collection, which will take place on **May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. I invite you to continue to support this fund.

Thank you.

Archbishop Guy Desrochers

## **Thank you for your donations of used stamps to Caritas Development and Peace Canada.**

Once again, I'd like to thank everyone who brings us their old stamps in small bags and envelopes, or in large boxes.

Among these donations, I'd like to highlight a special gift this year of some forty large boxes, including several high-value albums, from a person living in Moncton who wishes to remain anonymous. These stamps were among those auctioned off last weekend in Quebec City. The proceeds from this first annual sale will add to the more than \$900,000 raised since the activity began in 1992.

Old stamps are collected across the country and auctioned twice a year by volunteers in Quebec, notably in Montreal and Quebec City. Stamps can be dropped off at churches or at the regional office at the diocesan center (Place de la Cathédrale, Moncton).

Thank you for your generous donations, which save lives in the South.

**Nicolas Kalgora**, Development and Peace Moncton Regional Office.



# Dear Padre,

*Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?*

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	April 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	May 1 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	May 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	May 3 <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	May 4 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	May 5 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021