



Life at the Edge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an "empty nest." Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we've dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed

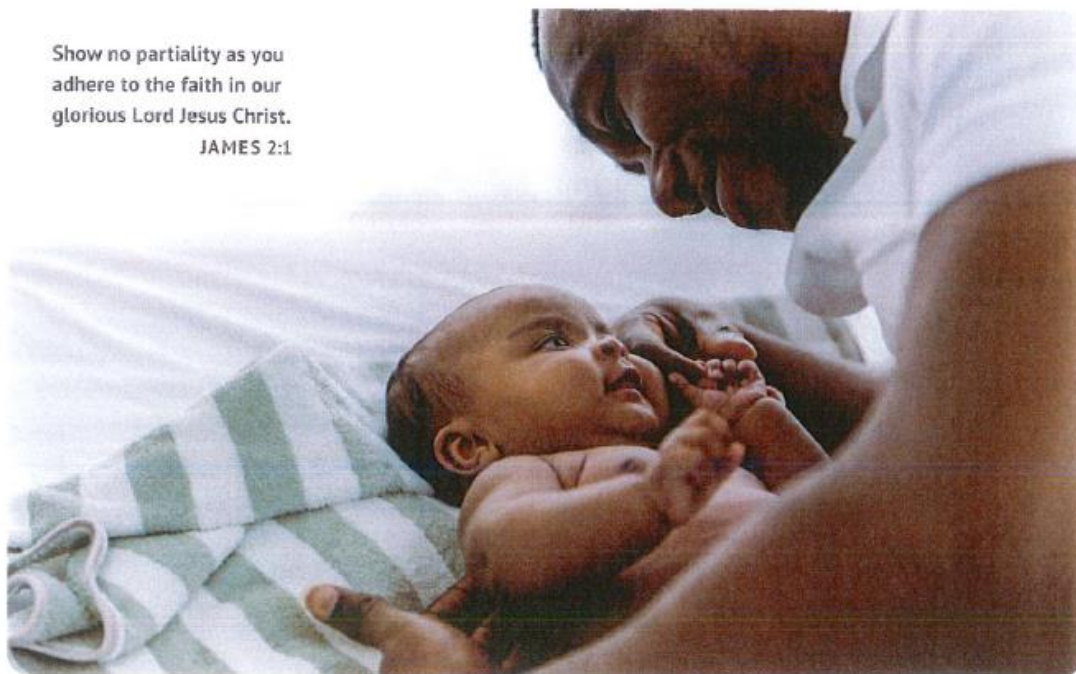
strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God's presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life's glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?" (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

Reflect

Do you feel God's presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?

Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

JAMES 2:1



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office hours for next week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 noon & 1-4 PM



St. Bernard's Parish office will be closed Monday and Thursday, September 9 & 12. Phone messages will be checked.

Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



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

Phone: (506) 536-1460 **Email:** stvince@nbnet.nb.ca

Office hours: Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM- 2 PM



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

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Sept. 9	9:30 AM	Late Alice Carroll Palardy	Jessie & Peter Kinney
Tues.	Sept. 10	9:30 AM	Late Leonor Trevor Gogan	Anna Tran
Wed.	Sept. 11	9:30 AM	Late Jeanne Melanson	Charline Cormier
Thurs.	Sept. 12	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Peter Dowd	Therese & family
Fri.	Sept. 13	9:30 AM	Late Alferd Gautreau	KOC Council 1310
Sat.	Sept. 14	4:00 PM	For the people	
Sun.	Sept. 15	11:00 AM	Late Ed Muise	Donna & Sam Ermen
St. Clement's				
Sat.	Sept. 14	7:00 PM	For the intentions of Fathers	Joanne Carroll
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Sept. 15	9:00 AM	Late Blair Gaudet	Florence Gaudet

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings +PADs & online– August 31 and September 1, 2024					
Envelopes	\$3351.00	Loose	\$1029.40	Reconnect	\$10.00
Karing Kitchen	\$37.00	Canadian Church	\$10.00		
Parish Religious Education	\$357.00	Building Fund		\$58.25	
St. Clement's Offerings – August 31, 2024					
Envelopes	\$385.00	Donation w/ Receipt	\$205.00	Collection	\$63.00
St. Vincent's Offerings – September 1, 2024					
Envelopes	\$1725.00	Loose	\$81.75	Maintenance	\$125.00
Needs of Canadian Church		\$25.00			
<i>Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!</i>					

	<i>A time to mourn... sincere sympathies to...</i>		
	<i>And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.</i>		
Mike Purcell	Husband of Jenny, father of Elizabeth (Beth) and Scott		
Charlotte Light	Daughter of Gregory and Ashley, sister of Hawley, Mayzie, Penelope, Beckett, and Ezekiel.		

	<i>Ecclesiastes 3 Under every season there is a time.. A time to heal..</i>		
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St. Bernard's				
Patricia Devine	Raymond T-John LeBlanc	Maria Plante	Judy LeBlanc	
Verna Ryan				
St. Clement's				
McGraw Family	Hudson Sweeney	Baby Owen	Emma Cormier	Angelia
Genie Coates	Olga Bateman	Deacon Frank Quinn		Shawna Lane Ibbitson
St. Vincent's				
Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase	Evelyn Ayer	Leone Campbell
Teresa Vermette	Deacon Frank Quinn	Vince Reinsborough	Elise Landry	



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



The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit is on Facebook!

Like and follow our Facebook Page for updates and faith-sharing.

There are three ways to locate our Facebook Page:

In the Facebook search bar, type **Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit of the Archdiocese of Moncton**; or in your Google *or* Safari search bar, type **facebook.com/gsmoncton**; *or* simply scan this QR Code.

St. Bernard's



CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. BERNARD'S

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES WILL BE:
MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT 9:30 AM

Mark Your Calendar

Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, August 31
RCIA	1 st and 3 rd Saturday of each month – 10-11:30 AM



**Catechism start date is the week of Sunday Sep. 22,
2024**

**Catechism registration will be held on Sunday Sep. 8
12:30PM-2:30 PM. In the church hall.**



A St. Bernard's parishioner has a white crib and mattress, and a highchair, which they would like to donate to someone at St. Bernard's parish who may have a need for these items. For more information contact 506-388-5713.



CA CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY CA

Join us for the Rosary Rally

Where: St. Bernard's

When: Saturday, October 12 th, 2024 at 12 noon

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH REGISTRATIONS:

In trying to determine the various nationalities St. Bernard's is serving, and to provide our Archdiocese with parish statistics, *we kindly ask that all parishioners register in one of the following ways: (Even if you have previously registered, as it allows us to update information and ensure information is current.)*

Online at: www.stbernardschurch.ca Click on join our parish, fill in accordingly & submit to us.

QR Code for St. Bernard's parish registration →



Paper registration may be picked up at the entrance of the church, the parish office or we can mail one to you.

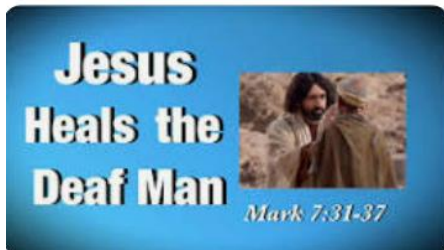
When registering: In the section that says "Other" on page 2, please indicate your place of birth. City, province, & country.

PLEASE NOTE

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:30 PM – Riverview Arts Centre
(400 Whitepine rd.)**

Fr. Ray Kelly, the singing priest from Ireland, a semi-finalist on Britain's Got Talent 2018, and a YouTube sensation, is coming to

Moncton for his first-ever concert in Canada. Fr. Kelly will uplift and entertain us with songs and stories that celebrate hope, love, and joy. Don't miss this event! Secure your tickets now at riverviewartscentre.ca / Phone: 508-852-7189 / or by visiting the box office at 400 Whitepine rd Riverview. See you there!



St. Vincent's

SEEKING NEW FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS - St. Vincent's is seeking new catechists to help guide our youth and their parents during our Faith Formation sessions on Sundays after Mass, and/or for Sacramental preparations. The diocese has prepared easy-to-follow plans, and all activity materials will be ready to go ahead of each session. We welcome anyone who would like to attend our sessions as a helper to see how the sessions run and perhaps to lead some sessions once you are comfortable! The catechist formation day ("Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower") for the diocese is **Saturday September 14**, 2024, which will be an enriching day for all, and especially so for new catechists. Pre-registration is required, so please check your availability and contact Cathy Crinnion at 536-4470 or ccrinnion@yahoo.ca

FAITH FORMATION - St. Vincent's will continue to provide the diocesan catechism program for children in grades 1-3 (Primary Group) and grades 4+ (Elementary Group), as well as specific preparation for the Sacraments. Please email or call Cathy Crinnion to inquire about the program and confirm your family's participation: ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470. In-person sessions will begin **September 15th for both age groups**, and will take place in our church hall (basement) on Sunday mornings following Mass. 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!

MASS INTENTIONS – If you wish to have a mass said for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. The requested donation for each mass is \$15.

PRAYING THE ROSARY – You are invited to join a group of faithful parishioners who gather to pray the rosary in St. Vincent's chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

St. Vincent's

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS – With the influx of many new families to our parish, we need to update our parish list. Over the next few weeks, parish registration forms will be distributed at the door. We ask that you complete them and return them as soon as possible. There will be a box at the church entrance to deposit your completed forms. This information is important for many reasons: enrolling children in our Faith Formation Program; Income Tax receipts; Canada Post mailings and emails for important notices; statistics for the diocese. Thank you!

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. 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK – If you are able, please give non-perishable food items to the Sackville Food Bank. Covering Sackville and the surrounding area, the Food Bank provides essential help to many individuals and families who struggle financially to put food on their tables. The Food Bank basket is located at the entrance to the church on the right side.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – Many, many thanks to those who have donated household goods for our new nurses at the Drew Nursing Home who have come from the Philippines, as well as other parts of the world. As the influx of new nurses has slowed for the time being, **WE ARE PUTTING A PAUSE ON ACCEPTING ANY FURTHER DONATIONS AT THIS TIME.** We are expecting a new group of nurses to arrive in the coming months and may once again ask for your assistance in helping them furnish their apartments. Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!

UPCOMING MEETING:

September 25th – Adult Faith Commission – 7:00 PM @ IHM



ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON
Office for Evangelization and Catechesis

Trevor Droesbeck - 857-4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

CATECHIST FORMATION: This year's *Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower* catechist formation will take place on **Saturday, September 14th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview. While of particular

interest to those who are catechist coaches with the coaching parents process of children's catechism, the day is open to all those who work in the ministry of catechesis, i.e. marriage preparation, RCIA, baptismal preparation. This year's theme will be "Spiritual Journeys," and our facilitators will be Fr. Phil Mulligan from St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Pastoral Grouping and Dr. Andrew Wilson from Mount Allison University. Registration online by going to www.diocesemoncton.ca → [Pastoral Offices](#) → [Children's Catechesis](#) → [Formation Opportunities](#) and then click on the poster. Contact Trevor at 857-4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca for more information.



SEASON OF CREATION 2024: As followers of Christ around the world, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creators, and we are part of all that God has made. Our well-being is intimately linked to that of the Earth. ***Hope and Act with Creation.***

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES

Our next film discussion will take place on September 23rd at 2:00 pm via Zoom when we will talk about faith themes from the 1992 film *Sister Act*. Monday @ The Movies is film discussion series where we discuss faith themes found in popular films. Please register with Karen at youth@diocesemoncton.ca or 387-4198.



Mass at Papal site:

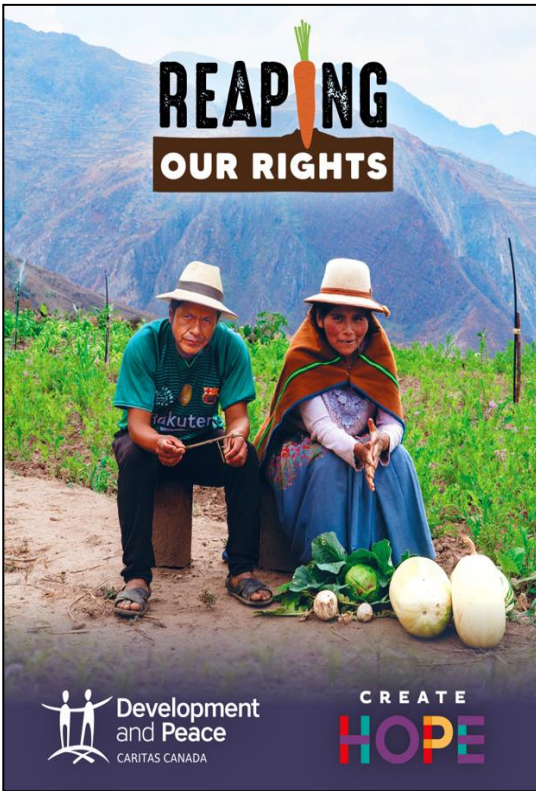
The Archdiocese of Moncton and the Knights of Columbus invite all to a special **40th Anniversary Mass** at the Papal Site at Magnetic Hill in celebration of St. Pope John Paul II's 1984 visit to Moncton, N.B.

Archbishop Desrochers to preside. Come help us celebrate and see the newly restored rosary beads, beautiful flowers, and waterfall at the Prayer Garden! There will be a bilingual recital of the Rosary at the Prayer Garden at 10:00 am, followed by a procession to the Papal Site for the 11:00 am celebration of the Mass. In addition, in honour of this special celebration, the John Paul II Centre of Ontario will be displaying for veneration five (5) first class relics of St. John Paul II; St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Faustina of the Divine Mercy, St. Maximillian Kolbe, and Blessed Micheal Sopocko. There also be foot tall statues of St. John Paul II available to the faithful in exchange for free will offerings."

Following the Mass, a family BBQ will be at the Prayer Garden! This celebration will be on Saturday, **September 14th, 2024**. If it rains, the celebration will be at the Notre Dame de Grace Church (Mountain Rd).

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. Just as driving a car without routine maintenance can lead to problems, a marriage needs attention to stay on track. Join us for a relationship maintenance check at our upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on September 27-29, 2024, at Villa Madonna in Rothesay. Applications are accepted until September 23rd at noon. Info.: Ron or Joanne Arsenault (506) 451-8489.



Do you know Development and Peace — Caritas Canada?

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, is a democratic movement for global solidarity rooted in Catholic Social Teaching.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity.

We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

To better understand our work, watch the short documentary at <https://t.ly/jDczl> or visit devp.org.

The power of the movement

Quiz: Who believes in social justice, solidarity between peoples, raising awareness, and campaigning for a world of justice and peace?

Answer: A member of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada!

Interested? Get involved and join our democratic movement of nearly 13,000 members across Canada!

To learn more, contact Nicolas Kalgora, New-Brunswick Animator, tel. 506 801-0440 or email: dpatlantique@devp.org

Dear Padre,

What is the "gospel of prosperity"? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God's favor?

That's a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a "gospel of prosperity," Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn't write it, and it isn't about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called "Gospels of poverty." Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although "nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It's what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!....

The healing of the heart begins with listening....

We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us:

"Ephphatha, be opened!" Open your ears.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Monday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
1 Cor 5:1-8
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

September 10
Weekday
1 Cor 6:1-11
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 11
Weekday
1 Cor 7:25-31
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 12
Weekday
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
In 3:13-17

Sunday

September 15
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4c-9a
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35