



Apples and Pears

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become

a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit.

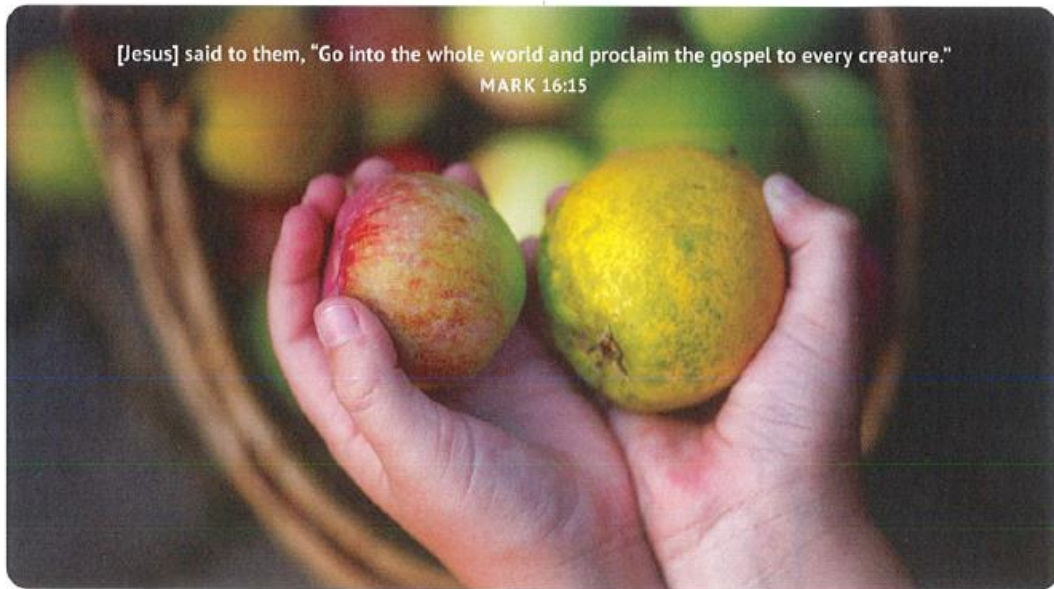
We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3)—all prompted by God's Spirit. ●

Reflect

***Is there a difference between what we want to do and what God wants us to do?
How do we know?***

[Jesus] said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

MARK 16:15



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	May 13	9:30 AM	Late Kathy LeBlanc	Mellie Wright
Thur.	May 16	9:30 AM	Ella Martin	Denise Abbass
Fri.	May 17	9:30 AM	Late Shirley Clement	Roberta Brine
Sat.	May 18	4:00 PM	Anniversary Late Matthew Macdonald	Mona Lloyd
Sun.	May 19	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sat.	May 18	7:00 PM	For the People	
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Sun.	May 19	9:00 AM	Heidi Lafford	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 Offerings – May 4 and 5, 2024

Envelopes	\$4,987.00	Loose	\$816.80	New Year's Day	\$50.00
Karing Kitchen	\$40.00	Capital Campaign	\$802.00	Needy Fund	\$100.00
Easter	\$35.00	Papal Charities	\$377.00		

St. Clement's Offerings – May 4, 2024

Envelopes	\$360.00	Collection	\$10.00
Special Offering	\$15.00	Donation with Receipt	\$45.00

St. Vincent's Offerings – May 5, 2024

Envelopes	\$2,655.00	Loose	\$25.00
Maintenance	\$210.00	Charities	\$25.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



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



*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	Barb Bowes	Deacon Frank Quinn	Carmella Murphy
Connie Wilden	Thane McEwan	Sharon LaFrance	John West

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

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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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Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	



*To all mothers...
May your days be filled with
love, peace, joy & laughter.
Happy Mother's Day!*



World Communications Day, May 12 - Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to the spiritual growth.



Canada Health Day, May 12 - Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and nurturing of the whole earth.

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Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, May 18 and June 1: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	To be determined
Baptism Prep	Sunday, June 9: 1:00 PM
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, May 25 and June 8: 7:00 PM

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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

The WAK Chapter of the Irish Canadian Cultural Association of NB is pleased to offer a **\$500.00** Dan & Marie McGee Medical Science bursary to a student entering or attending a post-secondary study in the medical field. Please include a personal letter detailing your future plans by mail to The Irish Association, P.O. Box 26022, Moncton, NB E1E 4H9 or email: watchdog@nb.sympatico.ca Deadline: June 28, 2024.



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. Interested? please contact the parish office by email, sbhf@rogers.com or by phone, 506 857 0425.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dear Parishioners.

Just a short note to keep you up to date on our **parish's finances**.

The financial report for the first three months of the year is posted on the parish website (under **Notices**) for your perusal. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by the most convenient means. In general, our revenues are lower that budgeted as are our expenses. Revenues for the first quarter are **\$100 551.34** (budgeted \$113 487.30) while expenditures are **\$109 423.17***, leaving a deficit of **\$8 8871.83** for the three months. It is important to note that the different quarters vary, and things may even out, but still, we will keep a close eye on our bottom line. Blessings.
Fr. Charlie

*This differs from the financial statement because some expenses that belonged to 2023 are taken out to show only this year's activity.

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MASS AT THE DREW NURSING HOME – Please note that the next mass at the Drew Nursing Home will take place on **Monday, June 3, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. We ask that you pass this message on to anyone you think may be interested.

MT. A. MASSIE PROGRAM – This summer the MASSIE Program will welcome a group of 14 Japanese university students from Mt. A's partner universities to campus. The group will be in Sackville from **May 9 to August 9, 2024.** The students will live on campus and take specialized English language classes to improve their English, and will also take part in many regional trips and activities to see and learn about our local community and culture. The MASSIE program is seeking families of all sizes and ages who are interested in being part of the program as a partner family this summer. Those interested would be willing to meet a pair of students at least twice a month over the course of the summer to help them practice their English and to learn more about local life and culture. In turn, families will have the opportunity to learn about Japanese culture and society through conversation and spending time with the pair of students. For more information about this unique opportunity for a local cultural exchange, call Emily at 506-364-2124 or email massiepa@mta.ca.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – THANK YOU to all our generous parishioners and friends, including some from St. Bernard's, who have donated household goods or offered transportation of items to apartments. Here are some things 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, and frying pans, 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] if you have items in good condition that you wish to donate.



FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's – The final Faith Formation session for 2023-24 is with the *Elementary group (grades 4+)* ~ *St. Vincent's Hall ~ May 12th (10am).*

The Elementary group children met recently to talk about Caring for God's Creation, and they have produced some thoughtful posters that will inspire us all!

Please check them out on the cork board as you enter and leave the church.

St. Vincent's will celebrate the Sacraments of 1st Eucharist and 1st Reconciliation this spring.

** Blessings to the children and their families who are preparing for these Sacraments. **

Call for new volunteers! Adults and older youth 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 starting in September! Please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470 ~ we would love to have you join our team, occasionally or as a regular :)



PSALM SINGING – Please consider the Ministry of 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. The hope is to have a rotational schedule of Psalmists with help and support available. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Karen Olscamp 506-536-3050 or kolscamp@live.com

Pastoral Appointments – May 7, 2024 Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., announces the following pastoral appointments which take effect immediately:

Fr. Angus Johnston is appointed Episcopal Vicar and Dean of the English Deanery, which include all English parishes of our Archdiocese.

Fr. Wislais Simervil is appointed Dean of the South Francophone Deanery. He is also appointed Moderator of the Curia.

Fr. Jean Bélisle, C.Ss.R. is appointed Dean of the North Francophone Deanery.

Mr. Clarence Robichaud is appointed Master of Ceremonies for diocesan celebrations held at the Cathedral.

Mr. Claude Labranche is appointed Master of Ceremonies for confirmations presided over by the Archbishop.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES will be on **May 13th 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

R.C.I.A. FORMATION WITH CATHERINE ECKER The final session of our Zoom R.C.I.A. formation with Catherine Ecker will take place on **Monday, May 13th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**.



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**.

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.

The Choeur des Aboiteaux a mixed choir of over 60 voices under the direction of Paula Hébert, is pleased to invite you to its spring concert. The concert will be held at St. John's United Church, on **Sunday, May 26 at 2:30 pm**, at the corner of Victoria and Alma streets in Moncton. Tickets are \$20 and available from choir members and at the door. Admission is free for youth 12 years of age and under. The choirs will be accompanied by Brigitte Lavoie et Yvan LeBlond at the piano.

Dear Padre,

What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?

Saint Paul VI was Pope when the last of the Second Vatican documents was promulgated.



It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the “fundamental event in the contemporary Church” and “the constant reference point of every pastoral action.” Vatican II’s sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of “Constitution” and contain the core formulations of the council’s teachings.

The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the “people of God.” Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus, the faithful must be “led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people’ (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4–5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God’s people; “servant leadership” is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 13 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33	May 14 St. Matthias, <i>Apostle</i> Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17	May 15 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19	May 16 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 Jn 17:20–26	May 17 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 25:13b–21 Jn 21:15–19	May 18 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 Jn 21:20–25	May 19 <i>Pentecost</i> Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus’ ascension into heaven...constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment...Christ’s presence in the world is mediated...by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 28, 2017