

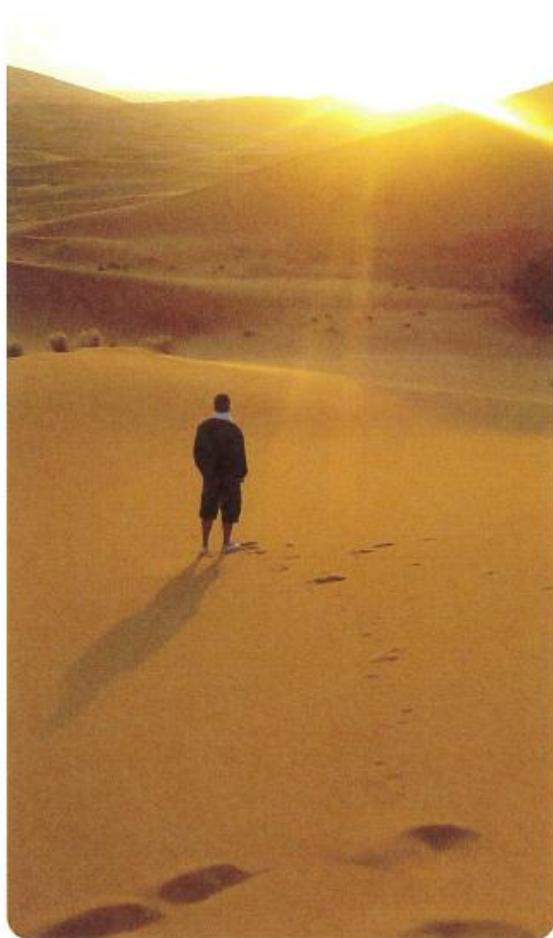


Living in Fantasy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the desert
for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

LUKE 4:1-2A



I *f I Were a Horse* by Elizabeth Bridgman is a children's story about Jenny, who daydreams about being a horse and then accepts her true reality, as she realizes no one will recognize her as a horse. In the end, she finds that she likes herself as she truly is.

The story may also be a metaphor for our human fantasy about sin, by which we try to redefine the world on our own terms, only to realize that life does not go so well when we do this. It is our stealing by which we pretend that something belongs to us rather than to another. It is our lying that attempts to redefine truth in terms of what we want life to be, rather than in what life really is. It is our addictions that redefine the source of meaning and life not as God, but as ourselves and our wants. Lent brings us face to face with who we are—which is not a horse (real or otherwise), but, by God's design, is a daughter or son of God.

The temptations Jesus experienced in the desert were temptations to define life on his own terms, just as we are often tempted to do. Yet, Jesus was the one who got it right. For him, stones were stones, not bread. Power and glory were God's, not his. He would not put God to the test, thinking he could manipulate God and get God to do what Jesus wanted. Jesus was the faithful one. ●

Reflect

What about my life do I struggle to accept?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League

On March 17th, St. Bernard's CWL invites parishioners to join us for a St. Patrick's Day coffee party in the church hall following the 9:30 am Mass. Refreshments will be served, and Irish music will be playing on the CD player. For those who wish, a free offering bowl

will be available for donations for CWL projects, including parish repairs.

Please follow parish directions concerning cancellations due to inclement weather.

We look forward to seeing you. *St. Bernard's CWL*



Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Mar. 10	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving	Eileen Saunders
Tues.	Mar. 11	9:30 AM	JoAnn LeBlanc, Marc LeBlanc, Marc Gillespie and all the deceased members of LeBlanc Family	Family
Wed.	Mar. 12	9:30 AM	Late Ruth Duffey	St. Bernard's CWL
Thurs.	Mar. 13	9:30 AM	Late Larry Byron	Angela Kinden
Fri.	Mar. 14	9:30 AM	Deceased family members	Conrad Coughlan
Sat.	Mar. 15	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Catherine Steeves	Roman Steeves
Sun.	Mar. 16	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Susan Fortin	Family
St. Clement's				
Sat.	Mar. 15	4:00 PM	Harvey Niles	Jan Legere
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Mar. 16	9:00 AM	Elise Landry	Lynn Sitland

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – March 1 & 2, 2025

Envelopes	\$5281	Loose	\$694.20	Karing Kitchen	\$17.50	Capital Fund	\$2352
ReConnect	\$110	Donations	\$955	Special Coll. Youth	\$30	Ash Wed.	\$347
Indigenous	\$40	Syrian Relief	\$35				

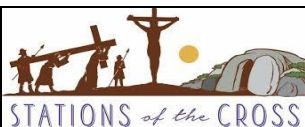
St. Clement's offerings – March 1, 2025

Envelopes	\$345	Heating	\$4.00				
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St. Vincent's offerings – March 2, 2025

Envelopes	\$1505	Loose	\$17	Maintenance	\$145		
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be prayed **during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM**. All are invited and encouraged to attend. To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in the different churches according to the following schedule:

Fridays	March 7, March 28 and April 18	Immaculate Heart
Fridays	March 14 and April 4	St. Augustine's
Fridays	March 21 and April 11	St. Bernard's

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

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

Ruby Bannister, wife of late husbands Gerald Thompson & Sheldon Bannister; mother of Susan & Paul.
Thelma Dupuis, wife of Leon; mother of Michael, David, Aileen and Mark.

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	John Glynn	Peter Quach	Jerome Escalona	Kathleen Crosby	Walter Best
Claire Struble	Rosanna Faulkner	Belinda Sarmiento	Sofio & Maria Floreta Conson	Stella Alcalen	
David Little	Deacon Ed West	Irene Cucalon	Georgette Thomson	George Grissom	Maria Miller

St. Clement's

Vina & Gerard McGraw	Sharon Cole	Olga Bateman	Genie Coates	Roger Collette	Pop Francis
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St. Vincent's

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

Saturdays: 10:00 AM; First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM.

What
God
Has Joined

What God Has Joined: Preparing for Marriage in the Catholic Church

Marriage preparation is a requirement for marriage in the Catholic Church. It is recommended that couples complete this preparation 6 months prior to their marriage date. This course discusses the important aspects of your relationship before you begin your lifelong journey together.

St. Bernard's will be facilitating a weekend marriage preparation program on the following dates:

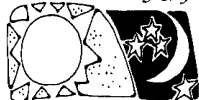
Friday	May 30	7:00 to 9:00 PM
Saturday	May 31	9:00 AM to approximately 4:00 PM

Couples are required to attend both days. Cost of course & book inclusive: \$ 100.00 per couple.

You must pre: register to attend by emailing darlenemcgraw@rogers.com.

Space is limited so please register early.

LORD · JESUS



BE · OUR · MORNING · JOY
OUR · EVENING · REST

Join us for Evening Prayer

EVENING PRAYER

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. We, as children of God, are encouraged to be more cognizant of prayer during the Lenten season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer? It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE: All are welcome to gather for Evening Prayer at St. Bernard's on the following Thursday evenings during lent: March 13, 20, 27; April 3 & 10 @ 6:00 PM.

St. Bernard's




St. Bernard's Church Inclement Weather Policy

**At least 1 hour before scheduled event:
 Mass cancellation & any other closures will always be noted on:
 Parish Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca
 Parish Phone Message: by calling 506 857 0425
 Facebook: facebook.com/gsmoncton
 Call ahead or check website before heading out.**

Mark Your Calendar

Carmelites	2 nd Saturday of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	2 nd Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25 th @ 7:00 PM
RCIA meeting dates	1 st and 3 rd Saturday of each month – 10:00 AM
Baptism preparation	To be determined
"Hello There"	Sunday March 30 th after mass
Marriage Preparation	Friday & Saturday, May 30 & 31, 2025 (for more details see announcement in bulletin).

	SESSIONS	LEVEL 1-3		LEVEL 4-6	
		Sun. @ 9:30 AM	Tues. @ 6 PM	Sun. @ 12:15 PM	Wed. 6 PM
	13	March 9 th	March 11 th	March 9 th	March 12 th
	14	March 23 rd	March 25 th	March 23 rd	March 26 th
	15	April 6 th	April 8 th	April 6 th	April 9 th

Confirmation Prep. In-person session

Session # 5 Sun. Mar. 9th at 2 PM -Session # 6 Sun. April 6th at 2 PM -Session # 7th April 27th at 2 PM.



St Bernard's Sacrament Celebrations

Reconciliation: Saturday March 22nd @ 10 AM
 Holy Communion: Sunday May 4th @ 11 AM
 Confirmation: Sunday, May 11th @ 11 AM



The Rite of Acceptance:

For the last months, a group of inquirers (people interested in the Catholic Church) have been meeting with the RCIA team here in our parish. During this time, they have explored their own faith journeys and whether the Catholic Church is the place to continue that journey. They have prayed about it and have decided to take the next step. This step involves a liturgical rite: the Rite of Acceptance (for the unbaptized). They assembled publicly for the first time declaring their intention to the Church and the Church, in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. "We, the parish, as the Church, have a part in this Rite. We are asked to warmly welcome these catechumens into our faith family and to support them with our prayers. The Rite of Acceptance occurred at St. Bernard's, at the Sunday Mass, March 2, 2025. The persons who received this Rite were: Lisa Arsenaault, Ryan Nagle, Terry Wellman, Avery Wellman and Scott Wright. They are embarking on a wonderful adventure, and you are a part of it. Please keep all of us, catechumens, candidates, parish sponsors, and team, in your prayers.

St. Clement's

Mass is held at Westford Nursing Home in Port Elgin almost every Wednesday according to the following schedule. Please feel free to attend the mass with the seniors: March 19, April 16, May 14, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17.

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. The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

Elementary group session @ 10am – church hall	Sun Mar 9 th @ 10am
<i>Sacrament prep: 1st Reconciliation session #2</i>	Sun Mar 9 th @ 6pm
<i>Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation</i>	Fri Mar 14 th @ 5pm
Elementary group sessions @ 10am	Sun Mar 23 rd , Apr 6 th & 27 th , May 4 th
Way of the Cross with Faith Formation group	Fri Apr 11 th @ 6pm
<i>1st Eucharist during Mass</i> (contact Cathy for prep)	Sun May 11 th @ 9am
Primary group (grades 1-3) – please contact Cathy to discuss	

Call for new ALTAR SERVERS at St. Vincent's – open to youth in grades 4 – 12 who have celebrated their First Communion and who commit to attending Mass regularly. There will be an upcoming training session, so please contact Dennis Lambus asap at dlambus22@gmail.com

WAY OF THE CROSS at St. Vincent's – Join us for one or for all of these special devotions of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent: March 7th, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th and April 11th, at 6pm.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE with Confession at St. Vincent's – On Friday March 14th at 6pm for all parishioners who have already celebrated first reconciliation. Resources to prepare are available at <https://www.diocesemoncton.ca/en/reconciliation>. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops also offer an Examination of Conscience on their website and scripture readings for reflection.

STORM CANCELLATIONS – Please note that if mass is cancelled for any reason, but mainly winter storms this time of year, a mass email will be sent out to all parishioners who have shared their email with the Parish Office. We realize there are some parishioners who do not have access to email, so we ask that if mass is cancelled, please call any parishioners you know who do not have email to alert them to the cancellation.

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS – *Tax receipts for 2024 were distributed before and after mass on Sunday, February 23, 2025. If you were unable to attend mass on this day, please be assured that your receipt was mailed via Canada Post on Monday, February 24, 2025.*

MASS CELEBRATION AT THE DREW NURSING HOME – On Monday, February 10, 2025, Fr. Carlos began celebrating Mass once per month at **3:00 p.m.** with the residents of the Drew Nursing Long Term Care Home in Sackville. The following dates are also scheduled for Mass: **Monday, March 10; Monday, April 7; Monday, May 5; and Monday, June 2.** ***Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate mass with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home.***

LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES

Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet every two weeks over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films. **March 10th – Close Encounters of the Third Kind; March 24th – A River Runs Through It; and April 7th – Thelma and Louise.** All discussions take place on Zoom at 10:00 am. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.

“ROADMAP TO INITIATION” R.C.I.A. FORMATION

Catherine Ecker will be offering a three-part series entitled “Roadmap to Initiation,” designed for those who are involved in parish R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) teams. It would also be of interest to anyone involved in sacramental preparation. These sessions will take place via Zoom on **March 10th, 17th, and 24th at 7:00 pm** to 9:00 pm. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

Welcome back to SENIORS CONNECT!

Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday March 27th at 10:30 am** at Holy Family Church. We will have someone from the Alzheimer Society talking to us about “Understanding Behaviors”. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.



DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE

is a 3-part series designed to engage Christians in conversations around death and dying. As a pastoral priority of Archbishop Desrochers, each parish in the diocese will be hosting the series at various times. All are welcome to register for any of the sessions taking place. Upcoming English sessions will be held on **March 21st at Immaculate Conception Parish in Rexton at 6:00 pm**, and **St. Augustine’s will be hosting the series on the evenings of March 31st, April 7th, and April 14th at 6:30 pm.** Registration is necessary and can be done online through the diocesan website or by scanning the QR code. You may also register by contacting Trevor at adultfaith@diocesemoncton.com or by calling 857-4879. *Dying with Christ, Living with Hope* was created by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada.

A signature to Turn Debt into Hope

Next Sunday, March 16, you will be invited to sign the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis’s call:

“In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.” (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025)

Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures, which will feed into the global goal of 10 million signatures. **Sign now at devp.org/debt.** Thank you for your solidarity!



SILENCE AUCTION & DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA-THURSDAY AND FRIDAY APRIL 3 & 4

Dessert with tea or coffee. Eat-in or takeout-\$7,50/erving.

Location: St. John’s United Church, 75 Alma St. Moncton, NB.

* Silence Auction: Thursday April 3 from 10am to 9pm and Friday, April 4 from 10am to 4pm.

* Dessert Extravaganza: Thursday from 4 to 4pm & 7-9pm and Friday, April 4 from 2 to 4pm.

Dear Padre,

Who decided that fish isn't meat? I really dislike fish; also, it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law, as written in Latin, states that we must abstain from *carne* (meat), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In the document "Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up, like meat. Our fasting isn't just an external discipline—sacrifice for the sake of checking a box. It's supposed to be a sacrifice that leads us closer to God. When we take that deeper step ourselves, then we can invite our friends to go deeper, too. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus opposes the attractions of evil...by responding to temptations with the word of God, which says not to take advantage...to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.



VATICAN MEDIA

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 6, 2022

Monday March 10 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Lv 19:1–2, 11–18 Mt 25:31–46	Thursday March 13 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25 Mt 7:7–12	Saturday March 15 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dt 26:16–19 Mt 5:43–48
Tuesday March 11 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 55:10–11 Mt 6:7–15	Friday March 14 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 18:21–28 Mt 5:20–26	Sunday March 16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Gn 15:5–12, 17–18 Phil 3:17–4:1 or 3:20–4:1 Lk 9:28b–36
Wednesday March 12 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jon 3:1–10 Lk 11:29–32		

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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