

Your Majesty

This is an interesting form of address. It is not really a title like *Queen* or *Lord*. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, as does *ruler*. It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty and why do we attribute it to some people? Originally people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today's feast show that Jesus turned the ideas of kingship and royal majesty upside down.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom "dominion, glory, and kingship" (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the Gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage

from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It's clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today's responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✱ *Do you think Jesus was naive about power politics? Why or why not?*
- ✱ *What influence does Jesus exercise over your life as your king?*

*Jesus answered
[Pilate], "You say I am
a king. For this I was
born and for this I
came into the world."*

JOHN 18:37





*Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David;
blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

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 NOVEMBER 22-28, 2021

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM
	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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22-28, 2021

Thurs.	Nov. 25	9:30 AM	For the People	
Fri.	Nov. 26	9:30 AM	Late Clora Robertson	Marie Beek
Sat.	Nov. 27	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Bobby Girouard	Chuck & Jessie
Sun.	Nov. 28	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Patrick J. Keenan	Sherry, Chris & Patti

OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 13-14, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 8,919.47	Evan. Of People	\$ 25.00
Looses	\$ 202.90	Karing Kitchen	\$ 36.00
Needy Fund	\$ 1,017.00	All Souls	\$ 35.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,223.33	Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Christmas Boxes	\$ 40.00	Donation	\$ 40.00



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...*

Louise McGregor	Sonia Worster	Clarence Cormier
Jenny Purcell	Beth Purcell	Yolanda Sagion
Richard Moore	Roger Berube	Suzanne Theriault-Mitton
Paul Melanson	Judy Bourque	

And for all who care for them.

Covid Protocols here at St. Bernard's, the following will apply:

1. Call in to register for Mass @ 857-0425.
 2. Deadline to register for Masses – Wednesday 4 PM
 3. No singing.
 4. Masks are mandatory, 6 feet social distancing at all times. (including after mass and in the church parking lot)
- When exiting the church after Mass, we will exit through two of the main doors instead of one. To eliminate as much cross traffic as possible, ushers will be in place to guide persons when exiting. Please remain in your pew until an usher has indicated that it is your time to exit. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION



Sunday In person sessions

Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM; Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM; Confirmation @ 3PM

Session #6 Nov. 28, 2021

Session # 7 Dec. 12, 2021

Tuesday In person sessions – Years 1-2-3

Session #6 Nov.30, 2021

Session #7 Dec 14, 2021

Zoom Sessions

Monday years 4-5-6 @ 6:15PM

Session #6 Nov.22, 2021

Session #7 Dec. 6, 2021

Wednesday years 1-2-3 @ 6PM

Session # 6 Dec 1, 2021

Session #7 Dec 15, 2021



Needy Fund

Thank you for the ongoing **donations for the needy**. With less people attending masses, ***the needy fund has seen an understandable reduction.*** With what funds we had, monthly donations were made to the YMCA Re-Connect program to help with emergency needs for those in unsafe living conditions or living on the streets. We also were able to help two families with new babies. As we enter the winter months, we see greater needs present themselves for food

and shelter. ***Parishioners receiving envelope packets will note an envelope for People in Need in November. At any time, donations can be made to the needy fund by using a regular envelope with your name on it (and envelope number), so this can be included with your parish tax receipt.***

We have had inquiries about donating to this year's Christmas Boxes. With the ongoing pandemic, we will partner once again with the Food Bank to provide food boxes to needy families. **Donations marked 'Christmas Boxes' will be used specifically for that purpose.**

Thank you for assisting in this ministry to those in need.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RCIA	Weds., Nov. 24 @ 6 PM	Hall
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Calling All Knitters Yarn is available at the Parish office for knitters who wish to make hats, mittens, etc. for the Advent Mitten Tree. Thank you to all the dedicated past and present knitters!



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

Mondays @ The Movies

Connecting faith to popular films, will meet again on **November 29th at 10:30 am** via Zoom when we will be discussing the 1947 version of *Miracle on 34th Street*. All participants will have watched the film prior to the session, register with Trevor or Karen at catechism.set@gmail.com or 387-4198. Register online by going to www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Mondays @ The Movies.

Faith Experiments Express

Learn about faith and scripture using science experiments (for grades 1-6). We will be holding another Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom) on **Monday, November 29th at 6:00 pm**. Register with Trevor or with Karen at 387-4198, catechism.set@gmail.com. Register online by going to www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Faith Experiments Express.

Upcoming Meetings:

Youth Faith Commission: Tuesday, December 7th at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Transformed Through Eucharist

What happens during the Eucharist? How important is Eucharist to you? Why are you preparing your child to make their First Communion?

Given our current reality, it has been decided that this session will now only be offered virtually, taking place via Zoom on Thursday, November 25th beginning at 6:30 p.m. While the session is open to anyone interested in exploring more about the sacrament of Eucharist, parents of children preparing to receive First Eucharist in the spring of 2022 at any parish within the English sector, are asked to participate in this session, which will deepen your understanding of what the Church believes and teaches about the sacrament of Eucharist. Facilitators Karen LeBlanc and Ellen Bennett will offer an overview of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and talk about how, through the Eucharist, the bread and wine *and* the assembly are transformed again into the Body of Christ. Registration will need to be done by contacting Ellen or your parish catechetical coordinator so that the Zoom link can be sent to you.



Please note: Effective Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, St. Bernard's will have a Thursday Mass at 9:30 AM each week. This is in addition to the existing Friday 9:30 AM Mass.



If you receive an email from Fr. Charles Broderick like the one below

DO NOT RESPOND. IT IS SPAM.

From: Fr. Charles Broderick <churchcare792@gmail.com>

Sent: November 8, 2021 10:17 AM

To: darlenemcgraw@rogers.com

Subject: Darlene McGraw

Hello! Are you free to help handle a task urgently? I got something for you to manage for me discreetly. I will be in a meeting in a few minutes, no calls so kindly respond back via emails.

Sent from Mail.... --

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

-Lamentation

3:22-23



The last week of the Liturgical Year is devoted to eschatological themes:

Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. "There, with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord." (EP IV)



Season of Advent:

The first Sunday of Advent – November 28th, 2021

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



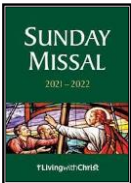
Socks for ReConnect:

Nothing feels like clean socks, with no holes. **Decent socks are a luxury to the homeless** and as we head into cold and wet weather, creates a risk to health. During the month of Nov., St. Bernard's will have a 'sock drive'. A container will be placed at each church entrance for donations of socks for adults. All received will be passed on to ReConnect for the homeless & at-risk individuals.



We are nearing the end of 2021!

It is a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you may have missed over the year. Together as a parish community we can meet St. Bernard's financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, and preauthorized payments. **All donations for 2021 must be received prior to December 31st to be included in 2021 taxation receipts. Thank you for your continued generosity!!**



2021 - 2022 - Sunday Missals

We will have a limited number of Sunday Missals at the cost of \$ 5 each. You may purchase a copy at the Parish office during regular office hours Mon-Fri, 9-12 & 1-4 or when attending masses at the main entrance of the church, beginning the week of Nov 15.



No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall. Thank you.



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.

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one.

Hereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

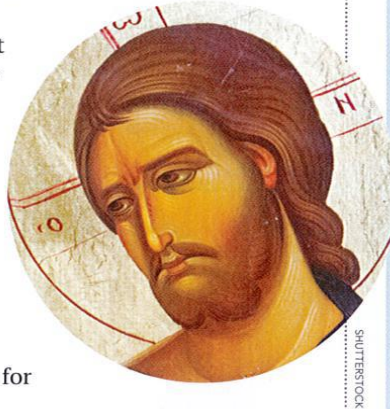
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30–32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people. Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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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*.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018



Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 22
St. Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20
Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 23
Weekday
Dn 2:31–45
Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,
Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs
Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17,
23–28
Lk 21:12–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 25
Weekday
Dn 6:12–28
Lk 21:20–28

Friday

NOVEMBER 26
Weekday
Dn 7:2–14
Lk 21:29–33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 27
Weekday
Dn 7:15–27
Lk 21:34–36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 28
First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14–16
1 Thes 3:12–4:2
Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

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.

