

As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

LUKE 19:36, 38

The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

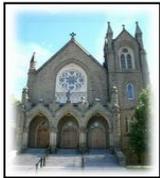
We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?

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

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



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St. Bernard's



St. Bernard's Church Inclement Weather Policy

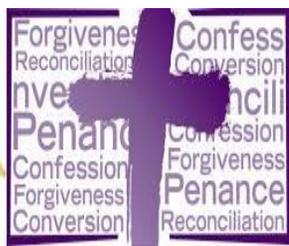
At least 1 hour before scheduled event:
Mass cancellation & any other closures will always be noted on:
Parish Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca
Parish Phone Message: by calling 506 857 0425

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 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
The Feast of the Light gathering	April 13, 2025 (see details in last week's bulletin).
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
16	April 27 th	April 29 th	April 27 th	April 30 th
 Faith Formation	Confirmation Prep. In-person session Session # 6 Sun. April 6 th at 2 PM -Session # 7 th April 27 th at 2 PM.			



Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 5, Alexandre Heard & Emilie Heard



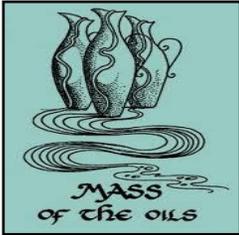
Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel

All are welcome to attend parish mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on Saturday, April 26 at 10am. As Our Lady of Good Counsel is the patroness of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, members of the St. Bernard's CWL Council executive will be reaffirmed in their offices at this time. CWL members will hold their annual meeting in the hall following the mass.

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HOLY WEEK - RE-LIVE THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The action of this week moves from the triumph of the palm procession, through the agony and death of the Lord, to his glorious resurrection from the dead. In Holy Week the people of God take time to reflect and pray about what Jesus has done for us in his love. We become more aware of the many ways in which we continue to live and experience the dying and rising of Jesus in our daily lives.



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.

Sacred Paschal Triduum: For three full days, from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. This is his work of saving us by his dying and rising, seen as one act of God's love and mercy for us. We also celebrate because Jesus has brought us into his paschal mystery by baptism. With him we are baptized into death to sin, and with him we rise to live a new life for God.

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7 PM

Reception of Oils: Oils will be received from the Chrism Mass.

Evening Mass: We remember the Passover feast of the Jewish people and the last supper of Jesus with his disciples when we celebrate the Eucharist this evening. Before he offers himself on the cross, Jesus takes bread and says, "**This is my body**". **He takes a cup of wine, and says, "This is my blood of the new covenant, bloodshed to save all sinners. Do this in memory of me."** We obey him each time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

Procession: At the end of the Mass, the Eucharistic food for the Good Friday celebration is carried reverently to a reserved place of honor. The altar is stripped, crosses are removed. **We leave in silence.**

Adoration: Members of the community are invited to spend time in prayer and adoration, praising the name of the Lord Jesus, by whose death and resurrection we are saved. The Church will remain open for Adoration until 9 PM.

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GOOD FRIDAY

Spirit of the day: As we left in silence on Thursday we gather in silence on Friday.

The meaning of this day is clearly indicated by its name in English: it is **Good Friday**, the day when God did wonderful things for us by the suffering and death of his Son. Out of his death God has brought us light and life and makes it possible for us to be saved. This is indeed a good day for the world.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

PASCHAL FAST

The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus.

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.



Children's Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

(For the children and their families)

IT IS FINISHED.



Afternoon liturgy @ 3:00 o'clock - We come together to remember what Jesus has done for us. In the service of the word, we listen to the solemn proclamation of Jesus' passion according to John, and then offer prayer for the world and for God's people, the Church. We venerate the cross and eat the life-giving body of the Lord in communion.

HOLY SATURDAY



On this day, the body of Jesus lay in the guarded tomb, and the frightened disciples hid behind locked doors. In the modern Church, **Holy Saturday is a quiet day, the great Sabbath rest.** **The paschal fast continues, and we avoid entertainments and distractions as on Good Friday.**

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Hospital Chaplains (Collection held on Good Friday - April 18, 2025)

This collection goes toward the salaries of the Chaplains who minister to the sick and dying in our hospitals and to their families.

Thank you to all those who support this collection.

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 18 at Immaculate Heart.

Easter Vigil @ 8:30 PM: This service is the most important celebration of the Church year. It takes place during the dark hours of the night.

It has four distinct stages:



Light service: After the blessing of the new fire, the priest lights the Easter candle. This represents the risen Lord, and is a visible reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.



Liturgy of the word: The readings from God's word lead us from creation through God's saving works to his greatest work, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We listen with faith, reflect on the word, and respond by singing psalms. The homily helps us to recognize God's mighty works in our midst.



Eucharist: The first Mass of Easter is celebrated with great splendor. We rejoice because Christ has been raised from the dead and because we are renewed in him.

St. Clement's

Mass will be held at Westford Nursing Home on Wednesday April 16 at 1:30 PM.

Anyone wishing to donate flowers to St. Clement's in memory of someone for Easter, should bring the flowers to the church with the name of whom they are in memory of.

Stations of the Cross - Friday April 11th @ 5:00 PM followed by a light meal downstairs.

Good Friday - April 18th 1:30 PM Service. Easter Sunday - April 20th 11:00 AM.

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 April 13 th & 27 th , May 4 th
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.

EASTER FLOWERS – If you wish to donate money for Easter Flowers, please put your donation in a plain envelope with your name and envelope number on it, as well as the name of your loved one(s), and place it in the collection basket at the entrance to St. Vincent's. The Easter bulletin will contain a list of those remembered, as well as the names of donors. Thank you for your continued generosity!

STORM CANCELLATIONS – Please note that if mass is cancelled for any reason, but mainly winter storms this time of year, a group email will be sent out to all parishioners who have shared their email address 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, May 5; and Monday, June 2. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate mass with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home.***

PARISH CALENDAR – For up-to-date events happening at St. Vincent's, please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church and advise the Parish Office of upcoming events to add to the calendar.

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 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@nbn.net.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.

For The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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.
			There is no 9:30 AM Mass on that day.
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. Bernard's



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 \$			



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

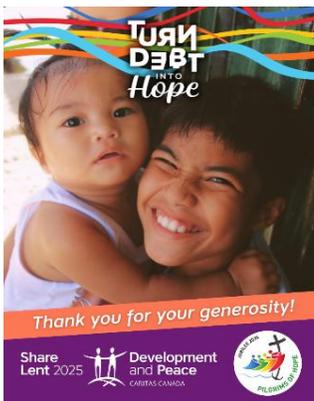
Our next **SENIOR'S CONNECT** gathering will be on **Thursday, April 17, at 10:30 am**, at Holy Family Parish Hall. In addition to our social time, we will be having a recipe gathering. The theme is **'Recipes that Work for Us'**. Portions that fit our smaller households, our favorites or recipes that are good for some of our nutrition challenges, addressing things like diabetes, high blood pressure, osteoporosis. Please bring a recipe with you that fits one of these categories. We will have copies made and available for everyone at our next gathering. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

EARTH DAY LITURGY

April 22nd is Earth Day and to mark this occasion Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting an ecumenical prayer service beginning at 10:30 that morning. It is an opportunity for people from all denominations to come together and pray for Mother Earth as it is our common home. There is no need to register, just show up. All are welcome.

ENLARGE YOUR TENT

HOW TO BE A WELCOMING CHURCH St. Elizabeth of the Trinity invites everyone to join a conversation on hospitality and welcome on **Wednesday, April 23rd**, 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish Hall (52 Falkland). *What does it mean to welcome someone? What is good hospitality?* Grounded in the Vatican synodal document **"Enlarge the Space in Your Tent,"** taken from Isaiah 54:2, we will pray, reflect on and discuss these themes. Contact Mark to register at 386-6178 or markmahoney@set@gmail.com.



Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **our parish collected [\$ amount]**. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



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

Etta Bruce, mother of Harold, Eric, and Cathy.

Dr. Rhéal LeBlanc, husband of Yvette; father of Josée, Patrice, Simon and François.

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	
Deacon Ed West	Irene Cucalon	George Grissom		Charles Ouellet
Pamela Gamboa	Clarence Arsenault	Stella Alcalen	Georgette Thomson	

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Olga Bateman	Genie Coates	Ava Read
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St. Vincent's

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

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.

Mother's Day Tea

Inclusion Advocacy of South East New Brunswick (formerly the Greater Moncton Association for Community Living) is holding a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 1-3pm in the parish hall at St. Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford St., Moncton. Proceeds will go toward programs and services to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Tickets are only being sold in advance at \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00 and are available by calling Claudia McCloskey 506 383 1532 or emailing CONTACTUS@INCLUSIONADVOCACY.CA.

Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Apr. 14	9:30 AM	For the People	
Tues.	Apr. 15	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Terrance Gilles Bleakney	Pauline Bleakney
Wed.	Apr. 16	9:30 AM	Special intention	Alison Smith
Holy Thurs.	Apr. 17	7:00 PM	Anniv. Late Teresa Casimiro	Cindy Tupas
Good Friday April 18		10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	
		3:00 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
Holy Saturday (For the Pastoral Unit)				
April 19		8:30 PM	For the People	
Easter Sun.	Apr. 20	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Fr. George Leach SV	Jane & Family
St. Clement's				
Good Fri.	Apr. 18	1:30 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
Easter Sun.	Apr. 20	11:00 AM	Camille Legere	Jan Legere
St. Vincent's				
Holy Thurs.	Apr. 17	6:00 PM	Vince Reinsborough	Bob & Irene LeClair
Good Fri.	Apr. 18	3:00 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
Easter Sun.	Apr. 20	9:00 AM	John & Teresa Palmer	Lynn Sitland

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – April 12 & 13, 2025

Envelopes	\$3736	Loose	\$771.5	Karing Kitchen	\$33.25	Easter	\$30
Easter Flowers	\$380	Syrian Relief	\$60	Share Lent	\$1707		
Good Friday	\$30	Capital Fund	\$1177				

St. Clement's offerings – April 12, 2025

Envelopes	\$875	Collection	\$8.00		
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St. Vincent's offerings – April 13, 2025

Envelopes	\$1060	Loose	\$30	Maintenance	\$115	Ash Wed.	\$10
Share Lent	\$40	Holy Thurs.	\$30	Good Friday	\$30	Easter	\$35
Easter flowers	\$50	New Year's Day	\$10	Initial Offering	\$5		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

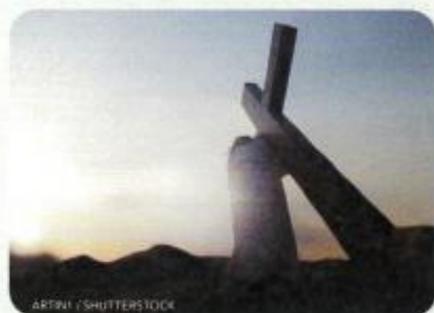
I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

Monday

April 14
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday

April 15
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday

April 16
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

Thursday

April 17
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrim Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

Friday

April 18
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday

April 19
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Lk 24:1–12

Sunday

April 20
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9