



God, Death, and Us

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

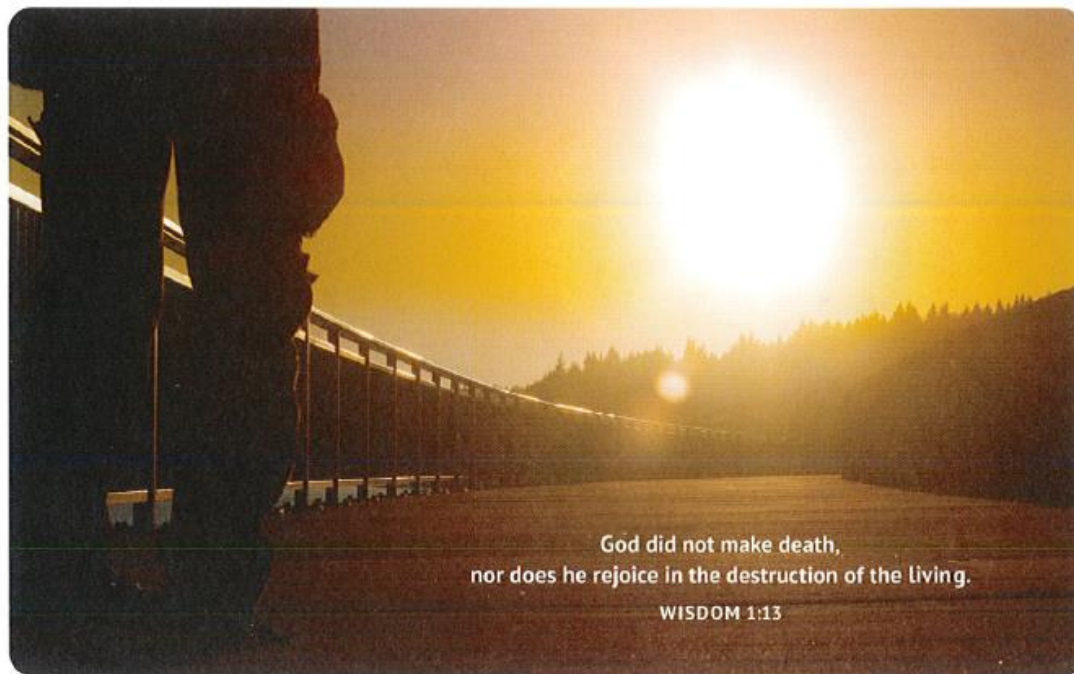
The hospital called, saying a young man had been in an accident and wanted to see a priest. As it turned out, I found him in a coma, and it was his parents who sparked the phone call. His girlfriend was there, and so the two of us talked about the accident and what happened, then about Michael and his interests and gentleness, and eventually his faith and goodness. She didn't understand, she told me, why God would do this to someone so good and how God certainly must have wanted this to happen.

I wanted to tell her I didn't believe God did this sort of thing, orchestrating traffic accidents. I hesitated, but then said so, only I tried to say it gently and kindly so it might be less like a lecture in Spirituality 101. I mumbled something about not believing in that sort of God, that I didn't believe God handed out death or suffering to folks. With her head hanging down, she just said, no—she thought God did.

Well, it seemed to me that that was not the time for any theological debate on questions about God, so I simply said no more about it. Then she and I prayed for Michael, or rather I prayed aloud, and she just sat there holding my hand and maybe praying silently or maybe not praying at all—I really wasn't sure. After I left I found myself wondering if she thought as much about my response as I thought about her answer. ●

Reflect

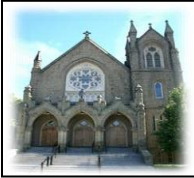
Where do you find God when bad things happen?



God did not make death,
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.

WISDOM 1:13

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: **Monday – closed (in lieu of Canada Day)**
Tuesday to Thursday: 9 AM to 12 Noon & 1 PM to 4 PM
Friday: 9 AM to 12 Noon
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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:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	July 1	9:30 AM	Late Shirley Clement	Jessie Kinney
Thur.	July 4	9:30 AM	Late Jeanne Melanson	Angela Kinden
Fri.	July 5	9:30 AM	Anniversary Late Rob Robichaud	Fran Robichaud
Sat.	July 6	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	July 7	11:00 AM	Anniversary Late Mr. and Mrs. Israel Pitre and Ben Daigle	Phyllis Christie

St. Clement's

Sat.	July 6	7:00 PM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	July 7	9:00 AM	Late Mike and Anne Breault	Deacon Frank Quinn
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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 22 and 23, 2024

Envelopes	\$3,752.00	Loose	\$1,061.30	Syrian Family	\$50.00
Karing Kitchen	\$17.00	Papal Charities	\$10.00	Reconnect	\$40.00
Capital Campaign	\$255.00				

St. Clement's Offerings – June 22, 2024

Envelopes	\$620.00	Donation w/ Receipt	\$65.00	Collection	\$20.00
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St. Vincent's Offerings – June 23, 2024

Envelopes	\$2,300.00	Loose	\$15.00
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

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

Philip Montford	Brother of Lorraine Montford
Roger Berube	Husband of Esther, Father of Lynn and Noreen
Judy Chiasson	Wife of Albert, Mother of Brian, Stephen Stepchildren: Tammy, Adam, Simon, Nicholas



*Ecclesiastes 3, Under every season there is a time,
A time to heal.*

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Norm Gallant	Al Gallant	Judy Chiasson	Patricia Devine
Deacon Frank Quinn	Beverly Dayon	Gordon Gallie	Raymond T-John LeBlanc
Darren Forgeron			

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

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

And all who care for them...

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

St. Bernard's PMT

Priest Administrator	Fr. Charles Broderick	charlesbroderick1@gmail.com
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Adult Faith	Andrew Wilson	

St. Bernard's Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate/ liturgy	Darlene McGraw	darlenemcgraw@rogers.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	
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St. Bernard's



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.



Canada Day – July 1

July 1 is celebrated as Canada's birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes. Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

Mark Your Calendar

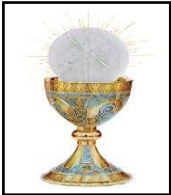
RCIA	Sat, July 6 and July 20: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	Sunday, June 30, 2024 @ 1:30 PM
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, July 13 and July 27: 7:00 PM
St. Bernard's Parish Barbeque	Sat, July 13, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

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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



First Friday Devotion & Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at St. Bernard's Church on July 5, 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



Possible ways to feed the hungry...

For information on any of the following - click on the links below

Food Depot Alimentaire (FDA) - <https://fooddepot.ca/>

ReConnect Street Intervention at:

Karing Kitchen: Donations can be made through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> donations may be mailed directly to: Karing Kitchen
75 Alma St., Moncton, NB E1C 4Y3

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Mass of thanksgiving for Fr. Charles Broderick - Retirement



After 11 years of dedicated service to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit, Father Charlie Broderick will be retiring effective July 31, 2024.

Please come and celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Charlie, followed by a reception at St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

All are welcomed and encouraged to attend as we celebrate Fr. Charlie's years of service and the unwavering commitment he made to our God, the Diocese, parishes and each of us. God bless him abundantly.



JOB OPENING

St. Bernard's Church

Receptionist / Bookkeeper:

As Receptionist, the duties include, but are not limited to receiving the public in person or via phone, email; preparing and printing the weekly bulletin; maintaining

various parish records, ordering office and building supplies.

As Bookkeeper, the duties include, but are not limited to data entry of all funds received; maintenance and reconciliation of bank records; supervision of the counting of weekly donations; preparing and issuing cheques and invoices; preparing payroll; preparing financial statements; processing of income tax receipts. The successful applicant will have respectful and professional communication skills, comfort with / working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) and QuickBooks (or equivalent). **Hours: 30 hours weekly.** Salary to be negotiated based on experience. **Applications received via email to darlenemcgraw@rogers.com or hard copy by noon, Friday, July 12, 2024.**



Election Results

St. Bernard's Local Pastoral Council:

The election results are in! Thank you to the 3 candidates who accepted their nomination. **The newly elected members of St. Bernard's Local Pastoral Council are Andres Enderica and Jessie Kinney.**

St. Vincent's

BAPTISM PREPARATION - St. Vincent's is looking for a parishioner to lead Baptism preparation for parents wishing to have their children baptized. If you have an interest in this area and are able to offer your time, please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office at 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca

2024-2025 SUNDAY MISSALS - If you wish to order a 2024-2025 Sunday Missal, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Orders will be placed with Novalis Publishing in **August 2024**.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – We continue to receive household goods in good condition for our new friends from the Philippines. If you have household items to donate, please contact the Parish Office at 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

Prayerful condolences are extended to Florence Gaudet and her extended family on the death of her brother, *Joseph Gaudet*, who died at the Moncton Hospital on June 21, 2024. May he rest in the arms of our loving God."



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

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



SCUBA: DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD! Karen and Trevor would like to thank all our collaborators who helped make our 2024 Vacation Bible School a successful event. A large group of dedicated volunteers and staff worked diligently for several weeks preparing for this popular event. In addition, the financial donations we received from local groups and organizations helped in a very significant way to ensure a quality program to help strengthen children in their faith. Thank you also to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish which generously provided space and resources, allowing us to take over the church and parish hall for a week. Finally, we are grateful for the children who joined us and their families for taking advantage of this opportunity. We had a full house! We are already looking ahead to next year! ~ Karen and Trevor

Monday @ The Movies Our next Monday @ The Movies will take place on **Thursday July 25th at 2:00 PM** when we will discuss faith themes in the 1986 coming of age film, Stand by Me. Monday @ The Movies is a film discussion group which meets regularly on Zoom to discuss faith themes in popular films. Over the summer, please contact Trevor Drosbeck at 857-4879 or email trevord.diocese@gmail.com

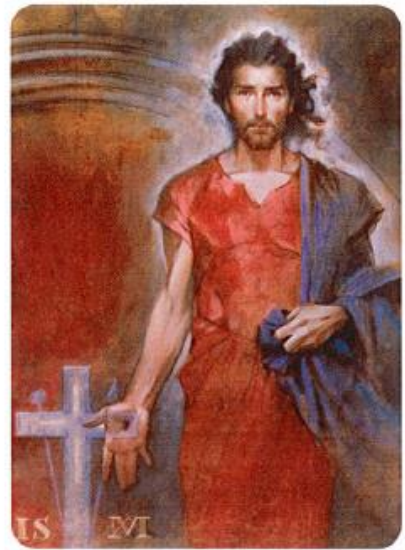
Dear Padre,

Does God have a plan for each of us?

We collaborate with God through continual prayer and discernment in planning out our best path of life. This path allows us to fulfill God's ultimate plan—namely, to find meaning in the life he gave us, enjoy his friendship while on earth, and spend eternal life with him in heaven.

God doesn't force us to live out our existence in some programmed, robotic way according to a predestined plan or inevitable fate over which we have no control. Rather, we're free and responsible for our own actions.

Moreover, God's plan for each of us is to experience his profound love and love him in return. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him" (1 John 4:16). As the supreme sign of God's love, his plan of salvation from the beginning of time was to send us his only begotten Son. "Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God's plan, as St. Peter explains...in his first sermon on Pentecost: 'This Jesus [was] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 599). "By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part" (CCC 604). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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
July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Am 2:6–10, 13–16 Mt 8:18–22	Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12 Mt 8:23–27	Eph 2:19–22 Jn 20:24–29	Am 7:10–17 Mt 9:1–8	Am 8:4–6, 9–12 Mt 9:9–13	Am 9:11–15 Mt 9:14–17	Ez 2:2–5 2 Cor 12:7–10 Mk 6:1–6a

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let Jesus look at and heal your heart.... And if you have already felt his tender gaze upon you, imitate him, and do as he does. Look around: you will see that many people who live beside you feel wounded and alone; they need to feel loved: take the step.... Love alone heals life.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 27, 2021