A large background image of a sunset over a landscape. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, red, and blue clouds. A bright sun is low on the horizon, and a simple red cross is superimposed on the right side of the image, appearing to glow from the sun's light.

[Jesus answered Pilate,]
"For this I was born and for
this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to
the truth listens to my voice."

JOHN 18:37

His Life as Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, "You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). What is Jesus' truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life's truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life's truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus' ultimate truth is doing his Father's will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

Reflect

***How does your life witness to the truth
Jesus' life reveals?***

SOLEMNITY - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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 for next week:

Monday - Thursday: 9AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM.

Beginning Friday Nov. 22: parish office will be closed on Fridays.

Phone messages will be checked for emergency.

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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St. Clement's Parish Staff

Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	
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Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Nov. 25	9:30 AM	Late Kathleen Delahunt	Therese Dowd
Tues.	Nov. 26	9:30 AM	Late Norman Spence	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Wed.	Nov. 27	9:30 AM	Late Loretta Doucette	Norma & Tony Zuurro
Thurs.	Nov. 28	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Bobby Girouard	Geraldine, Jessie & Peter Kinney
Fri.	Nov. 29	9:30 AM	Special intention	Yolande Arsenault
Sat.	Nov. 30	4:00 PM	For The People	
Sun.	Dec. 1	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Richard & Melvina Christie	Phyllis Christie
St. Clement's				
Sat.	Nov. 30	4:00 PM	Martin Van Egmond	Wife Pam and family
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Dec. 1	9:00 AM	Catherine and Stephen Horyl	David and Lorraine Horyl

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – November 16 & 17, 2024

Envelopes	\$8789.37	Loose	\$784.45	Building Fund	\$42.90	All Souls	\$20
Syrian Relief	\$50	Capital Fund	\$988.33	Karing Kitchen	\$85	Reconnect	\$40
People in Need	\$250	Christmas boxes	\$25	Archdiocese Collection	\$200		
Italian Community	\$255.65						

St. Clement's Offerings – November 16, 2024

Envelopes	\$210	Collection	\$10	Energy needs	\$100	Archdiocese Coll.	\$20
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St. Vincent's Offerings – November 17, 2024

Envelopes	\$1565	Loose	\$20	Maintenance	\$45
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

World Day of Youth November 24

Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, this observance has taken place on Palm Sunday. In 2020 Pope Francis transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

"Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of Faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart."

(POPE FRANCIS)



*A time to mourn...
sincere sympathies to the family of:*

Father Ulysse LeBlanc, c.s.c., Brother of Florine and colleagues to the Holy Cross congregation

Janet Gordon, mother of Michael, Darren and Steven

Verna Ryan, wife (late) David, mother of Richard and Bonnie (Normand Ward)

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



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

St. Bernard's

Patricia Devine	Fr. Allison Carroll	Glen & Doreen McCluskey	Tirso Quinones
Joann Ramsay	Claire Struble	Marie Godin	Dee Dee Murphy
Julie Waban	Ramon Penas & Myrna Penas		

St. Clement's

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

St. Vincent's

Barb DeWitt	Vince Reinsborough	Deacon Frank Quinn	Leonard Burke	Tim Nye
Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell		

As well as those who have died.



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

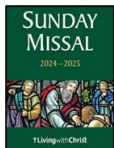


St. Bernard's Saturday confession: Time change.

Beginning Saturday, Nov. 30, Sat. confession time will be 10 - 11 AM NOT 1PM



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.



St. Bernard's will have a limited amount of 2024/2025 Sunday Missals available for

purchase: Cost: \$5. At weekend Masses. Or at:

Parish office: Monday to Thursday, 9 AM - 12 noon & 1 - 4 PM.

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Mark Your Calendar

Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	2nd Sat. of month & last Sat. of month after 25th @ 7:00 PM
RCIA	1 st and 3 rd Saturday of month, 10:00 AM to 12 noon



Faith Formation

Sessions for Fall 2024

Sun. Level 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM and Level 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM:

Dec. 1, Dec. 15

Tues. Level 1-2-3 @ 6PM: Dec. 3, Dec. 17

Wed. Level 4-5-6 @ 6PM: Dec. 4, Dec. 18 - **Confirmation In-Person Session:** Dec. 15



Notice of CWL Meeting

St. Bernard's CWL will hold its December meeting on Sunday, **Dec. 8th at 2:00- 4:00 pm in the parish hall, preceded by the Rosary at 1:30 pm.**

The meeting will also be our annual St. Nicholas party. Bring your favorite finger food to share. A money tree will be set up with donations going to Christmas Boxes in collaboration with Food Depot Alimentaire. Bring a baby item if you would like to support a single mother. Raffle draw will take place. New members welcome!



2025 CWL Membership

Dues are payable by December 31st. Dues remain at \$32.50.

For members who have not yet paid their membership fees, dues can be paid at our upcoming meeting on Sunday, December 8th or by calling

Donna Shaw at 506-382-0503 to arrange for pick up of your dues. If paying by cheque, kindly make your cheque payable to St. Bernard's CWL. Thank you.

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St. Bernard's CWL Raffle

Hand crafted bedspread and 5"x7" painting. Proceeds for parish repairs, Food Depot, Pregnancy Center, NB Right to Life. Lottery License #2073754. **Draw Date- Dec.8/24** - Value \$150.00 – Tickets: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 (available in the parish office)



Hello there! This weekend!

Come get to know others in your parish community! Gather in the parish hall this Sunday, November 24, after Mass (even for a quick hello!) with fellow parishioners for conversation, beverages, and snacks. See you there!!

**Mark your calendars for this community-building activity on the last Sunday of each month from January to June!*



The last week of the Liturgical Year is devoted to eschatological themes:

Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. "There, with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord." (EP IV)

In case of
Inclement
Weather



ST. BERNARD'S: IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:

WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca

OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 506-857-0425

For info. on Christmas food boxes contact one of the below based on where you live:

Moncton area: Peter McKee Community Food Ctr., 475 St. George St, Moncton

506-383-4281 / reception@petermckeecentre.ca

Dieppe area - Second Mile Food Bank, 243 Lewisville Rd., Moncton, N.B.

506-857-9121 / smfoodbank@gmail.com

Riverview area: Albert County Action Inc., 50 Runnymede Rd., Riverview, NB

506-386-7824 / acac.albertcountyfoodbank@gmail.com

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Do you have extra religious articles—statues, crucifixes, rosaries, prayer books, or medals—that are gathering dust at home? These sacred items hold profound meaning and can bring spiritual blessings to others. By donating them to the church, you can share the gift of faith and allow someone else to draw closer to God through these beautiful objects. Many individuals, families, and communities lack access to such religious items. Your donations can help spread devotion, inspire prayer, and provide comfort to those who may not be able to acquire these items themselves. Please consider donating your excess religious articles to the church. They will be distributed to those in need, ensuring these treasures of faith continue to bring hope and love into the hearts of others. You may drop them off at the parish office during the week or see Fr. Carlos Jacinto after Mass. Together, let's share the beauty of our faith and make a difference in someone's spiritual journey. Thank you for your generosity and for being a channel of God's blessings!

Simbang Gabi 2024

Dear Friends,

The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Moncton invites everyone to join in our **Simbang Gabi** celebrations. **Simbang Gabi**, a tagalog phrase that literally means "Evening Mass," is the Filipino traditional novena Masses offered for nine consecutive evenings before Christmas Eve. It is a spiritual journey for Filipinos, a time of reflection, devotion, and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Centred on the Eucharist, the nine Masses honour the Blessed Mother Mary, who carried Our Lord Jesus in her womb for nine months. How is it different from a daily Advent Mass? On Simbang Gabi Masses, the priest wears white festive vestments and the Gloria is sung.

We invite you to **St. Bernard's Church** from **December 15th to the 23rd at 7:00 PM** for these evening Masses, which will be celebrated in English, with hymns beautifully led by the Filipino choir. Please note, our parish's regular daily and weekend Mass schedules will remain unchanged, with these nine special evening Masses added for the season. We would be deeply honored to have you join us in these celebrations.

With blessings, Fr. Carlos Jacinto, The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

St. Clement's Mass is now held every Saturday at 4:00 pm.

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:

December 1st @ 10am

Elementary group (grades 4+) – St. Vincent's hall

December 15th @ 10am

Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall

Elementary group will resume on January 12th 2025

Primary group (grades 1-3) – please contact Cathy to discuss

CONFESSION – Please note that a time for confession may be requested with Fr. Damian following our 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, December 22, 2024.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – St. Vincent's will celebrate mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive early as seating may be limited! There will be no mass on Christmas Day, December 25, 2024.

MUSIC AT ST. VINCENT'S – Our music leader, Karen Olscamp, has once again graciously offered to organize music with our youth for our Christmas Eve mass at 6:00 p.m. "Christmas is coming and that means special invitations to children and youth of our parish to join in Music Performances.

Away in a Manger will be offered with no age limit. And for school age children, *Joy to the World* will be offered with our hand bells. Both songs will be performed on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals will be held Saturday mornings, December 14 and 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

In addition, Karen has offered to organize a Youth Choir (Grades 4-12) to prepare a song or two for the Advent/Christmas season. Perhaps your son or daughter can play a musical instrument that they would like to add to the singing. Rehearsals would be approximately 45 minutes in length and would begin in early December. Rehearsal day and time remain flexible and will be determined in consultation with parents."

All of these activities will require considerable preparation on Karen's part, so she asks parents of interested children and youth to register with her as soon as possible. Karen Olscamp kolscamp@live.com 506-536-3050.

HOLY ROSARY-ST. VINCENT CEMETERY – With the winter season approaching, please remove all artificial flowers and decorations from the cemetery.

St. Vincent's

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – December 8, 2024, will be White Gift Sunday at St. Vincent's. If you wish to donate new toys or clothing for local children, please bring them to St. Vincent's on December 8, 2024. Suggested items are sleepers, bath towels and washcloths, bedding for newborns; socks, playdough, colouring books and crayons, warm winter clothing, etc for children ages 2-6; and gloves, hats, games, craft kits, sweatshirts, movie passes, for children ages 6-12. Please do not wrap items; however, wrapping paper and tape will be gladly accepted.

100 ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VINCENT CHURCH – A small committee will be finalized in early January 2025 to get plans underway to collect more stories and bits of history from parishioners. If you have questions, please contact Rosemary at rbarras@nbnet.nb.ca.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2024-2025 – Due to a higher demand this year, an additional 12 Sunday Missals 2024-2025 will be ordered and offered to parishioners. Cost will be \$6.75 each.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – If you wish to sign a card of support for Development and Peace Defending Peasants' Rights, they are available on a table at the entrance to the church. In the new year, all signed cards will be sent to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, Montreal, PQ, when a delegation will go to Parliament Hill in Ottawa to hand over signed action cards and petitions.

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK – If you are able, please contribute non-perishable food items to our local Food Bank. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance of the church.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – As newcomers continue to arrive to Sackville and St. Vincent's, we will be accepting specific donations as needed by them such as CHEST OF DRAWERS, MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS AND BED FRAMES, LIKE-NEW BEDDING AND WARM BLANKETS, AND SMALL APPLIANCES. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any of these items that you would like to donate. Thank you!!



Season of Advent

The First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



The imposition of the pallium of The Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, will be on the Solemnity of *Christ the King* at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption, 224 St George Street Moncton, on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend!

ADVENT GOES TO THE MOVIES

Please join us as we meet via Zoom to discuss four films and their connection to our faith and the Advent season. November 25th (*Frozen*); December 2nd (*Wizard of Oz*); December 9th (*Babette's Feast*); and December 16th (*Agnes of God*). Each discussion will be held at 10:30 am on Zoom. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

SENIORS CONNECT

Welcome to Seniors Connect, a safe space for Seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on Thursday December 5th 10:30 am at the Holy Family Church Hall, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. Our theme for that day is "Tis the Season". One of our activities will be a Yankee Swap so we ask that you bring a small gift or craft that is no more than \$5. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

SCUBA CHRISTMAS!

On Friday, December 6th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, we will be offering a Christmas follow-up to last June's Vacation Bible School, SCUBA: Dive into Friendship with God and learn about the story of the Holy Family. Anyone is welcome, even those children who did not attend Vacation Bible School in June. All families are welcome. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR HOPE ADVENT RETREAT

On Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, Craig Murphy will be offering a morning Advent Retreat to take place at Broadleaf Guest Ranch in Riverside Albert. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Our next Theology on Tap event will take place on Monday, December 9th, 6:30 PM at Mai Asian Restaurant in Moncton. Our guest speaker for this session will be Eugene Aucoin, who will be speaking about his new book "*Beatitudes: 8 Steps to Inner Peace and Happiness.*" Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

The Chœur des Aboiteaux, a mixed choir of around sixty voices under the direction of

Paula Hébert, is pleased to invite you to its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. Come and get into the holiday spirit in the magnificent St. John's United Church, at the corner of Victoria and Alma streets in Moncton NB. The program includes new and old songs in innovative arrangements. You'll be charmed by classic songs such as Christmas Pot Pourri, Handel's Hallelujah and many others. The songs will be accompanied by piano, and some by flute and percussion.

Tickets are on sale from choir members or at the door for \$20. Children 12 and under are admitted free. An elevator is available.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Weekly Gospel Study Group November 28th and 29th:

Weekly in person or Zoom, Thursdays at St. Lawrence O'Toole 6:00pm followed by adoration at 7:00pm AND Fridays at St. Augustine's 11:00am, followed by Mass at 12:00noon and adoration. For information contact Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com.

1st Sunday of Advent, click on the following links and read: St. Gregory the Great <https://thedivinelamp.wordpress.com/2010/11/25/pope-st-gregory-the-great-homily-for-the-first-sunday-of-advent/>

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

May 19– 28, 2025: Pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain, with visits to Lisbon, Avila, Toledo, Madrid, Zaragoza Montserrat and Barcelona. Cost of CAD 4,730.00 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from Fredericton/Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and professional guides. (Single room supplement - CAD 510.00) **INFO:** Marie Desjardins at mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com or 207-868-5027.

Holy Family Church (52 Falkland Street, Moncton)

Holy Family is seeking an enthusiastic, musically gifted team player to serve as **Music Leader**. The perfect candidate will lead the music at mass celebrations (Saturdays at 7 pm) and choir practices. This is a paid position.

For a detailed position description or additional information, please reach out to Mark at the parish office: 506 386 6178 or email info@setmoncton.com. This posting will remain open until filled.

Dear Padre,

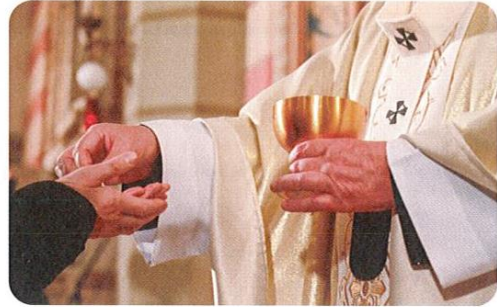
When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, "Thank you, Jesus. Amen." Is this OK or should I just stick to "Amen"?

"Amen" is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt "Amen" is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It's also a statement of belief, roughly translated as "truly," "most assuredly," or "so be it" to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with "Amen," it repeats and confirms the first words "I believe." "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). "Jesus Christ is...the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God's people. Each individual communicant's "Amen" is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than "Amen" may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful "Amen!" ●

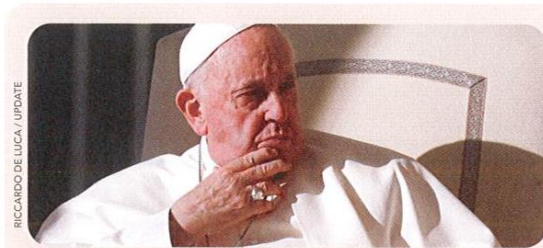
Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



RICCARDO DELUCA / UPDATE

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Monday

November 25

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

November 26

Weekday

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

November 27

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

November 28

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day
(US)

Sir 50:22-24

1 Cor 1:3-9

Lk 17:11-19

Friday

November 29

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-

21:2

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

November 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

December 1

First Sunday

of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28,

34-36