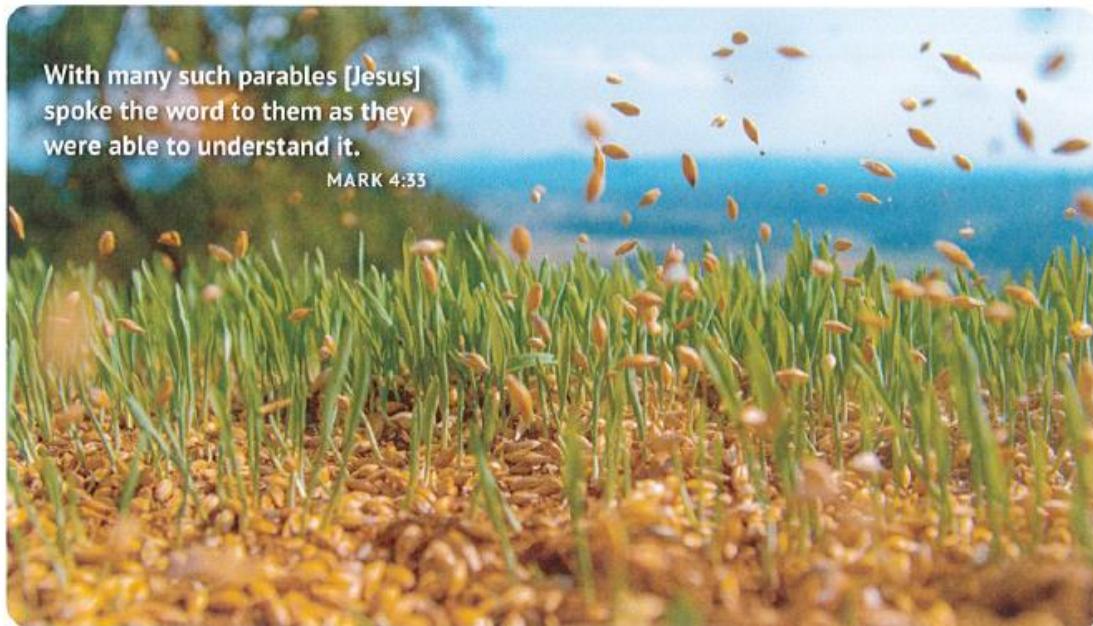




With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

MARK 4:33



Life Happens

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The adage that “life is what happens to us as we’re busy doing other things” seems to be a rewording of this week’s Gospel about the kingdom of heaven, namely about God’s reigning activity in our lives. It is a parable about a man who sows seeds in his field. The seeds sprout, grow, and bear fruit, all without his knowing how. In effect, the message says that it is *God* who happens to us as we’re busy doing other things.

We tend to convince ourselves that we have complete control over our lives, when in reality that is somewhat of an illusion. Though we may decide what we will have for dinner, what TV program to watch, or what we will wear, we have much less control over the portions of life that so often give meaning and shape to who we are. The person someone marries

is dependent upon the mutual commitment of the two people in love. The degree of job satisfaction we eagerly hope to find can partly depend upon the people with whom we work and the expectations of others. “We walk by faith and not by sight” reveals that we recognize the reigning presence of God bringing us to a life we’d never imagined. In reality, the one thing we do have control over is how we respond to life’s events, which can then open us to the ways by which God brings us to fruitful abundance. ●

Reflect

**Think of three of your blessings:
How much did you have to do
with their coming about?**

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9
Phone: (506) 857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com
Office hours: Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 noon & 1-4 PM
Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5
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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:

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Mon.	Jun 17	9:30 AM	Late Blaine Guimond	Mary and Family
Thur.	Jun 20	9:30 AM	Anniversary Late Melvina Glidden	Jim Goguen and Family
Fri.	Jun 21	9:30 AM	Anniversary Late Michael Woods	Evelyn Woods
Sat.	Jun 22	4:00 PM	Anniversary Late Robert Fergusson	Chris, Heather and Katie
Sun.	Jun 23	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sat.	Jun 22	7:00 PM	For the People	
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Sun.	Jun 23	9:00 AM	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

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings – June 8 and 9, 2024

Envelopes	\$5,959.00	Loose	\$944.65	Syrian Relief	\$20.00
Karing Kitchen	\$15.00	Marriage Prep.	\$60.00	Donation	\$310.00
Capital Campaign			\$290.00		

St. Clement's Offerings – June 8, 2024

Envelopes	\$755.00	Donation w/ Receipt	\$45.00	Collection	\$15.00
Capital Fund Donation			\$5,000.00		

St. Vincent's Offerings – June 9, 2024

Envelopes	\$2,455.00	Loose	\$25.00	Baptism Donation	\$100.00
Maintenance	\$85.00	HR-SV Cemetery		\$20.00	

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



A time to mourn, Sincere sympathies to all 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	Deacon Frank Quinn	Greg Murphy	Edna Saulnier
Jim MacDougall	Darren Forgeron	Raymond T-John LeBlanc	

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McGraw Family	Hudson Sweeney	Baby Owen	Emma Cormier
Adrienne Fagan	Deacon Frank Quinn	Angelia	Genie Coates
Olga Bateman			

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

And all who care for them...

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

St. Bernard's PMT

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Adult Faith	Andrew Wilson	

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Catechetical Coordinator	Cathy Crinnion	

St. Clement's Parish Staff

Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	
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St. Bernard's

Thank You
For Your
SUPPORT

During the summer months church contributions normally decrease while parishioners are travelling and vacationing. However, the expenses to run our churches remain constant and increase as necessary maintenance / repairs are completed. Please consider "making up" missed contributions. Thank you for your continued generosity!!! God Bless!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Parish Contributions through the pre-authorized payment system:

For those who contribute through pre-authorized payments – if you wish, when entering the church, you may pick up a **“Contribution through the pre-authorized payment system” laminated card**. At collection time, simply drop into the collection basket.

This is a convenient and easy way to make parish contributions automatically. **A simple and easy way to contribute to St. Bernard's is pre-authorized Payments (PAP)**. PAP giving allows your "intention to be generous" to be realized. It is safe, reliable, easy to keep track of, and easy to set-up. **You can choose the frequency of your gift** - weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly; whatever works best for you. Once set up it may be stopped at anytime if necessary. If you would like more information or to set up a PAD, please contact the parish office @ 857-0425.



*For all fathers.
Past, present, and soon to be.
And for all who have
shown us a father's love:
God grant them peace, health, & love.
Happy Father's Day!!*

Mark Your Calendar	
RCIA	Sat, July 6 and July 20: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	Sunday, June 30, 2024 @ 1:30 PM
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, June 29 and July 13: 7:00 PM

St. Bernard's

St. Bernard's 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 & orientation of the pastoral activities of the local community.

As a result of call for nominations in previous bulletins, the following three parishioners were nominated for the two available vacancies in the LPC.

Andres Enderica: is originally from Ecuador, South America. Happily married for over thirty-one years, Andres and Guio have three children: Alejandra, Rafaella, and their 14-year-old son, Carlos Andres. Andres attended a Jesuit high school in Ecuador before moving to the United States for his undergraduate studies. He and his family immigrated to Canada in 2001 before settling in Vancouver, and most recently in Dieppe, NB. He finished his graduate studies at the Jack Welch Management Institute and Strayer University in 20219 and is currently the director of logistics at Armour Transportation Services. Andres and Guio have found a home at St. Bernard Parish, and they are excited to raise their son Carlos in the faith.

Zayane Maldonado: Wife and mother, learning and confirming my faith more and more every day, I find myself as a newcomer to Canada, very happy with my husband being part of the community of St. Bernard's. I am interested in continuing to know God and to support the Church with my service.

Jessie Kinney: Has been a parishioner of St. Bernard's for 60 years. She volunteered at St. Bernard's in Catechism, Circle of Friends, funeral receptions, and is a Catholic Women's League member and currently serving as the community chairperson of the CWL.

Election: Ballots and a ballot box will be set up at the entrance of the church on the weekends of June 15/16 and 22/23. Please take a moment to submit your vote for two of the three candidates. Results will be tallied on Monday, June 24.



*As we end another catechetical year, I wish to thank our wonderful catechists for their dedication of time to help catechize our children and to all our catechism families who have supported us. We look forward in continuing our formation in September 2024. Keep an eye on your emails and in our bulletin for registration information. May we find God in all we see and do. Have a safe and happy summer,
Blessings always, Lorella*

St. Bernard's

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.



St. Bernard's - volunteers required. (for taking communion to the sick & shut-ins)

Volunteering in the ministry of taking the Body of Christ to our brothers and sisters, in faith, who are unable to join with us in celebration of the Mass is a very special ministry. Volunteers are needed for this ministry.

Prior to beginning this ministry, proper instruction would be given. If you feel called to this ministry or would like more information, please contact Darlene McGraw @ darlenemcgraw@rogers.com or by calling the parish office – 506-857-0425.



HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like a member of our Pastoral Team to bring communion to your home or the home of a loved one, please contact the parish office at 506-857-0425



We are happy to have you join us!

Are you new to the parish or have you been part of our community for awhile but have just never registered?

There are registration forms available at the entrances to the church, at your parish office, on our web site (www.stbernardschurch.ca) or just give us a call and we'll mail you one. Fill in the information, return the form to the office and you will be formally registered. This will help us to better serve your individual needs!



Karing Kitchen

The Karing Kitchen would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Without your help there can be no Karing Kitchen. They welcome your support. Donations can be made through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> or donations may be mailed directly to: Karing Kitchen 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB, E1C 4Y3ens

St. Clement's

Community Garage Sale June 29th come visit us in Port Elgin! To obtain a map of the garage sales contact me pamvanegmond@gmail.com

St. Vincent's

ST. VINCENT'S 2023 ANNUAL REPORT – The 2023 Annual Report is now available. A parish meeting will be scheduled for the fall where you will have the opportunity to discuss the contents and ask questions.

BAPTISMS – Baptized on Sunday, June 9, 2024, we gladly welcome *William Vincent Tingley* and *Everett Joseph Tingley*, sons of Stephanie and Alexander Tingley, into the family of God and into the faith community of St. Vincent's Catholic Church. Please pray for them and their families.

HOLY ROSARY – ST. VINCENT'S CEMETERY – Thank you to Andrew Leblanc, Michael Brown, Edgar Landry, and Dennis Landry for their assistance this past week at the Holy Rosary-St. Vincent's Cemetery. Many hands make light work!

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – We continue to receive household goods for our new friends from the Philippines. THANK YOU to all our generous parishioners and friends, including a number from St. Bernard's. 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, freshly laundered linens and bedspreads, new pillows, furniture such as beds, dressers, tables and chairs, armchairs and/or sofas. Please contact the Parish Office at 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.



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

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



SCUBA: DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD! This year's VBS (for ages 3 up to the end of sixth grade) is scheduled to take place **June 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm**. Please note we have extended our program by one day since the final day of classes has been changed to June 21st. Our VBS will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Riverview and spaces are limited so please register early. A \$20 refundable deposit will be required. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com to register or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development → Vacation Bible School.

Monday @ The Movies Our next Monday @ The Movies will be on **June 17th at 2:00 PM** when we will discuss the 1994 Australian film *Muriel's Wedding*. 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

Dear Padre,

**Why did Jesus always speak in parables?
Why didn't he give us clearer answers?**

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Aloysius	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday
1 Kgs 21:1-16	1 Kgs 21:17-29	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Sir 48:1-14	Gonzago, Religious	2 Chr 24:17-25	in Ordinary Time
Mt 5:38-42	Mt 5:43-48	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Mt 6:7-15	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Mt 6:24-34	Jb 38:1, 8-11
				Mt 6:19-23		2 Cor 5:14-17
						Mk 4:35-41



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil.... The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality...to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life....

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 13, 2021

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