

Faith or Works?

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✳ Which works of mercy does your faith inspire?
- ✳ How are these works fortified by faith?

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

JAMES 2:18





TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

*May I never boast of anything except the Cross of the Lord,
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the
world.*

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 SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2021

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

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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Parish office hours: Monday-Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 - 4 PM

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2021

Friday	Sep. 17	9:30 AM	Late Jackie Ryan	Charlotte McKenna
Saturday	Sep. 18	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Inez Kervin	Heather
Sunday	Sep. 19	11:00 AM	Late John Shean	Fern & Charlie Poirier

OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 5,453.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 80.80
Loose	\$ 171.00	Building Fund	\$ 85.00
Needs of Can. Church	\$ 30.00	Capital Campaign	\$ 1,807.00
Religious Education	\$ 547.00	Easter	\$ 10.00
Papal Charities	\$ 35.00	Reconnect	\$ 10.00
Donation	\$ 40.00	Syrian Fund	\$ 40.00
Two meters apart	\$ 85.00		



for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the family of:



Lorraine Donovan	Sister of Nina(Al) Roy
Nancy Varner	Sister of Linda (Reg) Arseneau
Richard (Alex)O'Brien	Husband of Shirley
Bertha Boudreau	Mother of Paulette, Lisa & Deighan
Bernard LeBlanc	Husband of Annette

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...

Boyd Clory		
Patricia Devine		

And for all who care for them.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carmelites	2 nd Sat. of month, 9:30 -11:30 AM	Stage Area
Prayer Group	2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month (after the 25 th) 7 PM	Church Hall
RCIA	1 st & 3 rd Weds. of month @ 7 PM – beginning Oct. 6	Stage Area
Catechism Registration	Sat., Sep. 11, 12 to 1:30 PM	Church Hall
CWL Mass	Thursday, September 16 @ 2 PM	Church
Next Baptism Prep.	Sundays, Sep. 19 & 26, 1:00-2:30 PM	Stage Area
Next Baptisms	Sunday, Oct. 3 @ 2:00 PM	Church

RCIA

*Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults*



Interested in becoming Catholic?

**Do you believe? About Jesus?
About the Sacraments?
About Salvation?
Interested in becoming Catholic?**

Then please feel welcome to join the RCIA team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children) here at St. Bernard's on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

The RCIA team here at St. Bernard's exists to welcome individuals who are wondering about the Roman Catholic Church and to help them in their search for spiritual guidance and a sense of church community. We also welcome those Catholics who haven't yet completed their preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist and wish to do so. Whether adult or child inquirer, candidate or catechumen, the team provides the elements for preparation including prayer, reflection on the Sunday liturgy of the Word, education about our faith and mutual support during the ups and downs of our individual journeys of faith. If you know someone who is thinking of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please invite him or her to call the parish office at 857-0425 for more information on RCIA.



Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower, 2021

Join us on Saturday, September 18th for the annual catechist formation day. We begin the day at 8:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview and will conclude at 1:50 p.m. Snacks, tea and coffee will be provided. Registration deadline is September 15th.

This is a day of particular interest to all those who are involved in the ministry of the catechist: with your parish's children's catechetical program, marriage or baptismal preparation, RCIA, etc. Three separate sessions take place:

Faithful Voices: Conversations with Canadian Youth, facilitated by Trevor Droesbeck

Listening: Preparing, Attending, Hearing, facilitated by Claudette Derdaele

Accompanying Families: Wisdom from the New Directory for Catechesis, facilitated by Margot McAloon-Parker, Director and Fredericton Region Youth Faith Formation, Diocese of Saint John.

Register online at <http://www.diocesemoncton.ca/en/formation-opportunities> or by contacting Ellen, Trevor or your parish catechetical coordinator. Given that NB is in green level alert, the wearing of masks is optional, although we ask those not yet vaccinated to please wear them.

Participation in this day of formation is critical for all those who will be catechist coaches or helpers with children's catechesis.



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

To contact us:

Ellen - 857- 9952 or ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com;

Trevor - 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings:

Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament Preparation Committee: Thursday, September 16th at 2:30 p.m.

Meetings will take place at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance. The use of masks is not mandatory and will be left to the discretion of the person.

Mondays @ The Movies

Join us for our film discussion series designed to help us connect our faith to the films we watch. Our next two discussions will take place at 10:30 AM (via Zoom) on September 27th (*To Kill A Mockingbird*), and October 18th (*The Village*). For more information or to register, contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada St Bernard's Council

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

In September 1921 the St. Bernard's CWL Council joined the National Catholic Women's League of Canada.

The main thrust of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is, and always has been, the Spiritual Development of its members both individually and collectively.

The activities of the League, since its original purpose of aiding immigrants, have broadened and, in recent years, the emphasis has been on issues concerning the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, Social Justice, Human Dignity, the Preservation of Christian Family and the concept of a preferential option for the poor.

Our Mission is: "The Catholic Women's League is a National Organization rooted in Gospel values calling its members to holiness through the service of the People of God."

Today the members of our Council continue to work on our mission in the Parish and community as we work for God and country.

Plenary Assembly:

This month the Canadian Bishops are scheduled to meet in Plenary session September 20-24. All are invited to pray throughout the month especially in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass and during Morning and Evening Prayer asking the Spirit of God to guide the Bishop's in their deliberations and decisions for the people of God.

A Special Journey

Is your spiritual life in need of renewal? Are you ready to embark on a spiritual journey?

Look no further: we have the perfect experience for you!

You are cordially invited to attend a 7 - week journey beginning September 27th.

Where? Holy Family Church

52 Falkland Drive, Moncton

When? 7 -9 p.m.

This is a life-changing experience that will increase your faith, bring joy to your heart, and fill you with a new understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life.

This experience is enhanced with music, praise, scripture, and friendship. Do plan on embarking on this faith – filling journey with us.

Cost: \$15.00

Contact: **Donna Belliveau 386-2072**

Roberta Brine 386-5175



Catechism Announcement

We are resuming in-person catechism gatherings this fall, along with online options.

This is how our year will start, a full year biweekly schedule will soon be available on our website.

Zoom gathering start date:

Monday September 13th, 2021, **Year 4-5-6** @ 6:15PM-7:30PM

Wednesday September 22nd **Year 1-2-3** @ 6PM-7:30 PM

In-person gathering start date:

Sunday September 19th Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15AM-10:30AM or *

Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15PM-1:30PM or **

Year 7 (Confirmation) 3:00PM-4:15PM

or

*Tuesday September 21st Year 1-2-3 @ 6PM-7:30PM

**Wednesday September 22nd Year 4-5-6 @ 6 PM-7:30 PM

Catechism and parish registration forms are available at our office or online by following this link:

- ❖ www.stbernardschurch.ca
 - Ministries and Groups
 - Faith Formation
 - Children's catechism

Stay tuned. Blessings,

Lorella

Dear Padre,

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others



who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this “secret place” is a church or chapel. Many people pray before

or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

Fr. Michael Brehl, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

HOMILY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Tm 2:1–8
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14–16
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12–16
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c–12
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 6:13–16
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 19
Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16–4:3
Mk 9:30–37

