



God of Justice, God of Mercy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We,

however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really?

Reflect

Does my life seem unfair? More fair or less fair compared with others?

In C.S. Lewis' novel, *Till We Have Faces*, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more?

Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●



"Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

LUKE 15:32

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office hours for next week:

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM. **CLOSED on Fridays.**

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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WOMEN'S IGNATIAN RETREAT-Theme *"Sent forth as apostles of Hope"*

April 3-6, 2025 @ Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, 67 Reid Road, Breadalbane, Prince Edward Island. Cost: \$400.00 (\$420.00 after March 14) including room, board and materials. Contact Tracy Jones: 902-439-1218 or email: stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com. Deb D'Ettore: 506-961-3526 or email: d.ettoredeb07@gmail.com. **For more details, See flyer in bulletin.**

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Mar. 31	9:30 AM	For the People	
Tues.	April. 1	9:30 AM	Late Corry Evers	Rod & Lorella Dunnett
Wed.	April. 2	9:30 AM	For those in Palliative Care	St. Bernard's CWL
Thurs.	April. 3	9:30 AM	Late Esther Fearon	Family
Fri.	April. 4	9:30 AM	Late Mildred "Millie" LeBlanc	Chantale Doiron
Sat.	April. 5	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	April. 6	11:00 AM	Late Lowell Brine	Mary Mona Bottomley

St. Clement's

Sat.	April. 5	4:00 PM	For our Benefactors	
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	April. 6	9:00 AM	Elwyn & Evelyn Gowing	Heather Longpré
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OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – March 22 & 23, 2025

Envelopes	\$3282.50	Loose	\$1134.60	Karing Kitchen	\$20	Capital Fund	\$170
ReConnect	\$50	Syrian Relief	\$10	Ash Wed.	\$15	New Year's Day	\$5

St. Clement's offerings – March 22, 2025

Envelopes	\$315						
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St. Vincent's offerings – March 23, 2025

Envelopes	\$	Loose	\$	Offering Envelopes	\$		
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



STATIONS of the CROSS

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	April 4	St. Augustine's
Fridays	April 11	St. Bernard's
Fridays	April 18	Immaculate Heart

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

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

Ernesto Pantig, uncle of Stephen (Lorna).

Darrin Arseneau, father of Jeremy and Alyssa.

Boyd Biddiscombe, brother of Theresa Sloan (Mike).

Pauline Cormier, wife of Bernard Cormier; mother of Craig Sparks; sister of Juanita "Taddy" Hopper.

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	Alix Karmar	Peter Quach	Jerome Escalona	Conrad Coughlan
Claire Struble	Maria Miller	Belinda Sarmiento	Sofio & Maria Floreta Conson	Stella Alcalen
Deacon Ed West	Irene Cucalon	Georgette Thomson	George Grissom	Dody & Jacklyn Placido
Pamela Gamboa	Clarence Arsenault	Etta Bruce		

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Roger Collette	Olga Bateman	Genie Coates	Pope 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.



First Friday Devotion on April 4, 2025, at St. Bernard's Church

8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 AM – Benediction - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall.

Thank you.



St. Bernard's

*In case of
Inclement
Weather*



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/gsmonctn. 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 – 12 noon
Baptism preparation	Sunday, April 13, 2025 @ 1:30 PM
"Hello There"	Sunday March 30 th after mass
Marriage Preparation	Friday & Saturday, May 30 & 31, 2025 (for more details see announcement in bulletin).



Faith Formation

SESSIONS	LEVEL 1-3		LEVEL 4-6	
	Sun. @ 9:30 AM	Tues. @ 6 PM	Sun. @ 12:15 PM	Wed. 6 PM
15	April 6 th	April 8 th	April 6 th	April 9 th
16	April 27 th	April 29 th	April 27 th	April 30 th

Confirmation Prep. In-person session

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



St Bernard's Sacrament Celebrations

Holy Communion: Sunday May 4th @ 11 AM

Confirmation: Sunday, May 11th @ 11 AM



Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025:

Parker Comeau, Zoey Fabion, Marcus Guerrero, Marius Guerrero, Christopher Miller, Maria Georgina Papin, Vada Perry, Nayelie Leisha Pradez, Mallaidh Scully and Eufracio Villanueva.

St. Bernard's



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.

All are welcome to gather for Evening Prayer at St. Bernard's on the following Thursday evenings during lent: April 3 & 10 @ 6:00 PM.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (CHILDREN)

Dismissal: Why do we dismiss catechumens and candidates? Do you invite people to your home and not invite them to the table as you eat?

As fully initiated Catholics we participate in Word and Eucharist.

The uninitiated are invited to the liturgy of the Word and not to share in the Eucharist – a sign of complete initiation. They are fed by the Word and are dismissed to deepen that sharing.

Scrutinies: A scrutiny is one of the rites of the RCIA that involves self-searching and repentance. The purpose of the scrutinies is to strengthen the person to overcome temptations and to be strong in choosing what is upright and in following the Gospel. There are three scrutinies which occur on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. After the readings and homily at the Liturgy, the presider invites the catechumens and the assembly to silent prayer, and intercessions for the Elect follow. The presider pronounces the exorcism. The exorcism is addressed to Christ, asking him to drive out the power of evil and replace it with the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for: our Elect, Candidates, Sponsors, & RCIA team as their journey continues.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be held at Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption Cathedral in Moncton on Tuesday, **April 15th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**

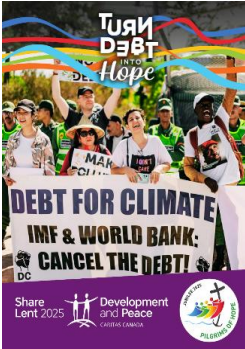
The celebration will be presided by Mgr Guy Desrochers, accompanied by his priests and permanent deacons.

St. Bernard's



Hello there! Next weekend after Mass!

Hello there! This Sunday after Mass! Come get to know others in your parish community! Gather after Mass Sunday, March 30th, in the parish hall with fellow parishioners for conversation, beverages, and snacks. See you there!!



DEMANDING FAIRER POLICIES IN TUNISIA

Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country's debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone.

This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our [Mini-magazine](https://devp.org/lent/resources) at devp.org/lent/resources.

Easter Flowers



If you would like to donate funds for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing, it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

Indicate parish:	St. Bernard's	St. Clement's	St. Vincent's
In Memory of:			
Donated by:			
Address:			
Envelope #			
Amount \$			

St. Bernard's



The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday	April 17	6:00 PM	St. Vincent's: Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday	April 17	7:00 PM	St. Bernard's: Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	April 18	10:00 AM	St. Bernard's: Children's Liturgy
Good Friday	April 18	1:30 PM	St. Clement's: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Good Friday	April 18	3:00 PM	St. Vincent's: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Good Friday	April 18	3:00 PM	St. Bernard's: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	April 19	8:30 PM	St. Bernard's: (for the Pastoral Unit)
Easter Sunday	April 20	9:00 AM	St. Vincent's
Easter Sunday	April 20	11:00 AM	St. Clement's
Easter Sunday	April 20	11:00 AM	St. Vincent's

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.

St. Bernard's



The Jubilee Year 2025 – a Holy Year of Hope

The Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 2025, a time of spiritual renewal and grace, officially began on Christmas Eve 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica and continues until January 6, 2026. Within the Jubilee Year, there will be various jubilees dedicated to specific groups. As part of this initiative, The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit will be recognizing wedding anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc.

(5-year intervals). ***This celebration will take place at St. Bernard's, Sunday 11 AM Mass, May 18, 2025, followed by a reception in the parish hall.*** More details to follow. If you would like to have your marriage included in this celebration, please fill out the information below and submit to the parish office. Thank you.

First & last names of the married couple

Date of actual marriage

WOMEN'S IGNATIANT RETREAT



Theme: Sent Forth as Apostles of Hope

APRIL 3-6, 2025

OUR LADY OF HOPE RETREAT CENTRE
67 REID ROAD, BREADALBANE,
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND COA 1E0

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE FOR DINNER AT 5 PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS - 6:00 - 6:30 PM
RETREAT BEGINS - 7:00 PM

**COST: \$400.00 INCLUDES ROOM, BOARD AND MATERIALS.
(\$425.00 AFTER MARCH 14)**

Contact for Registration and Payment:

Tracy Jones - 902 439 1218 or email: stjfamilycentre@gmail.com

Deb D'Etto - 506 961 3526 or email: d.ettoredeb07@gmail.com



REGNUM CHRISTI
Maritimes



RETREAT MASTER: FR. PIERRE CAOQUETTE, LC

Fr. Pierre Caouette, LC, from Québec, entered the seminary at 18 and was ordained on December 24, 2010, with his cousin, Fr. Janick Caouette, LC. After earning a theology master's in Rome, he served in Montreal. Since 2015, he has led evangelization and retreats in Oakville, ON.

St. Clement's

Confession will be held before mass on April 5th.

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 sessions @ 10am	Sunday Apr 6 th & 27 th , May 4 th
Way of the Cross with Faith Formation group	Fri Apr 11 th @ 6pm
1 st Eucharist during Mass	Sun May 11 th @ 9am

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

CALL FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. VINCENT'S

Please contact Dennis Lambus at dlambus22@gmail.com.

PARISH CALENDAR

For up-to-date events happening at St. Vincent's, please consult the calendar at the entrance.

WAY OF THE CROSS at St. Vincent's

Join us for one or for these upcoming special devotions of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent: April 4th and April 11th, at 6pm.

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.

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 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.***

St. Vincent's

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Thank you to all who have donated household items for the use of the Filipino newcomers in the past year. As we very recently received a large gift of household furniture, we are currently **putting a pause on accepting donations for the time being.** However, if you have the following items to donate: **kitchen table and chairs; double mattress, box spring, and frame; or like-new bedding for twin, double, or queen size mattresses,** please be in touch with Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK

If you are able, please contribute non-perishable food and/or toiletry items to our local Food Bank. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance of the church.



Trevor Drosbeck - 857-4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca
Karen LeBlanc - 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE

Please note the sessions scheduled for St. Augustine's on March 31st, April 7th and 14th have been cancelled. Please watch your parish bulletin for a rescheduled date.

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. **Our final discussion will be on 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.

Gospel Study Group April 3rd and 4th

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@gasmoncton.com.

For 5th Sunday of Lent click on the following links and read.

Pope John Paul II Part 3:

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_02121984_reconciliatio-et-paenitentia.html#:~:text=1.,God%20and%20hence%20of%20brotherhood.

Pope Francis : <https://www.popefrancishomilies.com/adultery>

Dear Padre,

***Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day?
Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish,
even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding
or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.***

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should “receive the Lord’s Body” (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important.

In response to a specific “dubium” or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church’s understanding of this practice. It mandated that “the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day” (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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
March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
Is 65:17–21	Ez 47:1–9, 12	Is 49:8–15	Ex 32:7–14	Wis 2:1a, 12–22	Jer 11:18–20	Is 43:16–21
Jn 4:43–54	Jn 5:1–16	Jn 5:17–30	Jn 5:31–47	Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30	Jn 7:40–53	Phil 3:8–14
						Jn 8:1–11



THE PRODIGAL SON, PETER PAUL RUBENS / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son.... [The son writes a letter]: “Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window.” And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 27, 2022