



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent (C)

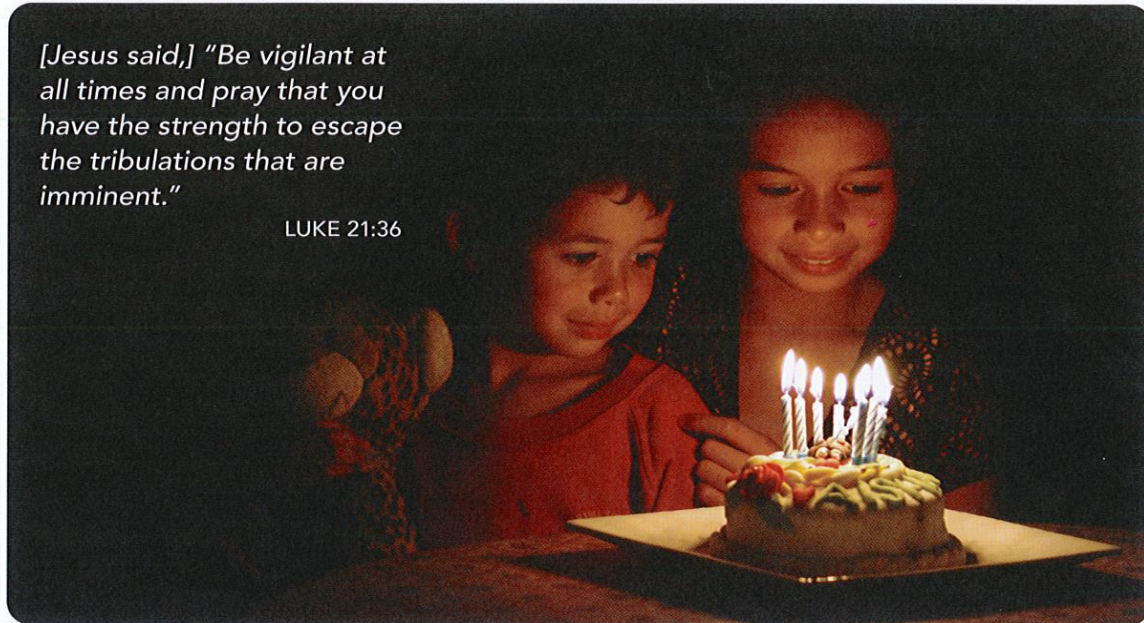
Jer 33:14–16

1 Thes 3:12–4:2

Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

*[Jesus said,] "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."*

LUKE 21:36



SHUTTERSTOCK

## Birth Day

**O**ur *birth day* is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our *birthday*. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. *His birth announces our new birth.*

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *How are you preparing for your final birth day?*
- ★ *What do you find most striking in today's readings? Why?*



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

*Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.*

**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 NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 5, 2021**

<b>St. Bernard's</b>	<b>Thursday @ 9:30 AM</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>

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<b>Adult Faith</b>	Andrew Wilson	

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 5, 2021**

<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Stanley A. Cormier	Nicole & Marcel
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late William & Evelyn Coughran	Barbara
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Late Laura Murphy	Greg Murphy & Family
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Anniv. late Jim Heath	Marla Johnson

# OFFERINGS

## NOVEMBER 20-21, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 3,538.00	Evan. Of People	\$ 60.00
Looses	\$ 151.10	Karing Kitchen	\$ 40.25
Needy Fund	\$ 265.00	All Souls	\$ 90.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 600.00	Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Christmas Boxes	\$ 415.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 55.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00	Syrian Fund	\$ 150.00



*for your generous and continued support!!!*



*A time to mourn.....*

*Sincere sympathies to the families of*



<b>Paul Melanson</b>	Husband of Jeanne
<b>Clarence Cormier</b>	Husband of Jocelyn
<b>Roger Chenard</b>	Husband of Debbie
<b>Jeannine Partner</b>	Wife of Bob and mother of Bob Jr.

*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...*

<b>Jenny Purcell</b>	<b>Beth Purcell</b>	<b>Yolanda Sagion</b>
<b>Richard Moore</b>	<b>Suzanne Theriault-Mitton</b>	<b>Roger Berube</b>
<b>Judy Bourque</b>		

*And for all who care for them.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RCIA	Weds., Dec. 1 @ 6 PM @	Stage
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## 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

Christmas Break Sessions resume on January 9, 2022

### Tuesday In person sessions – Years 1-2-3

Session #6 Nov 30, 2021

Session #7 Dec 14, 2021

Christmas Break Sessions resume on January 11, 2022

### Zoom Sessions

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

Session #7 Dec 6, 2021

Christmas Break

Session# 8 Jan 17, 2022

Wednesday years 1-2-3 @ 6PM

Session # 6 Dec 1, 2021

Session #7 Dec 15, 2021

Christmas Break

Session # 8 Jan 12, 2022

**\*\*Mask are required for all in person sessions as well as proof of vaccination for eligible individuals.\*\***



## 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.**

### **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)





## From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

### To contact us:

Ellen - 857- 9952 or [ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com);

Trevor - 857-4879 [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:catechism.set@gmail.com) or 387-4198. Register online by going to [www.diomoncton.ca](http://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](mailto:catechism.set@gmail.com). Register online by going to [www.diomoncton.ca](http://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.

**Adult Faith Commission:** Tuesday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. on York Street.

### **Advent Video Series by the CCCB**

Beginning Sunday, **November 21**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and for the four Sundays of Advent, the CCCB will release a video recording of one of Canada's bishops reflecting on the Gospel Reading for that Sunday. This year's reflections were inspired by the Indigenous Delegation travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from **17-20 December 2021**, and may be found at the following link:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>.

### **Be Still**

The 25th Annual Advent Festival of Carols & Scripture, which is taking place Sunday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, NL will be livestreamed at [www.thebasilica.net](http://www.thebasilica.net) for those who may be interested in tuning in.

### **Family Movie: "Miracle On 34th Street" (1994 Version)**

Will be shown at Immaculate Heart of Mary (Dan Bohan Center) on Sunday, **December 12th at 12:30 pm**. Families from all parishes in the diocese are invited to join us. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food-items, which will go to those who need them. **PLEASE NOTE THAT MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE REQUIRED AS WELL AS PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION.** Please contact Karen to register at 387-4198 or [catechism.set@gmail.com](mailto:catechism.set@gmail.com).



### Diocesan committee "Laudato Si"

On **May 24, 2015**, Pope Francis signed the encyclical "*Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*." This writing by Pope Francis shows us that we must work harder to care for people and the planet. Furthermore, the encyclical proposes that dialogue be the method of choice to "help us escape the spiral of self-destruction which currently engulfs us." (LS, 163.) I

am happy to announce that Sr Denise Lirette, f.j., has established a diocesan committee to help us learn about "Laudato Si" and to respond to Pope Francis's call to action to save our planet and ensure a healthy and favorable environment for all people. This committee will let us know its plan for education and action early in the new year. I am counting on the parish priests, the various parish committees, and the faithful to collaborate with the proposals of this new diocesan committee. -Archbishop Valéry Vienneau

### People and Planet First

**Thank you for putting *People and the Planet First* by signing petitions.** Last weekend, volunteers in the parishes were mobilized to sign a petition that is the main action of Development and Peace's education campaign this fall. We would like to sincerely thank these volunteers, but also all who willingly accepted to sign the petition. We would like to remind you that this simple gesture is important to help ask the House of Commons to adopt a due diligence law on human rights and the environment.

You can still sign the petition till the end of December. Those who have not had the opportunity to sign could do so as soon as possible. Please add **ONLY** your CITY and/or POSTAL CODE, in addition to the signature. For more information on our campaign, visit [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org). You can also call the Moncton Regional Office (801-0440) to get involved with Development and Peace.



### 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.

### Storytime with Deacon Ed on Zoom!

Join Deacon Ed on Zoom as he shares God's plan for Christmas **over 5 Monday evenings starting Nov. 29 at 6pm**. He will be reading from the book "The Story of Christmas". Although the book is geared towards 5–10-year-olds, **anyone who loves to hear about Jesus will not want to miss this 30 minute with Deacon Ed!** Email Tiffany at [goodtiffany@hotmail.com](mailto:goodtiffany@hotmail.com) to register.



*Congratulations and best wishes to:*

*Shirley Clement*

*On the occasion of her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday November 29, 2021*



### CWL Membership

Dues collection for 2022 has now commenced. 2022 dues are due Dec. 31st and remain at \$25.00. For members who have not yet submitted their annual dues, kindly make your cheque payable to **St. Bernard's CWL**. If not made out properly, it will be returned by the bank. Also, please provide any updated contact information for our records should you have moved or changed phone numbers since our last meeting in March 2020. Thank you. - Donna Shaw Organization Chair.  
**Kindly send cheque to: Donna Shaw, 73 Steadman St., Moncton, NB. E1C 4P5**



### Advent Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. **We are encouraged to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer?** It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship. **All parishioners of our parish unit are invited and encouraged to gather for the Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) on Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church**

**December 2, 9, 16, 23 @ 6:00 PM**



### *Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers*



Once again, this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or mailed to the parish office. (43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9) Names will be in the Christmas bulletin.

**Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.**

<b>In Memory of:</b>	
<b>Donated by:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>\$ Amount</b>	
<b>Envelope # (if applicable)</b>	



**The Advent season is the beginning of a  
new year in our liturgical church life.**

Advent still remains a time of preparation, however, the focus is on a joyous preparation. The circle of greens with four candles of the same color (white) signifies the unity of the season. We do not break it up with one week being more joyous than another. Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. The color white connects us to the white of the Easter Candle (Paschal Candle or Christ Candle). No matter what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year, it is always a part of the Paschal Mystery, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. We are an Easter people even during this season. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light. The Advent season should be an accounting of how we have lived our lives over the past year. Have we become better disciples? Has there been a change in our hearts? If not what needs to change? Has our faith life deepened? How? What steps have we taken to work on our relationship with God, with Jesus, with our Church community? **What are some of the acts of kindness or generosity that we could do that could start in Advent, but continue on throughout the year?** Could we adopt a senior and keep in contact with them throughout the year, by phone calls, cooking a meal, offering to drive them. What about our caregivers who have loved ones they are taking care of. Could we not offer to spend some time and allow them to go out for a few hours to rejuvenate them? What about offering some time for the special care homes? Do you play an instrument? Could you go and offer once a month to entertain? What about members of our community who live with cancer? So often these people feel they are bothering other people. They need help getting groceries, having a meal cooked or other special errands. What about making other justice connections?

**Advent is meant to be the beginning of a new heart for justice.**

**How will you change this Advent season for the long term?**