



[Jesus said.] "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

MARK 9:35

Learning How to Die Well

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Karl Rahner was a German Jesuit priest and a leading theologian of the twentieth century. He once observed that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. On first hearing this, we may be much like the disciples who didn't understand Jesus when he spoke of his own need to enter death (see Mark 9:31-32).

How do we learn to "die well"? If we forgo the need to always have our own way, if we forgive and resist the impulse to get revenge, if we are sensitive to the needs of others even when it's inconvenient, if we care for the child among us, whether that "little one" be five, forty-five, or eighty-five—if we practice a willingness to die in such ways, then when it comes time for us to make that final journey of our earthly lives, it will not be as frightening because we will have been there before.

Furthermore, if we learn how to die well, our lives will take on new meaning. The focus of our lives will not be on ourselves, but on others and their needs. We will find ourselves less disappointed when life doesn't go our way. Blue moods will evaporate more readily. We will have a greater interest in daily life. In other words, the very aspects that once seemed to drag us down will become doorways to hope and renewed life. What once seemed to have been a kind of death will become an avenue to faith in the resurrection. ●

Reflect

Have you ever "died to yourself" and then experienced a resurrection?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office hours for next week:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 noon & 1-4 PM

Closed Monday, September 30, in observance of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

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

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



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Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Sept. 23	9:30 AM	Special intention	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Tues.	Sept. 24	9:30 AM	Late Evan Hickey	Reg & Cecile
Wed.	Sept. 25	9:30 AM	Late Kathleen Delahunt	St Bernard's CWL
Thurs.	Sept. 26	9:30 AM	Late Blain Guimond	Wife Mary
Fri.	Sept. 27	9:30 AM	Late Muriel & Joseph Richards	Claudia & Art
Sat.	Sept. 28	4:00 PM	For the people	
Sun.	Sept. 29	11:00 AM	Special intention	Imelda Gaudet
St. Clement's				
Sat.	Sept. 28	7:00 PM	For the people	
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Sept. 29	9:00 AM	Irene Bourque	Bob & Irene LeClair

OFFERINGS									
St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – September 14 & 15, 2024									
Envelopes	\$6957	Loose	\$2099	Capital fund	\$1073	Karing Kitchen	\$100		
Canadian Church	\$50	Religious Ed.	\$5	Spec. collection	\$170	Build. Fund	\$50		
St. Clement's Offerings – September 14, 2024									
Envelopes	\$240	Donation w/ Receipt	\$125	Collection	\$35	Candles	\$42		
St. Vincent's Offerings – September 15, 2024									
Envelopes	\$1235	Loose	\$71.30	Needs of Can. Church	\$10				
HR-SV Cemetery Fund	\$40	St Edward's Cemetery	\$100	Stole Fees	\$179				
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!									



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

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. Fr. Ray's CDs will also be

available for purchase (cash only). There will also be a 50/50 draw that evening, with the proceeds benefiting Maison Albert House- SENB Hospice. Don't miss this event! Secure your tickets now at riverviewartscentre.ca / Phone: 506-852-7189. See you there!

(N.B. If you are having some issues in purchasing tickets, please send an email to fathercarlosj@gmail.com).



*A time to mourn...
sincere sympathies to...*

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Eleanor Rosali	Mother of Paz (Tom) Hart and grandmother of Jim and Sid
Mark O'Brien	Brother of Joanne (Michael) Scott
Marie Gaudet	



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

St. Bernard's

Patricia Devine	Raymond T-John LeBlanc	Gigi Pena	Glen & Doreen McCluskey
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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	Elise Landry	Leone Campbell
Teresa Vermette	Deacon Frank Quinn	Vince Reinsborough	Barb DeWitt	

St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

Prior to weekday masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM

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.

Bible studies: We are planning to start Bible studies and need to know which day of the week or at what time is better for everybody. Please put suggestions inside the collection basket. Thank you.

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, September 14 th & 29 th
RCIA	1 st and 3 rd Saturday of month, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Baptism Preparation	Sunday, Sep 22 @ 1 PM
Next baptisms	September 29 @ 11 AM Mass



Welcome to new and returning families as we embark and continue in our faith journey

Sunday, Sep. 22nd in the church hall- Years 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM, Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM, Confirmation Preparation @ 2 PM.

Tuesday, Sep. 24th in the church hall - Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM.

Weds, Sep. 25th in the church hall - Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM.

Please note, if you have not yet registered, please contact Lorella at lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com or call 506-857-0425 before attending a session.



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.stbernardschuch.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.

St Bernard's CWL

The monthly meeting of St. Bernard's CWL will be held in the church hall on Sunday, Sep. 29 2 PM, preceded by the rosary at 1:30. New members are always welcome. We would like to extend an invitation to all ladies in our parish to join us if you would like to know more about our Council and the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

CWL 2025 Dues

Dues collection for 2025 will begin at our September 29th meeting and are due by Dec. 31st for submission to our National Office. Dues remain at \$32.50. If paying by cheque, please make out to St. Bernard's CWL.

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY: Join us for the Rosary Rally on St. Bernard's church steps, Sat., Oct. 12 at 12 noon. For more information contact Jennifer @ 506 878 2869.

St. Bernard's



Moncton K of C Council 1310 - 84 Broadway St., Moncton: A Catholic organization, with 300 plus members. Interested in Joining? Contact Norman Gallant, Grand Knight at 506 853-7333. Bingos: Thurs. & Sun. 6:30 PM - Sunday Brunch 1st Sun. of each month.



Moncton K of C Council 1310 - 84 Broadway Street, Moncton

Monthly Breakfast – **Oct. 6 from 8:30AM - 12:30PM \$12 for Adults, \$5 for children.**
Menu includes: bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, pan fries, baked beans, toast, tea, coffee and juice. All are welcome!

St. Vincent's

FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's - In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470. For parishioners who are past Confirmation, no previous experience is necessary for you to share your time with our Faith Formation families, as a helper or as a catechist!

The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

Sept 22nd @ 10am - Primary group (grades 1-3) – St. Vincent's hall

Sept 29th @ 10am - Elementary group (grades 4+) – St. Vincent's hall

October 6th @ 10am - Primary group – St. Vincent's hall

October 13th ~ Thanksgiving ~ *reflect on what we are grateful for, and remember to help and share!*

October 20th @ 10am - Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall

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 increased from \$10 to \$15, effective April 1, 2023.

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!

PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES – are extended to the family of Evelyn Ayer, who passed away at home on September 12, 2024. Funeral was held at Campbell's Funeral Home on Monday, September 16, 2024. Prayerful condolences are also extended to the family of Delia Burke, who passed away on September 11, 2024 at the Lakeridge Health Centre in Oshawa, Ontario. May they rest in the arms of our loving God.

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.

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 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.



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



SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith, we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action, but one embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity. *“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.



Welcome back to SENIORS CONNECT!

Our next gathering will take place **Thursday October 3rd at 10:30 am** at Holy Family Church. We will have a **Health Fair** where you can have your blood pressure checked, blood glucose and oxygen saturation measured and receive some health information brochures. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.



We are all invited to participate in Truth and Reconciliation Week 2024!

Together, let us embark on a 5-day journey, learning about our Canadian history from First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples! Let us join together to unlearn the myths.

Lunch and Learn for All! Daily webinars from September 23rd to 27th at 2:00 p.m.

Each of these ZOOM webinars will feature a different topic and speaker, and each will last approximately 40-50 minutes. To learn more and/or to register, please go to:

<https://trw-svr.nctr.ca/lunch-and-learns/>



We invite you to join us on Saturday, September 28 at 10 AM at Saint Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, 113 Norwood Ave., Moncton, for a special mass (in Tagalog) to commemorate the Feast of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, first Filipino saint and martyr.

9:30 AM: Recitation of the Rosary - 10:00 AM: Mass - 11:00 AM: Adoration - 11:30 AM: Community Gathering. Overhead projection will include the English translation of the celebration.



Don't miss Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's national launch webinar for the [Reaping Our Rights](#) campaign on Saturday, September 28, at 1:30 p.m. ET with guests from the North and South. We will discuss the rights of peasants and the need for **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation**.

To find out more and register, search for the event at: devp.org/events.



International Day of Older Persons – SUNDAY September 29, 2 pm @ CITY HALL
 Entertainment by LINDA and JOEY HOWE.

Dear Padre,

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on one's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development, but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: 'Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect'" (CCC 2013). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve.... [Service] has a precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel. To serve is not a courteous expression: it means to act like Jesus.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Monday

September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 3:27–34

Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday

September 24

Weekday

Prv 21:1–6, 10–13

Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

September 25

Weekday

Prv 30:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

September 26

Weekday

Ecc 1:2–11

Lk 9:7–9

Friday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ecc 3:1–11

Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

September 28

Weekday

Ecc 11:9–12:8

Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

September 29

Twenty-sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25–29

Jas 5:1–6

Mk 9:38–43, 45, 47–48