



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

*Jerusalem, take off your robe  
of mourning and misery;  
put on forever the splendor  
of glory from God.*

BARUCH 5:1



## And the Word Was Made Flesh

**M**any of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- *Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are. Think about this.*
- *Nothing is too common that it can't be holy. What does that mean?*



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 5, 2021**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths :  
all fresh shall see the salvation of GOD.*

**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 DECEMBER 6-12, 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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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6-12, 2021**

<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Clement Martin	Ella Martin
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	For the People	
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. Late Chris Fortin	The Family
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Deceased Family Members	Conrad Coughlan

# OFFERINGS

## NOVEMBER 27-28, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 2,998.00	Evan. Of People	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 52.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 32.75
Needy Fund	\$ 420.00	All Souls	\$ 20.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 175.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Christmas Boxes	\$ 150.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 20.00
Donation	\$ 8,200.00	Reconnect	\$ 10.00
Religious Educ.	\$ 10.00		



*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...*

<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>	<b>Patti Vokurka</b>	<b>Mike Murphy</b>

*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)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RCIA	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds. of month @ 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 #7 Dec 12, 2021

Christmas Break Sessions resume on January 9, 2022

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

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 # 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.\*\***



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

There will be a General Meeting for St. Bernard's CWL Members on Monday, December 6th @ 1:30 PM. Everyone must wear their mask, social distancing, and proof of their two vaccinations for the Covid19 virus, as required by the Archdiocese for any gatherings outside of Mass. – *Carolyn O'Blenis, Organization Pres.*



### 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 encourages 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. Must show proof of double vaccination & ID upon entry.**

December 9, 16, 23 @ 6:00 PM



*Congratulations and best wishes to:  
Barry & Pat Dickie  
On the occasion of their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
God bless and all the best.*



**From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis**  
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**Trevor - 857-4879 [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com)**

### **Mondays @ The Movies**

Connecting faith to popular films, will meet again on December 13th at 10:30 am via Zoom when we will be discussing the 2006 version of *The Nativity Story* with Oscar Isaac and Keisha Castle-Hughes. 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). Due to inclement weather our session scheduled for Monday, November 29th was postponed until Monday, January 10th. 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

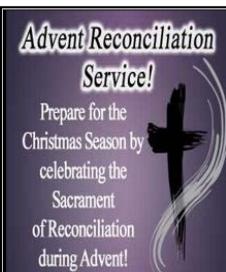
**Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. on York Street.**

### **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/>.

### **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).



**Advent Reconciliation - Covid-19 has caused many things to be done differently than normal and the Advent Reconciliation will be no exception. There will be a Reconciliation Preparation Service on Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will not be sacramental, but rather a preparation for individual confession.**

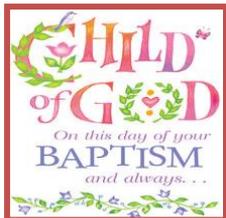
**St. Bernard's parishioners' individual confessions - will be held on Friday, December 10th after 9:30 AM Mass. Please call to register. 857-0425.**

**Immaculate Heart's December 9th's liturgy will be live streamed on Facebook, so if you cannot be there in person, you will be able to participate online. And finally, if you plan to attend in person, you are asked to call 386-6178.**



### 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!!**



*Congratulations on your babies Baptisms  
The following children were welcomed into  
St. Bernard's Parish community  
through the Sacrament of Baptism on  
Sunday, November 28, 2021*

*Emmett Gregory Perry, child of Travis & Cynthia*

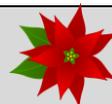
*Rudy Ishaan Alexander Perry, child of Timothy & Michelle*

*May they always know the peace of Jesus*

*And the light of his love.*



### *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>	



*Christmas Mass Schedule*

*We will begin accepting registrations*

*Monday, December 6, for December 24 & 25 masses.*

*Call 857-0425 to register.*

*Friday, Christmas Eve- December 24*

St. Bernard's	2:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM
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St. Vincent's	4 PM
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*Saturday, Christmas Day- December 25*

St. Bernard's	9 AM & 11:30 AM
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St. Vincent's	9:00 AM
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St. Clement's	11:00 AM
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Should Covid phases cancel any of the above masses, cancellations will be noted on the parish phone (857-0425) or our parish website:

[www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)

We will not be calling persons to advise that Masses are cancelled.



**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!

# Dear Padre,

**My sister says that singing the O Antiphons are her favorite part of Advent. What are they?**

**A**n antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An *O Antiphon* is an antiphon that starts with O, as in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church's prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The O Antiphons your sister refers to are verses used during the Church's evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary's Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the O Antiphons are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcoph*, which is *ero cras* (Latin for "tomorrow I come" or "tomorrow I shall be") spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the O Antiphons have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

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

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



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us....First of all we are called to fill the "valleys" caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018

## Calendar

**Monday**  
DECEMBER 6  
Advent Weekday  
Is 35:1–10  
Lk 5:17–26

**Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 7  
St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

Is 40:1–11  
Mt 18:12–14

**Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 8  
Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9–15, 20  
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12  
Lk 1:26–38

**Thursday**  
DECEMBER 9  
Advent Weekday  
Is 41:13–20  
Mt 11:11–15

**Friday**  
DECEMBER 10  
Advent Weekday  
Is 48:17–19  
Mt 11:16–19

**Saturday**  
DECEMBER 11  
Advent Weekday  
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11  
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

**Sunday**  
DECEMBER 12  
Third Sunday  
of Advent  
Zep 3:14–18a  
Phil 4:4–7  
Lk 3:10–18