

The Price of Goodness

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist

that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Where in your life do your religious values conflict with social norms?*
- ✦ *Do you ever resent the goodness of others? If so, what might you do about it?*

*[Jesus said,] "If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*

MARK 9:35





TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

*God has called us through the good news,
to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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 20-26, 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
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Parish phone: 506-857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-26, 2021

Friday	Sep. 24	9:30 AM	Late Margaret Reinsborough	Roy & Dee Carter
Saturday	Sep. 25	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late David Devine	Patricia Devine & Family
Sunday	Sep. 26	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Venecio Pino	Janessa & Chalmere

OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 6,785.00	Needs of Canadian church	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 232.80	Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 30.90	Capital Campaign	\$ 2,668.33
Two meters apart	\$ 1,411.67	Religious Education	\$ 190.00
Special collection	\$ 85.00		



for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the family of:



Rita MacFarlane	Wife of late Douglas
Betty Wedge	Wife of late Raymond
Daniel Strang	Husband of late Nancy

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	James Newhook
Bev LeBlanc	Laura Murphy
Patricia Devine	Duncan McGee
Mike Murphy	

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
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.



Let Us Love One Another A Three-Part Journey of Reconciliation

The recent, and continuing, uncovering of the horrific treatment of some of our Indigenous brothers and sisters at Residential Schools has left many of us struggling to deal with all the emotions that this has evoked. Feelings of anger, disillusion, and uncertainty as to how to move forward as a church are among many things we are trying to sort out. With this in mind, we are offering three evenings of prayer and discernment where people can come together and come to God to find a path forward.

The three themes of these gatherings will be Reconciliation, Healing, and Remembrance and Promise, and the dates are as follows:

Wednesday, September 29th

Wednesday, October 20th

Wednesday, November 24th

These will take place at **Holy Family Church** in Moncton 7 PM each night. All are welcome. Please note that we are not here to speak on anyone's behalf, but rather, to acknowledge that something went terribly wrong; to discern our part in it, and to voice our public concern in prayer.



Annual LIFE CHAIN takes place Sunday, **October 3rd from 2:30 to 3:30 beginning on Champlain and Paul Steet.** Arrive at 2:15 for prayers and departure from Burger King, Dieppe. We pray while distancing and in silence for the unborn and their families. **Info Sr. Cécile F. LeBlanc 857 9414.**

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - September 26

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June. The January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X 1914. At the request of several conferences of Bishops, Pope Francis moved the observance to September in 2019. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation."

(POPE BENEDICT XVI, 2012)



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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Upcoming Meetings:

Youth Faith Commission: Tuesday, September 28th at 12:00 noon, via Zoom

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.*

Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

September 20-24. A petition asking God's blessing on the Bishops of Canada as they meet this week.

Needs of the Church in Canada - September 26

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, and Western regions). Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance. "Challenges and favours which the Lord gives...are the ways by which he wanted his Church founded and established by the Apostles and Disciples. This is the same grace he has made to the Church in Canada, by which it has taken all its force and growth and is sustained and maintained by patience and long-suffering in peace and union with Our Lord, all as he is pleased to permit."

-Saint Francois De Laval, First Bishop of New France, from a letter to the Vicar General of the Diocese of Quebec, 15 February 1686



*Congratulations and best wishes to:
Alma Barrieau
On the occasion of her birthday
September 19, 2021
God bless your day Alma.*



St. Bernard's Repairs and Maintenance

**As to keep parishioners informed on
repairs / maintenance.**

Here is a brief update.

Completed:

Chimney removed and stones maintained in storage for future re-purposing

Asphalt Roof North Side replaced...South side completed 2018

Upcoming projects:

Commencing next week Drain Tile and Roof water collection system

Eavestrough and down spouts to be installed along North Side

Repointing and masonry work also northside, including bell tower inspection and repair as required ...approximately 1 week for completion

We are happy to have you join us!

Are you new to the parish or have you been part of our community for a while but have just never registered? There are registration forms available at all entrances to the church, at your parish office, on our web site (www.stbernardschurch.ca) Fill in the information, return the form to the office and you will be formally registered. This will help us to better serve your individual needs!





Date: 2021-09-17, Re: New Guidelines for COVID-19

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Yesterday afternoon, the province's Minister of Health, Ms. Shephard, met with religious leaders in the province following the announcement of new measures regarding the pandemic. While explaining what the new guidelines were, she indicated that they had only one goal: to increase the rate of people fully vaccinated in the province (two doses).

Vaccination remains the best way to counter the spread of the Delta virus and protect the population (especially the unvaccinated). The government is looking for a vaccination rate of around 90%. **The minister made it clear to us that she does not require masks, sanitizing, or social distancing at our gatherings. These measures are always at the discretion of individuals.**

Instead, she wishes is to have gatherings of fully vaccinated people to keep people safe and to act as an incentive for the unvaccinated. That is why going back to past health measures (mask, sanitizing, and social distancing) as a way to include unvaccinated people at our gatherings is not the measure promoted by the government.

Therefore, beginning next Wednesday at any gathering inside our churches, rectories or community centres under our supervision, those present **must be doubly vaccinated**.

1. **By gatherings we mean:** religious celebrations (Sunday and weekly masses, prayer meetings, baptisms, weddings and funerals, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, First Communion), parish and pastoral meetings, catechesis meetings, management meetings, conferences, workshops, fraternal and social meetings, bingos, card games, etc.)
2. **By those present we mean:** priests, lay ministers, members of choirs, volunteers, the faithful and other participants. This also applies to family members or close friends at baptisms, weddings, or funerals. Young people under the age of 12 are naturally exempted by this measure, as they cannot currently be vaccinated.

May the Lord bless us and continue to watch over us.

Valéry Vienneau - Archbishop of Moncton

Parish measures to be implemented here at St. Bernard's: beginning next Wednesday, September 22, we will require proof of vaccination for all church related events, including Mass.

1. Volunteers will be in place to compile a list of proof of vaccinations.
2. An ongoing list of proof of vaccinations will be kept so that persons will not have to provide it each time they attend a Mass.
3. For those who are exempt from vaccination, proper proof of exemption must be provided.
4. Also, to address concerns, and for the safety of all: when processing for Holy Communion, we will revert to the way we were processing before the green phase. One line at a time, rather than a double line processing up the center. Ushers will be in place to guide parishioners during communion.

Dear Padre,

In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for

our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that... by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end' (John 13:1) that confers on

Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
Ezr 1:1-6
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Hg 2:1-9
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 26
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-29
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI'), MAY 24, 2015