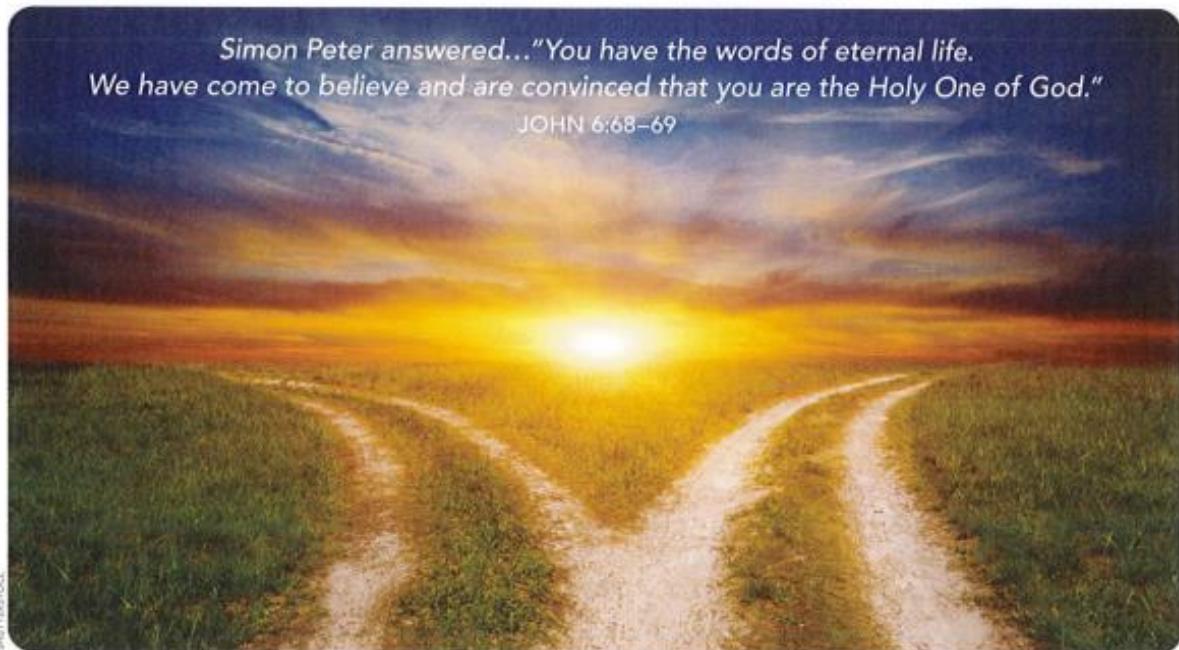


*Simon Peter answered...“You have the words of eternal life.  
We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”*

JOHN 6:68–69



## Make Up Your Mind

**O**ne can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they

quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus’ declaration of himself as “the bread of life” (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: “Do you also want to leave?” Speaking for all, Peter replied: “Master, to whom shall we go?” (John 6:67–68). How might you answer?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- *What decisions of conscience has life placed before you? How did you decide?*
- *Trust in God’s care and protection even if you might have chosen better.*



**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 22, 2021**

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of eternal life.*

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:**

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**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 AUGUST 23-29, 2021**

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

**PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

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<b>Assistant: (part-time)</b>	Fr. Charles Broderick	<b>Catechetics:</b>	Lorella Dunnett
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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF WEEK OF AUGUST 16-22, 2021**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 27</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Nona Claire Sims	John Sims & family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. Late Michael Stewart	John Sims & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 29</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Late Harris Sullivan	CWL

# OFFERINGS

## AUGUST 14 & 15, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 5,263.00	Capital Campaign	\$ 2,363.33
Loose	\$ 146.00	2 Meters Apart	\$ 1,411.67
Karing Kitchen	\$ 13.50	Building Fund	\$ 60.00
Donations	\$ 50.00	Books & Magazines	\$ 10.00

*Thank you*

*for your generous and continued support!!!*

*In Sympathy*

*A time to mourn.....*

*Sincere sympathies to the family of:*



**Cathy Scott**

Sister of Mike (JoAnne)

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

*Prayer Request*

*Ecclesiastes 3...*

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

**Cathy Jensen**

**Boyd Clory**

*And for all who care for them.*

*Parish Giving*

During the summer months church contributions normally decrease while parishioners are travelling and vacationing. However, the expenses to run our church remain constant and increase as necessary maintenance/repairs are completed. Please give consideration to "making up" your missed contributions. Thank you for your continued generosity!!! God Bless!

## Covid-19: Green Phase

The province entered the Green phase at midnight on July 30, 2021. However, we will have to continue to be careful because COVID-19 is always with us. We are encouraged to continue to practise protective health measures such as handwashing, coughing / sneezing into your elbow, staying home when sick and wearing a mask if you so choose.

**Totally re-opening is an adjustment for all.**

**It takes time and a bit of refreshing for our staff and volunteers.**

**Here at St. Bernard's, we will gradually return to all the normal practices we had before Covid.**

### Here are the items where there are no longer restrictions:

**Entry.** Worshippers will be able to enter the church without prior registration.

**Processions and servers.** Are allowed.

**Physical distancing.** No distancing is required in regard to seating, therefore, the church can be filled.

**Masks.** Masks are no longer required, but respect and acceptance must be shown to those who choose to wear.

**Liturgical materials.** Songbooks / hymnals may be used. Hymn numbers will be on the board as in in the past.

**Singing.** Singing may be resumed as before COVID-19 without restriction.

**Parish gatherings and catechetical groups.** Gatherings may now be held without restriction as to number and distance.

**Holy water.** Holy water fonts at the entrances to the church may be used again.

### The following restrictions are to be maintained

**Holy Communion:** For the time being, as a matter of prudence, parishes are asked to refrain from giving communion in the cup and distributing communion on the tongue.

**The sign of peace.** As a precaution, people are to avoid shaking hands or another physical contact. Instead, they may exchange peace by bowing or making other gesture without contact.



## *Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower, 2021*

This year's catechists' formation takes place on **Saturday, September 18th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview beginning at 8:30 a.m. and finishing by 2:00 pm.** This year's

presenters will be Trevor Droesbeck (Faithful Voices: Conversations with Canadian Young People), Claudette Derdaele (Listening, Attending, Preparing, and Hearing), and Margot McAloon-Parker from the Diocese of Saint John (Accompanying Families: Wisdom from the New Directory for Catechesis). Watch your bulletin in August for additional details.



**The Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick is offering two (2) Scholarships in the amount of**

**\$1,000.00 each**, they will be awarded to one (1) student studying in a French educational institution and one (1) student studying in an English educational institution. Students must be entering their second year of studies or later, in a post-secondary program in the field of

health care. Information and application forms are available online at [www.chanb.com](http://www.chanb.com). Applications must be postmarked by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For further information please email [catholichealth@chpchi.com](mailto:catholichealth@chpchi.com).



### **CHIMO Helpline**

If you are struggling to deal with the emotional toll of Covid 19, or anything else in life, call the CHIMO Helpline at

1-800-667-5005



## *Prayer of the Faithful*

For the church that we may taste and see that the Lord does indeed rescue us from all our afflictions. ***We pray.***

For brothers and sisters and husbands and wives that they be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another just as Christ has forgiven us. ***We pray.***

For those who have lost their way in their faith that they seek Jesus who has the words of eternal life. ***We pray.***

For all those who have worked through the heat of the summer in churches, hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes, prisons, restaurants, and anyone studying. ***We pray.***

For all those leaving to go back to work or school. ***We pray.***

For the spiritual and physical well being of all parishioners and for those who have died. ***We pray:***



**Lions recycle for Sight - Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time:**

Used eyeglasses are recycled, cleaned, sorted by prescription strength, then packaged and distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. A Lions Recycle for Sight box will be at the main entrance of the church for you to drop off unwanted eyeglasses. Thank you.



*Congratulations and best wishes to:*

*Cecil Rigby*

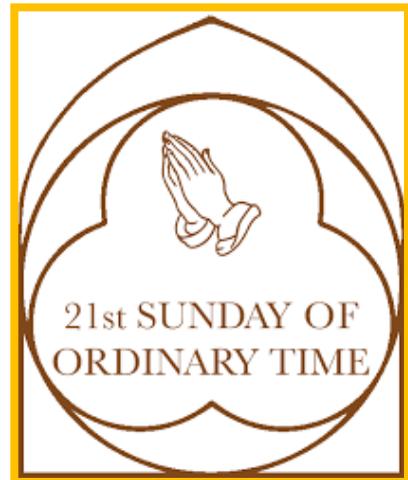
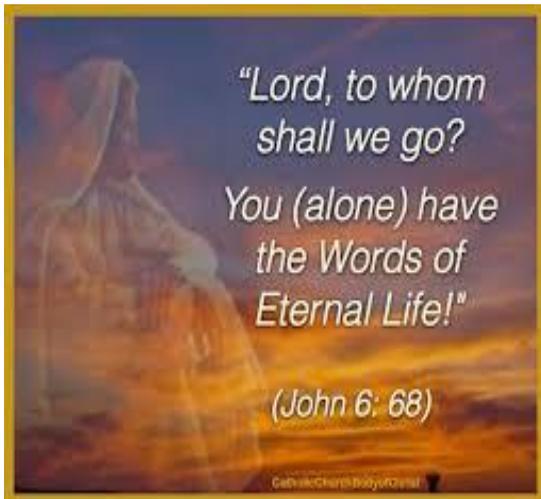
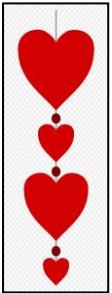
*On the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



*Congratulations and best wishes to:*

*Ken & May Smith*

*On the occasion of their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*



# Dear Padre,

**My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the anointing of the sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?**

**I**f circumstances permit, the sacrament of anointing of the sick may be preceded by the sacrament of penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1517).

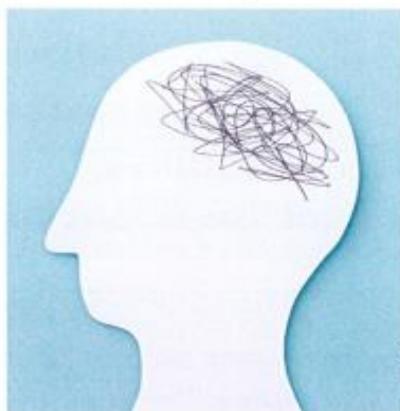
However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (*PCS* 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the sacrament of anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the sacrament of anointing has this as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance" (*CCC* 1532).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to submit your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true....It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

## Calendar

**Monday**

AUGUST 23

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday**

AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,

Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday**

AUGUST 25

Weekday

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday**

AUGUST 26

Weekday

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mt 24:42-51

**Friday**

AUGUST 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday**

AUGUST 28

St. Augustine,

Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday**

AUGUST 29

Twenty-second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18,

21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,

21-23