

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 1, 2019**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:
St. Bernard's (Moncton), St. Vincent (Sackville), & St. Clement's (Port Elgin)**

MASS TIMES WEEK OF DECEMBER 2-8, 2019

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM, Saturday @ 4 PM & Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent's	Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Saturday @ 7 PM (every 2nd week - call 538-2262 to confirm)

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator: Rev. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice: Claudia McCloskey
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: DECEMBER 2-6, 2019

Monday - Friday	9:00 AM -12:00 noon & 1 - 4 PM (closed for lunch 12-1PM)
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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF -DECEMBER 2-8, 2019

Thursday	Dec.5	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Jack and Doris MacLeod	Francis and Debbie
Saturday	Dec. 7	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Vera Duffy	Marian and Norm Avery
Sunday	Dec. 8	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Eva Korotkov	Peter and Family

OFFERINGS FROM NOVEMBER 23-24, 2019

Loose	\$692.15	Building Fund	\$320.00 (15)
Envelopes	\$5, 425.00 (248)	Capital Campaign	\$110.00 (15)
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00 (1)	Needy Fund	\$660.00 (11)
All Souls	\$5.00 (1)	ReConnect	\$45.00 (2)
Christmas Boxes	\$350.00 (3)	Syrian Relief	\$50.00 (1)
Donation	\$6.00 (1)	Karing Kitchen	\$580.80

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT !!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*St. Bernard's Church - open Monday to Friday 11 AM - 1 PM
(for personal time of quiet reflection/prayer)*

Secular Carmelites	2 nd Saturday of the month - 9:30 AM - 12 noon Contact Dorine @ 388-3699 for more information	Stage Area
Living Word Community Prayer Group	Wednesdays @ 7 PM	St. Augustine's
Prayer Group	7 PM, 2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month (after the 25 th)	Church Hall
RCIA	1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 7 PM	Stage Area
Circle of Friends	Thursdays after 9:30 AM Mass	Church Hall
Baptism Prep.	Tuesday January 7 & 14, 7 - 8:30 PM	Stage Area
Next Baptisms	Sunday, January 26 @ 2:00 PM	Church
Evening Prayer	Thursday, December 5, 12 & 19 @ 6 PM	Church
Advent Penitential Service	Sunday, December 15 @ 1:30 PM	Church

Confession

St. Bernard's - Thurs. - before 9:30 AM Mass (9:00-9:20 AM upon request/availability of the Priest)
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Saturday afternoons from 1-1:30 PM
St. Bernard's @ 1st Saturday of month Mass (9:00-9:20 AM upon request/availability of the Priest)
Notre-Dame-de-Grace (854 Mountain Rd.) - 3rd Saturday of the month 1-2 PM
St. Bernard's prior to 4 PM Mass (upon request/availability of the Priest)



Ecclesiastes 3...

*Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...*

Chris Fortin	Ronald Briffet	Bernie Cormier	Robert Cormier
Rob Robichaud	Roger Berube	Ann Vautour	



A time to mourn...

our sincere sympathies to the families of:

Bill Scott	Husband of (late) Sheila
Lena Beukeveld	Wife of Herman

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



**Offices of Faith Development,
Liturgy & Youth Faith Development**
To contact us:

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Retirement of Deb Gillespie In thanksgiving for all she has contributed to the diocese during her many years of service to us, we are sad to announce that Deb Gillespie retired on Thursday, November 21st. Though only employed by the diocese officially for 10 years, Deb has shared her gifts and passion for liturgy with us for almost 40 years. Among many other contributions which she has made to the English sector over those years, was the Liturgy Formation Program, a program developed by Deb to promote leadership and excellence in the liturgical life of our parishes. Through this program, made possible by funds from the Archdiocese of Moncton Foundation, experts in liturgy throughout the country facilitated weekend courses for participants on various aspects of liturgical life. As a result of this, and other initiatives by Deb, the parishes in the English sector have today several lay people formed in the principles of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*. This is her legacy. We wish Deb well in her retirement and wrap her in our prayers and love as she continues her journey. She will be missed.

Church Unplugged at Immaculate Heart of Mary On Sunday, Dec. 8 after mass at IHM (around noon) we will be screening The Muppet's Christmas Carol for families. Registration is necessary in order to determine quantity of refreshments necessary. Register with Karen at 387-4198 or on line at WWW.DIOMONCTON.CA → PASTORAL OFFICE → YOUTH FAITH DEVELOPMENT

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Unit and the Diocesan office of Youth Development will be offering a Christmas event for families on Friday, Dec.13 at 6PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary. "The Miracle of Jesus" will give families an experience of being transported back in time to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Register with Karen at 387-4918 or Online at WWW.DIOMONCTON.CA → PASTORAL OFFICES → YOUTH FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sacrament Resource Selection Committee: will meet on Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

Advent God Sightings on Instagram Where do you find hope, peace, joy and love in 2019? Join us this Advent (Beginning December 1st) as we keep watch for God sightings. Snap a pic while you wait and share it on Instagram with the hashtags #adventgodsightings and #youthfaithmoncton.



**IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:**

**ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca
OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425.**



Please - 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.



Listening and Prayer

Are you in need of prayer? Are you going through a difficult time?

You can confide in the prayers of the Notre-Dame-du Sacré-Coeur Sisters.
Phone 388-1701 or 1-800-561-3995.

Hours: 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 2 - 4 PM (Mon-Fri), 6 - 8 PM on Wednesdays.

We are nearing the end of 2019!



It's a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you may have missed over the year. Together as a parish community we can meet St. Bernard's financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, and preauthorized payments.

All donations for 2019 must be received prior to December 31st to be included in 2019 taxation receipts. Thank you for your continued generosity !!



Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers



Once again this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas 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 Christmas bulletin. **Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.**

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
\$ Amount	
Envelope # (if applicable)	



Advent Prayer

Loving creator, we ask for your help as we begin this season of joyful expectation. Give us the longing of your prophet Isaiah that our hearts may not settle for anything less than the coming of your reign. Give us the honesty of John the Baptist that we may know our need for repentance and forgiveness. And give us the courageous joy of Mary that we may become true disciples in spite of moments of uncertainty & sorrow. God, give us patience that we might wait in hope for all your gifts



Christmas Boxes

Once again this year, St. Bernard's will be collaborating with the Food Depot Alimentaire to prepare 50 food boxes for families at Christmas. **Those requesting a box should call the parish social justice line at 204-4882 and leave your name and number, indicating you are calling about a food box. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. Deadline to request boxes is December 9th.**



CWL Monthly Meeting December 2nd

Annual St. Nicholas' Party & Gift for the Money Tree	
Yankee Swap at this meeting, please bring small gift	
6:30 PM	Rosary in Church Hall
7:00 PM	Short Meeting and Social, please bring finger foods for our lunch.
New Members Always Welcome !	



Low Gluten Hosts

Gluten intolerance has become more prevalent in recent years. Prompted by faithful Catholics wanting to receive Communion, we have ordered a supply of low gluten hosts (yields less than .01% gluten content per bread/wafer). We already have a few parishioners that have sourced their own supply & place them in their own personal pyx for consecration at mass. If you are diagnosed with gluten intolerance, you must purchase your personal pyx and low gluten hosts **are now available** at our Parish office during office hours.



Knights of Columbus - Council 1310 84 Broadway St., Moncton, will host a Sunday breakfast, Dec. 1, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Adults - \$8, children \$3 - (5 yrs & under free). Everyone Welcome!



Children's Faith Formation Dates - 2019-2020

Session	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Years 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM Years 7 @ 6 - 7:30 PM	Years 1-2-3 6:00 - 7:30 PM	Years 4-5-6 6:00 - 7:30 PM
7	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 11
**** Christmas Break****			
8	Jan 5, 2020	Jan 7, 2020	Jan 8, 2020
9	Jan. 19	Jan. 21	Jan. 22
10	Feb. 2	Feb. 4	Feb. 5
11	Feb 23	Feb 25	Feb. 26
12	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 11
13	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
14	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 1
15	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 22
16	May 3	May 5	May 6

LORD · JESUS

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

Join us for Evening Prayer

Advent Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. **Our priest-moderator, Fr. Carroll, encourages us at the beginning of Advent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent 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 parishioners of our parish unit are invited and encouraged to gather for the Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) on Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church

December 5, 12, 19 @ 6:00 PM



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Holy Family	Thursday	December 5	6:30 PM
St. Augustine's	Monday	December 9	7:00 PM
St. Bernard's	Sunday	December 15	1:30 PM



**Thursday, December 12th will be the last gathering before Christmas.
Will resume in January.**



Calling All Knitters

Yarn is available at the Parish office for knitters who wish to make hats, mittens, etc. for the Advent Mitten Tree.
Thank you to all the dedicated past and present knitters!



Bursary

Anna Allain Memorial Bursary

A bursary valued at \$1,000 will be available in January 2020 to a qualified student **who is currently enrolled on a full-time basis in an undergraduate degree in nursing from a recognized university.** If two students are deemed to be qualified, the value of each bursary will be \$500.

Eligibility criteria:

- Demonstrated financial need;
- Past participation as a volunteer in a health services-related field with 2 references;
- Copy of academic record of courses completed.

How to apply: Forward a letter in response to the eligibility criteria **no later than December 15, 2019** to either of the following:

By regular mail: St. Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB, E1C 4W9

By email: sbhf@rogers.com



Update on Furniture Drive for Syrian Family:

Because of the generosity of parishioners, we have received a large amount of furnishings and household items. We are in the process of completing an inventory, so that we can better respond to your calls. Thank you.

Syrian Refugee Family Fundraiser:

The Syrian Relief Committee at St. Bernard's are selling tickets on a lovely gift basket valued at \$300.00, to raise funds for the family we are sponsoring. Tickets: \$2. each or 3 for \$ 5.. Your support will very helpful as we work to bring our new family to Canada.

Tickets may be purchased at Parish Office - Mon. to Fri.- 9 AM -4 PM.

Together we are making a difference!...

Saint Bernard's ...Strong roots, New growth

Vision Bookstore : Sale Come visit us at Place de la Cathédrale, 224, St-George St. on Friday, December 6th between 9 AM to Noon and from 1 PM to 4 PM and take advantage of a special monthly sale where most books and CD's (in stock) will be reduced by 20%. Some Christmas items are also on sale at 50%. Info.: 857-9531, ext. 1238.



*Baptisms - The following children were welcomed into
St. Bernard's Parish community
through the Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, November 24, 2019*

Liam Eric Marcel Bastarache, child of Eric and Jessica

Miguel Charles Cyr, child of Ghislain and Bonnie

Malik Norman Larry Hicks, child of Matthew and Maxine

Esther Baukje Leenstra, child of Wiebe and Samantha

May Jesus bless all your precious little ones with His love & grace.



An Advent Project – Bishop Robert Barron's “The Mass”

“Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the

Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.” <https://mass.wordonfire.org>

If you wish to become more familiar with The Mass and what it means for us, join us on Friday evenings beginning in Advent, December 6th, and continuing through January. We will meet at Holy Family on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Each week will consist of home study using a workbook (provided), the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Friday evenings will consist of a video presentation by Bishop Barron (about 25 minutes each) and a group discussion. **Nine (9) seats only; first nine to register. Call 386-6178.**

"A MetroTones Christmas"

The MetroTones Pop Chorus will present their Annual Christmas Charity Concert on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Moncton Wesleyan Celebration Ctr. in an effort to assist the working poor and the homeless. All net proceeds go to the Food Depot Alimentaire with assistance to the Karing Kitchen and the Ray of Hope Kitchen. Tickets are \$10 plus food items available at all five Jean Coutus; Read's Newsstand(Mountain Rd.); Peoples Park Tower; Sobey's (Vaughan Harvey Blvd.); or a chorus member. For more info.n: 852-9664. Please mark your calendar and help us celebrate reaching \$400,000 in total donations over the years!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - December 24

St. Bernard's	5:00 PM (family Mass), 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM
St. Vincent's	6:00 PM
St. Augustine's	4:00 PM & 11:30 PM
Immaculate Heart of Mary	4:00 PM & 8:30 PM
St. Jude's	6:30 PM
St. Lawrence O'Toole	6:30 PM
Holy Family	7:00 PM

Christmas Day- December 25

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM
St. Clements	10:00 AM

New Years Eve and New Years Day

St. Bernard's	Tuesday , December 31, 2018 @ 5:00 PM
St Bernard's	Wednesday, January 1, 2020 @ 11:00 AM

First Saturday of the Month Mass will be celebrated at the St. Bernard Church Dec 7 at 9:30 AM. Confession before Mass. Doors open at 8:30. Rosary at 9:05. All are welcome.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation



**The Advent season is the beginning of a
new year in our liturgical church life.**

Advent still remains a time of preparation, however, the focus is on a joyous preparation. The circle of greens with four candles of the same color (white) signifies the unity of the season. We do not break it up with one week being more joyous than another. Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. The color white connects us to the white of the Easter Candle (Paschal Candle or Christ Candle). No matter what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year, it is always a part of the Paschal Mystery, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. We are an Easter people even during this season. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light. The Advent season should be an accounting of how we have lived our lives over the past year. Have we become better disciples? Has there been a change in our hearts? If not what needs to change? Has our faith life deepened? How? What steps have we taken to work on our relationship with God, with Jesus, with our Church community? **What are some of the acts of kindness or generosity that we could do that could start in Advent, but continue on throughout the year?** Could we adopt a senior and keep in contact with them throughout the year, by phone calls, cooking a meal, offering to drive them. What about our caregivers who have loved ones they are taking care of. Could we not offer to spend some time and allow them to go out for a few hours to rejuvenate them? What about offering some time for the special care homes? Do you play an instrument? Could you go and offer once a month to entertain? What about members of our community who live with cancer? So often these people feel they are bothering other people. They need help getting groceries, having a meal cooked or other special errands. What about making other justice connections?

Advent is meant to be the beginning of a new heart for justice.

How will you change this Advent season for the long term?