



After sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.

MARK 1:32-33

Grin and Bear It

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?*
- * *As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.*



WE ARE STILL IN COVID-19 RED PHASE

NO MASSES SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2021.

Christ took our infirmities and bore our diseases.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9

St. Vincent (Sackville) & St. Clement's (Port Elgin)

MASS TIMES – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8-14, 2021

ALL MASSES LISTED BELOW MAY BE CANCELLED - DEPENDING ON COVID-19 LEVEL

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| St. Bernard's | Friday @ 9:30 AM – check parish phone message to confirm – 857-0425 |
| | Saturday @ 4:00 PM – check parish phone message to confirm – 857-0425 |
| | Sunday @ 11:00 AM – check parish phone message to confirm – 857-0425 |
| St. Vincent | Sunday @ 9:00 AM – check parish phone message to confirm – 536-1460 |
| St. Clement's | Every 2 nd Saturday @ 7 PM – check parish phone to confirm – 538-2262 |

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Priest Moderator: | Fr. Allison S. Carroll | Social Justice: | Claudia McCloskey |
| Assistant: (part-time) | Fr. Charles Broderick | Catechetics: | Lorella Dunnett |
| Liturgy | Darlene McGraw | Adult Faith: | Dr. Andrew Wilson |

STAFF

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|
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| Catechetical Coordinator | Lorella Dunnett | Lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com |
| Bookkeeper | Louise Tardif | |
| Custodian | Michel Saulnier | |
| Facilities Manager | Mike Murphy | |

Access to the Parish office is restricted.

Phone messages & emails are checked regularly.

If you wish to make an appointment call the parish office to arrange a time.

Parish office: 506-857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8-14, 2021

ALL MASSES LISTED BELOW MAY BE CANCELLED-DEPENDING ON COVID-19 LEVEL

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| Friday | Feb. 12 | 9:30 AM | Anniv. late Krista (VanBuskirk) Porter | Mom, Dad, Todd & family |
| Saturday | Feb. 13 | 4:00 PM | Late Cyril John Walsh | Theresa Walsh |
| Sunday | Feb. 14 | 11:00 AM | Late Rita MacIsaac | Don Petersen |

Changes to current Covid-19 phase will be noted on the parish phone (857-0425) and the parish website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



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.



A time to mourn...

Our sincere sympathies to the family of:

Faye Hudson

Wife of Dick, cousin of (late) Harris Sullivan (Louise Ongo)

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



Ecclesiastes 3...

Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...

We remember in our prayers those who are sick...

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| Rob Robichaud | Alex Cormier | Jim Damiani |
| Roger Berube | Beverly LeBlanc | Conrad Coughlan Jr. |
| Beth Purcell | Menard Chiasson | |
| Bernie Cormier | Judy Chiasson | |



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.**



Father Allison Carroll

A brief note to update parishioners. Father Carroll continues to recover / recuperate. Some days are good, some days are not so good. He will still be out for a time, so, we ask that you all continue to pray for him, as we all continue to give him the time and space needed for a full recovery. Father Carroll would like to express heartfelt thanks to all for the prayers, cards, well wishes and love that has been sent his way. All is so deeply appreciated. Thank you!



St. Bernard's Faith Formation

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| Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation | Saturday | May 1 st @ 10 AM |
| Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: | Saturday | May 8 th @ 10 AM |
| Celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion | Sunday | May 9 th @ 11 AM |

Please pray for St. Bernard's youth

as they prepare to receive these sacraments. God bless each one of them and their parents as they continue to grow in their faith journey.

Catechetical Gatherings: *Until we return to Yellow Alert Level, children's catechism will be held virtually. Please arrange with your parish catechetical coordinator to have the necessary supplies for the sessions.*



2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

As a result of Covid-19 and the need to always maintain six feet social distancing, tax receipts **will not be available for pick up at the church or parish office.** Once tax receipts are

ready, they will be mailed out to parishioners.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous support to the Parish.



During this Covid-19 period when we are unable to celebrate Mass, church contributions decrease.

However, expenses to run our church remain constant.

If you are able to, please give consideration to continuing or making up your missed donations.

Optional ways of contributing during Covid-19 closure of our parish:

1. **Online:** St. Bernard's website @ www.stbernardschurch.ca (through CanadaHelps)
2. **Mail:** Cheques may be mailed. *Include name, address & envelope # if applicable.*
3. **Or simply put you donations aside** until you are able to attend Mass.



*Thank you for your continued support
to St. Bernard's !!!*

OFFERINGS

MASSES CANCELLED JANUARY 30 & 31, 2021 – RE: COVID-19 RED PHASE

OFFERINGS RECEIVED:

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|----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 968 (14) | Ash Wednesday | \$ 30.00 (1) |
| New Year's Day | \$ 35.00 (2) | Capital Expenditure | \$ 190.00 (8) |



Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



2021 New Brunswick Home Energy Assistance Program

The Home Energy Assistance Program provides a \$100 benefit designed to help low-income families cope with high energy prices.

The program will provide a payment of \$100 to families with incomes up to and including \$30,000.

Application forms are available at: entrance of St. Bernard's, and online at:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/finance/promo/heap/program.html>

Chimo HELPLINE

Chimo is a provincial crisis phone line, accessible **24 hours a day, 365 days a year** to all residents of NB. **Their mission** is to serve the community by providing a competent level of crisis intervention, referrals, and vital

information in a caring, confidential manner. They **can help** by providing a listening ear, helpful information, crisis intervention and referrals to resources in the province of N.B. **Did you know?** Chimo is an Inuit word that means friendship. They **are:** Toll Free Telephone Number, confidential, non-judgmental, supportive, & bilingual. They are **committed to helping with any issue:** thoughts of suicide, emotional distress, anxiety, general information/resources, loneliness, relationships, depression, & mental health. They may be contacted at their provincial helpline number: 1-800-667-5005.



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is approaching!

Lent begins Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer.

Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent normally come from the branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

ASH WEDNESDAY– FEBRUARY 17, 2021

**MASSES LISTED BELOW MAY BE
CANCELLED-DEPENDING ON COVID-19 LEVEL**

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| St. Bernard's | 9:30 AM |
| St. Vincent's | 7:00 PM |

**The collection taken on Ash Wednesday is for the
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.**



REMINDER TO BRING IN PALM

When the church re-opens: A basket will be placed in the church entrance to receive your palm. It would be helpful if your palm were cut into small lengths, as that saves much time for those who will be burning the palms.



From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development,
Liturgy and Youth Faith Development
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Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom): Learn about faith using science experiments! Designed for young people in grades 1-6, participants will be guided step by step through various fun and simple science experiments that will help them to learn more about faith and scripture. The next sessions will take place at 6:30 pm on February 22, and March 22. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com to register.

The End is Nigh of an Era: Exploring the Book of Revelations, Part 2:

When will all that is spoken of in the Book of Revelations take place? Are we judged individually at the time of our death, or as part of large groups as depicted in some paintings? The questions continue to surface from the first gathering, so the virtual conversation about the Book of Revelations with presenters Dr. Fiona Black and Dr. Andrew Wilson continues Tuesday, February 16th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Fiona and Andrew will answer your questions from the first session and dig a little deeper into the end of the world images we see in Revelation passages. It is not necessary to have attended the first session to join us, but if you had attended that, you will need to re-register if you do plan to join us again. Contact Ellen to register.

"We're All in this Together": Exploring Pope Francis's encyclicals, Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti: In all his writing, Pope Francis calls us to see the world through a different lens, emphasizing the unconditional and unending love of God for all God has created and the importance of our connectedness with this creation. In *Laudato Si'*, calling us to care for our common home, he states: "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." (LS#13) In *Fratelli Tutti*, on fraternity and social friendship, he says: "To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family, dwelling in a common home." (FT#17) Lent is the Church's season of repentance and conversion. What better time to dig deeper into the message these two beautiful documents wish to share with us? Join Sr. Denise Lirette, fj and Dr. Andrew Wilson on February 18, March 4 and March 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. as they share the message contained in these words of Francis, and explore with us, how we should respond. Given the fluidity of the COVID-19 challenges, we are uncertain at this time, whether these gatherings will be a hybrid of physical and virtual, or completely virtual. We'll keep you posted on that. For now, register with Ellen, and we will see where we are led.

Adult Faith Commission meeting has been rescheduled yet again – darn COVID – to Tuesday, February 23rd. We will keep our fingers crossed that by that time, Zone 1 will be out of red alert, out of orange alert and back to yellow alert. Meeting time, 6:30 at 45 York Street.

Dear Padre,

Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

The Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is "what is best for the child."

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.

ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE,
MAY 24, 2019



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Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

Gn 1:1–19

Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

Gn 1:20–2:4a

Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 2:4b–9, 15–17

Mk 7:14–23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 11

Weekday

Gn 2:18–25

Mk 7:24–30

Friday

FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

Gn 3:1–8

Mk 7:31–37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 13

Weekday

Gn 3:9–24

Mk 8:1–10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 14

Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1–2, 44–46

1 Cor 10:31–11:1

Mk 1:40–45