



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18

Rom 8:31b–34

Mk 9:2–10

Future Gazing

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?
- ✧ True disciples must place their lives in God's hands. Pray for this grace.

*I will bless you and
make your descendants
as countless as the
stars of the sky and the
sands of the seashore.*

GENESIS 22:17

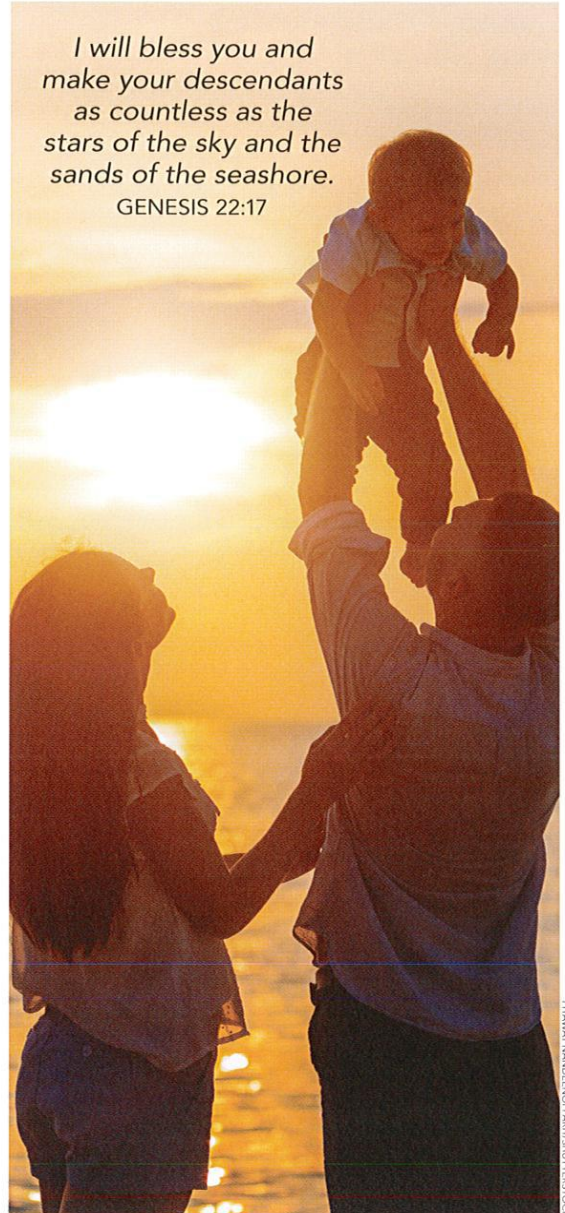


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*From the bright cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my son, the Beloved, listen to him.*

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9 (506) 857-0425
St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St, Sackville, NB E4L 2Y5 (506) 536-1460
St. Clement's, 14 Church St, Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9 (506) 538-2262

MASS TIMES – WEEK OF MARCH 1 - 7, 2021

St. Bernard's	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11:00 AM
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9:00 AM
St. Clement's	Every 2 nd Saturday @ 7 PM (call to confirm – 538-2262)



**Register
for Mass**

Please note you must register to attend Mass - call 857-0425 to register
Deadline to register for all Mass: Thursdays, 12 noon
Please arrive early to allow for ushered seating
Facemasks mandatory upon entering the church & throughout the liturgy
We are currently in the Covid-19 orange phase. Six feet social distancing, 50 persons maximum.

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

Secretary	Darlene McGraw	sbhf@rogers.com or darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
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Bookkeeper	Louise Tardif	
Custodian	Michel Saulnier	

**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 MARCH 1-7, 2021


Friday	Mar. 5	9:30 AM	Late Tracey Sullivan	Louise Ongo
Saturday	Mar. 6	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Terry Duggan	Sister of Gerry Power
Sunday	Mar. 7	11:00 AM	Late Patricia Vaughan	St. Bernard's Choir

OFFERINGS – FEBRUARY 27 / 28, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Loose	\$ 37.00	New Year's	\$ 30.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,103.00	ReConnect	\$ 35.00
Christmas offering	\$ 5.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 5.00
All Soul's	\$ 10.00	Building Fund	\$ 375.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 285.00	Capital Campaign	\$ 25.00
Thank you for your generous and continued support !!!			

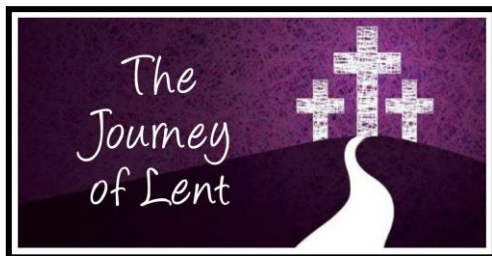
If at any time, there are changes to current Covid-19 phase,
those changes will always be noted on
the parish phone (857-0425) and the parish website: www.stbernardschurch.ca

	<i>A time to mourn... Our sincere sympathies to the families of:</i>
Anne Marie Bourgeois	Sister of Linda Lawlor, Irene & Mark
Maurice Richard	Brother of Jeantia (late Ben) Evers
<i>And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.</i>	

	<i>Ecclesiastes 3... Under every season there is a time...A time to heal... We remember in our prayers those who are sick...</i>	
Roger Berube	Menard Chiasson	Marg Moore
Beth Purcell	Judy Chiasson	
Bernie Cormier	Jim Damiani	
Beverly LeBlanc	Conrad Coughlan Jr.	



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.



Remember that Lent is a joyful march toward Holy Easter and that all the readings, rituals and penitential practices are not done mournfully, *but with the Risen Christ in mind and heart.* Yet, it is also a time of ritual lamentation, of acknowledging the brokenness and pain in our lives and in our world. Lent allows us to articulate the grief and anger we feel through

prayer texts and song, to seek repentance and healing by turning to Christ, to do something concrete by works of charity, and to fast in order to give food to others. The prayer and action are the work of the entire community, children as well as adults. **Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** are not just Lenten disciplines – they are, rather, the year-round regimen of Christian living; the disciplines that many would say, form us as disciples. **Lent is like a retreat.** Throughout the year the church is directed out into the world, but during these 40 days we pull back into ourselves for reflection and self-examination. **We make ourselves “right with God”.**



St. Bernard's Faith Formation

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.



Business Manager Position for St. Bernard's Parish:

St. Bernard's Parish invites applications / resumes for the position of Parish Business Manager. This is a full-time position (37.5 hours weekly). The role includes a variety of activities supporting the mission and vision of the church. A major part of the job involves handling the day-to-day operations of the church, considering maintenance, costs, collaborating with various ministries, staff and volunteers, assisting with the liturgical and sacramental life of the church and collaborating in

performance reviews. This position reports to the priest moderator. Please call the parish office @ 857-0425 or email sbhf@rogers.com to request the job description and submit an application for the position (application deadline Mar.22/21).



In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis calls upon us to live the love that would make us “one great family, where all of us can feel at home”; a love that “exudes compassion and dignity.” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 62.) With the entire human family suffering from COVID-19, the **Share Lent campaign** invites us to **share love** and **express solidarity** with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, **whose vulnerabilities are being exacerbated** by the pandemic. Remembering the inherent dignity of all human beings, let us heed the Pope's reminder that

“justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day.” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 11.) Development and Peace's Share Lent fundraising campaign is a tradition that goes back to the year the Organization was founded! The purpose of the Share Lent campaign is three-fold: **1.** To educate Canadians about international development; **2.** to raise funds; **3.** To renew the spirit of Lent. People are encouraged to make a concrete gesture of solidarity by financially supporting the efforts of our partners in the Global South to build a more just and equitable world. **The spirit of Share Lent:** Inspired by our Christian faith, we see Share Lent as providing a special occasion to contribute to the work of justice and creation of the God of Life we believe in. The Share Lent campaign started on Ash Wednesday. On the fifth Sunday of Lent, a collection takes place. For more information go to: www.dev.org

PLEASE JOIN US

EVENING PRAYER – DURING LENT

During Lent we invite you to gather with us for Evening Prayer

Thursday evenings March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 6 - 6:30 PM

We, as Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and praying for our world.

Please join us for this peaceful prayer time.

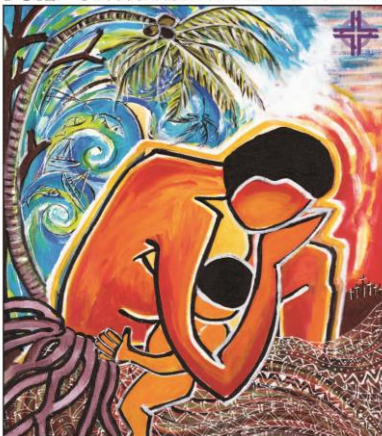
All parishioners of our parish unit are invited & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer.

Prayer for Lent:

Free us, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs our way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove

smudges of resentment & bitterness. Cleanse us of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity. Create space in our lives for more kindness & less spitefulness, greater generosity & few self-centered needs, stronger compassion and weakened judgment of others. Enlarge our hearts with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that we recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around us.

BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION



World Day of Prayer • March 5, 2021

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The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.

For more information on how to participate, go to:
<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/how-to-participate/>



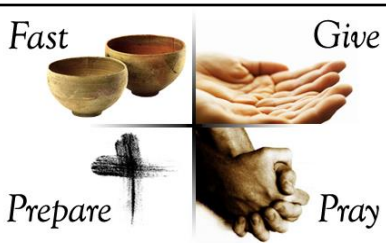
From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development,
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Lenten reflections: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops are continuing with the Lenten reflections, done by Bishop Gerard Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catharines and Msgr. Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa, which can be found on their website: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

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 session will take place at 6:30 pm on March 22. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com to register.

Mondays at the Movies: Everyone is invited to join our film discussion series this Lenten season designed to connect popular films to our faith. On Monday, March 8th at 6:30 PM we will meet via Zoom to discuss the film, *My Sister's Keeper* (2009), based on the novel by Jodi Picoult. On March 29th, we will meet via Zoom at 10:00 am to discuss the film *Forrest Gump* (1994), based on the novel by Winston Groom. For each session, participants will have watched the film ahead of time. Contact Karen for more information and to register at or ihmccatechism@rogers.com or 387-4198. **Mondays at the Movies** is a collaborative effort between St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Pastoral Unit and the Archdiocese of Moncton Office of Youth Faith Development.

Sacrament Preparation Committee: is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will take place virtually if we are still in orange alert or at the Diocesan Offices on York Street if we are in yellow alert.

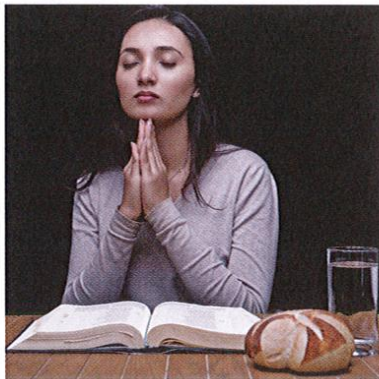


*He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.
By his wounds you are healed.*

Dear Padre,

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.



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Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16–20

Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18–20

Mt 20:17–28

Thursday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5–10

Lk 16:19–31

Friday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,
17b–28a

Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday

MARCH 7

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1–17 or

20:1–3, 7–8, 12–17

1 Cor 1:22–25

Jn 2:13–25