

*On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it.
It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,
and become a majestic cedar.
EZEKIEL 17:23*

JOSEF HANUS/SHUTTERSTOCK

To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

Today's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first

transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✳ *What about these metaphors gives you comfort and encouragement?*
- ✳ *How do you contribute to the health and growth of the kingdom of God?*



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 13, 2021

*The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever.*

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 JUNE 14-20, 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 nd Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm



**Register
for Mass**

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 are 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

STAFF

Parish office	Darlene McGraw	sbhf@rogers.com or darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
Catechetical Coordinator	Lorella Dunnett	Lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com
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 JUNE 14-20, 2021

Friday	Jun 18	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Anna Tran
Saturday	Jun 19	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Margaret Fergusson	Chris, Heather & Katie
Sunday	Jun 20	11:00 AM	Late Raymond Wood	Taddy

OFFERINGS

JUNE 6 & 7, 2021 AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 3,650.00	Donation	\$ 25.00
Loose	\$ 45.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 7.00
Papal charities	\$ 120.00	Capital Expenditure	\$ 1,397.00
Good Friday	\$ 20.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00



for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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



Peggy Doran

Wife of (late) Vincent

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.:*

Roger Berube

Sylvia Theriault

Peter Dowd

Corry Evers

Alphé Theriault

Cathy Jensen

Joanna Crosby

And for all who care for them.

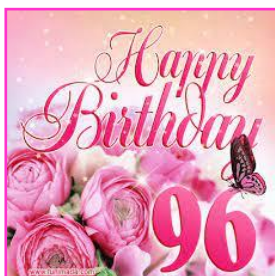


*May God's blessings be with you.
Have a great week.*



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 /

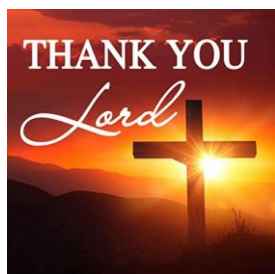
working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) and QuickBooks, and have a criminal record check. Please call the parish office at 857-0425, or email sbhf@rogers.com to request the job description and submit an application for the position. **Deadline to apply: Friday, June 25, 2021.** Salary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



Happy birthday and best wishes to:

Charlotte Coholan

on the occasion of her 96th birthday, June 14, 2021



It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your

steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.
Psalm 92: 1-2





Possible ways to feed the hungry...

For information on any of the following – click on or visit the links below:

Food Depot Alimentaire (FDA) - <https://fooddepot.ca/>

ReConnect Street Intervention at:
<https://moncton.ymca.ca/en/Programs/Outreach/Reconnect?nolocation=1>

Karing Kitchen: Donations can be made through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> or donations may be mailed directly to: Karing Kitchen 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB, E1C 4Y3

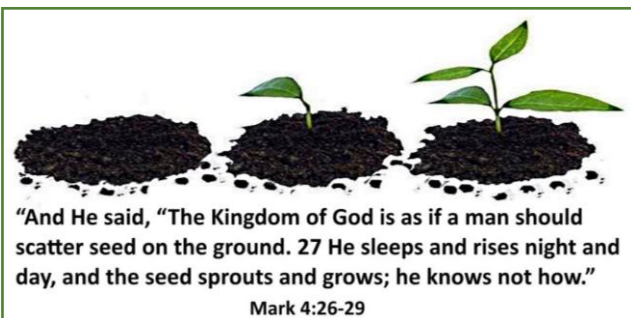


What is ReConnect?

The ReConnect Street Intervention Program is part of the YMCA. They have been providing short term and long-term assistance for several years, through outreach to youth and adults who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Through immediate charitable action and work to

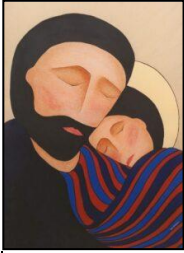
help individuals develop choices and approaches in their life that will help them be more self-sufficient. ReConnect partners with downtown merchants, community organizations and local churches to ensure that overall community needs are being addressed as well as the needs of those they are helping. ReConnect often meets individuals and families at times of crisis, so they are addressing issues with food, safe housing, employment, and counseling. The downtown churches gather monthly with ReConnect to receive updates on their interventions, hear about services and resources available and consider ways that we can be of assistance.



Growth happens beyond our knowledge and control. Growth is the divine work of God. We are not the moving force behind any spiritual growth.



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 1st. Regular hours will resume September 7th.



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

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



Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the recent discovery at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School

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Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the recent discovery at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), I express our deep sorrow for the heartbreaking loss of the children of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation.

The news of the recent discovery is quite heartbreaking. It brings back trauma to many communities across this country.

Honoring the dignity of these little ones who lost their lives requires that the truth be brought to light. This tragedy deeply affects indigenous communities, with whom many people across this country and around the world now stand in solidarity.

As these events rekindle the suffering of a painful past, the Bishops of Canada pledge to continue their walk side by side with Indigenous Peoples in the present, in search of greater healing and reconciliation for the future.

We raise our prayers to the Lord for the children who have lost their lives and we commit ourselves to diligently accompany indigenous families and communities.

May our Creator God bless us with comfort and hope.

+ Richard Gagnon

Archbishop of Winnipeg

President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Dear Padre,

**I care for my mother, who has dementia.
I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have
a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping
out at church. I'm getting very depressed.
What should I do?**

I have several ideas. First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift.

Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word.

Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or a caregiver-support group

where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information.

Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

How often do we see a man or woman arrive at work with a weary face, with a tired countenance and, when we ask them, "What happened?" they answer: "I only slept two hours because we are taking turns at home to be close to... our grandfather, our grandmother"....These are heroic deeds, the heroism of families!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 10, 2015



Calendar

Monday

JUNE 14

Weekday

2 Cor 6:1–10

Mt 5:38–42

Tuesday

JUNE 15

Weekday

2 Cor 8:1–9

Mt 5:43–48

Wednesday

JUNE 16

Weekday

2 Cor 9:6–11

Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday

JUNE 17

Weekday

2 Cor 11:1–11

Mt 6:7–15

Friday

JUNE 18

Weekday

2 Cor 11:18, 21–30

Mt 6:19–23

Saturday

JUNE 19

Weekday

2 Cor 12:1–10

Mt 6:24–34

Sunday

JUNE 20

Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8–11

2 Cor 5:14–17

Mk 4:35–41

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.

Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.