

May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity (B) Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20

Ask from one end of the sky to the other:
Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?

DEUTERONOMY 4:32



# Wow!

**S** ome might think that "Wow!" is an inappropriate, even irreverent response, when talking about God. But what words would be appropriate? There are no words, there are no precise doctrinal statements that even come close to identifying God. The readings for today's feast invite us to ponder, not define, this mystery.

The people at the time of Moses had no concept of a Trinitarian God. However, they were convinced that God worked in their lives. They believed they had been delivered from bondage by God, invited into a special relationship with God, and promised by God a long and fruitful life in a land they could call their own. In other words, they were cared for by God, who demonstrated again and again that they were loved. The Gospel story tells of how Jesus entrusted his disciples with the mission he himself had exercised during his lifetime.

What once might have been considered the special privilege of the nation of Israel was now seen as a promise for all nations. All people could now rely on God's care for them and God's ever-present love. Saint Paul identifies this privilege as the Spirit of adoption.

Today's readings may not paint a clear picture of God or provide a precise definition. God is far beyond any picture or definition. However, each reading gives us a glimpse into the way God works in our lives—inviting us into intimacy, caring for us, loving us. Wow!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

# FOR Reflection

- \* Spend time thinking how your life has been blessed with goodness.
- \* Pray the Glory Be slowly and thoughtfully.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: To God who is, who was, and who is to come.

#### 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 MAY 31-JUNE 6, 2021		
St. Bernard's	Friday @ 9:30 AM	
	Saturday@ 4:00 PM	
	Sunday @ 11 AM	
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9 AM	
St. Clement's	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm	

	Register	
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Please note you must register each week to attend Mass - call 857-0425

Deadline to register for all regular Masses: Thursdays, 12 noon

Please arrive early to allow for ushered seating.

Facemasks mandatory.

We are currently in the Covid-19 yellow phase.
Six feet social distancing must be maintained at all times.

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	
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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 MAY 31-JUNE 6, 2021				
Friday	Jun 4	9:30 AM	Late Fernand Gallant	Norma Hunter
Saturday	Jun 5	4:00 PM	Late Raymond Le Couffe	Chriss & David Legacy
Sunday	Jun 6	11:00 AM	Late Marty Graham	Cathie Murphy



# **MAY 22 & 23, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE**

Envelopes	\$ 7,038.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 40.00	Good Friday	\$ 70.00
Easter	\$ 20.00	Papal charities	\$ 95.00
Share Lent	\$ 105.00	ReConnect	\$ 35.00
Syrian	\$ 25.00	Capital Expenditure	\$ 610.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 22.00



Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



A time to mourn...
Sincere sympathies to all those
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:

Roger Berube	Beth Tingley	Corry Evers	
Jenny Purcell	Edgar Doiron		
Jessica Fowler	Cathy Jensen		
And for all who care for them.			



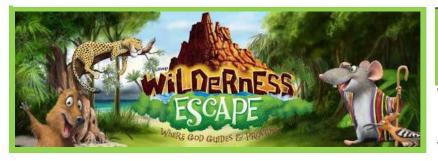
# **Listening & Prayer**

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

Monday to Friday: 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesdays only: 6:00 - 8:00 PM



# VBS Express! Vacation Bible School 2021

We are now accepting registrations for our virtual VBS which will

take place June 7th-11th, on Zoom from 6:00 - 7:30 each evening. This year's theme is **Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides.** For more information or to register, contact Trevor or Karen LeBlanc at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish grouping, <a href="mailto:ihmccatechism@rogers.com">ihmccatechism@rogers.com</a> / 387-4198.

# BURSARY

St. Bernard's Parish is offering a \$ 1,000 Bursary to a graduate who is <u>pursuing or enrolled in post-secondary studies</u>. Send or deliver your application

to: St. Bernard's Parish Bursary, Parish Office, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9. <u>Deadline for applications: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021</u>. Please include a personal letter detailing your involvement at school, in the parish and in the community, as well as your future plans.



# Graduation Mass Sunday, June 20, 2021 @11:00 AM

With much hard work and dedication, high school graduation is just around the corner! We will celebrate our students who are graduating with a graduation mass.

If your child is graduating from high school this year, please confirm their attendance by emailing me directly at lorella\_st.bernards@hotmail.com by June 6, 2021.

We will require prior registration for this mass in keeping with Covid protocols.

Last minute additions will not be possible.

A stride into a future full of success... Blessings, Lorella



# From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development To contact us:

Ellen - 857 - 9952 or <u>ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com;</u> Trevor - 857 - 4879 or <u>trevord.diocese@gmail.com</u>

Please note: Summer hours - The reception office for the Diocese will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1 PM starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. Regular hours will resume September 7<sup>th</sup>.



# Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has declared this the year of Saint Joseph. One of the many things Saint Joseph is known for is providing for the Holy Family. With this in mind, the Adult Faith Commission is seeking to partner with organizations who are working to feed those less fortunate in our community. We recently met with Alicia Clarkson from the Peter McKee

Community Garden and she gave a wonderful presentation on the work they are currently doing and their plans for the future.

When asked what their most pressing needs are she responded with "seeds and funding". Some of the seeds they would be looking for are **Carrots** (Tenderly Imperator, Scarlet nantes), **Lettuce** (Buttercrunch, Little Gem, Romaine) and **Tomato** (Prudens Purple, San Morzano). Also, gift cards to hardware stores or garden centers are always useful.

As far as funding. They currently have 101 Garden Boxes on the go; of the 101, only 16 are currently being sponsored. You can sponsor a box for \$200 for the year. This will provide seeds, soil and maintenance, updates, a charitable tax receipt, and the good grown in your name will go to the food bank, or a family in need. Also, for the \$200 there will be a sign put up with the information of the sponsor.

If you would like more information about this, please check out their Facebook page or email Alicia at alicia.clarkson@fooddepot.ca

<u>AFC Committee members</u>: Mike Jefferies, Susan McCarthy, Debbie Theriault, Mark Mahoney, Fr. Phil Mulligan.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Bernard's Parish invites applications / resumes for an office support person position. This job involves 30 hours per week from Monday - Friday. The role includes a variety of activities in the front office: as the initial contact with parishioners and the public through the phone, door and email; preparing the bulletin, and some bookkeeping work. The successful

candidate will have respectful and professional communication skills, comfort / working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) and QuickBooks, and have a criminal record check. Please call the parish office at 857-0425, or email sbhf@rogers.com to request the job description and submit an application for the position. Deadline to apply: Friday, June 25, 2021. Salary to be negotiated based on experience.

# The month of May – Message from Pope Francis:

Pope Francis invites us to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary. He is requesting that during May 2021, the entire Church invokes the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and invites us to pray fervently for those most affected by it. Thirty Marian shrines have been chosen to take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church. Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, is among the Marian shrines chosen. The Vatican website offers some models of prayers to follow & interesting articles: <a href="http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/index\_rosary.htm">http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/index\_rosary.htm</a>

# **Archbishop Valéry Vienneau**



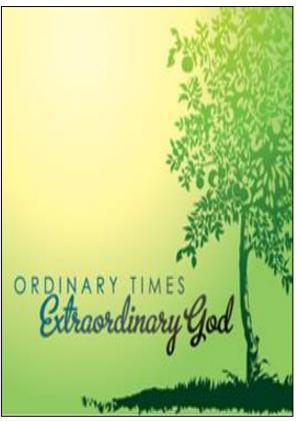
To celebrate our Blessed Mother Mary at the end of May, we will have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (rosary, litany, etc.) on Sunday, May 30 at 3 PM here at St Bernard's.

All covid protocols to be observed so seating is limited.

# **Ordinary Time**

In his Apostolic Letter approving the Roman Calendar (14 February 1969), St. Paul VI noted some important facts about the Liturgical Year:

- Over many centuries, Catholics had become accustomed to so many special religious devotions that the mysteries of redemption lost their proper place. This was due to the large number of vigils, holydays and octaves, and to the growing dominance of various seasons over the Church year;
- St. Pius X and St John XXIII restored Sunday to its former dignity, so that everyone should once more consider it as the Church's original Feast Day;
- The Popes restated the traditional teaching of the Church: The celebration of the Liturgical Year has a special sacramental power and force which nourishes and strengthens the life of Christians. The Church year is not merely a recalling of the historical events by which Christ won our salvation;
- The reason for the restoration of the Liturgical Year is to help believers through their faith, hope and love to share more fully in the entire mystery of Christ as it is unfolding throughout the year.



# **Ordinary Time**

After Pentecost the Easter season comes to an end and we enter into Ordinary time. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday is the day of the Risen Lord.

# Dear Padre,

I unsuccessfully tried using a clover to explain the Trinity to a non-Catholic relative. She says the leaves are separate and share a single stem, so it doesn't mean they're one entity. How can I help her understand?

egend tells us St. Patrick used a shamrock to speak about the God who is one and three, but that doesn't mean everyone will find the clover imagery convincing. It took hundreds of years, many arguments, and multiple Church councils to refine the basic outline of orthodox Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God. So, it's no great shock that you can't easily break it down into convincing sound bites for a resistant relative.

You should concentrate on the way

humans came to know the Trinitarian God, how we have encountered the God who is at once Father, Son, and Spirit in the events of history and revelation. In sharing the way Christians have gradually understood what we do about the nature of the God who saves us, you can speak of how that understanding leads us to pray. Perhaps you can relate the Trinitarian concept to something more recognizable: the idea of a father and son, and the spirit of love that exists between them and also pours from them.

At our liturgies, we have a distinct pattern of praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. There's more than a shamrock to discuss in all of that. And remember the Creed we pray each Sunday. Discussions like yours are what the Creed was made for.

> Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



# A WORD FROM Pope Francis

God loves each one of us even when we make mistakes and distance ourselves from him. God the Father loves the world so much that, in order to save it, he gives what is most precious to him: his only-begotten Son....The Trinity is therefore love, wholly at the service of the world.

# Calendar

## Monday

**MAY 31** Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56

#### Tuesday

JUNE 1 St. Justin, Martyr Tb 2:9-14 Mk 12:13-17

#### Wednesday

JUNE 2 Weekday Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Mk 12:18-27

# Thursday

JUNE 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Mk 12:28-34

#### Friday

JUNE 4 Weekday Tb 11:5-17 Mk 12:35-37

## Saturday

JUNE 5 St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mk 12:38-44

#### Sunday

JUNE 6 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

ANGELUS, TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

