



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Mi 5:1–4a

Heb 10:5–10

Lk 1:39–45

Are We There Yet?

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-o-ng ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imaged: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, "When is he coming?"

By the time the Gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were able to embellish stories a bit, the way we often do to emphasize the greatness of someone. They believed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). She must have been frequently asked, "When are you due? When is he coming?"

The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: "I come to do your will, O God" (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *For which of God's promises are you excited?*
- ✧ *Open your mind and heart to our firm, strong, and dependable leader.*

*But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
least among the clans of Judah,
From you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel.*

MICAH 5:1



PHOTOS / SHUTTERSTOCK



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

*Here am I, the servant of the Lord:
let it be done to me according to your word..*

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 20-26, 2021

St. Bernard's	Dec. 23 - Thursday @ 9:30 AM
	Dec. 24 - Friday @ 9:30 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:30 PM
	Dec. 25 - Saturday @ 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM
	Dec. 26 - Sunday @ 9:00 AM & 11 AM
St. Vincent	Dec. 24 - Friday @ 4 PM
	Dec. 25 - Saturday @ 9 AM
	Dec. 26 - Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Dec. 25 - Saturday @ 11 AM
	Dec. 26 - Sunday @ 11 AM
	Every 2nd Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon

Phone: 857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca

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

Thurs.	Dec. 23	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Alexander Weir Weiss	Tricia & Family
Fri.	Dec. 24	9:30 AM	Late Raymond Wood	Don & Ann Beaumaster
		2:00 PM	Late Rosa Gaudet	Francis & Debbie McCarron
		4:30 PM	Late Mary Williams	Peter Butler
		7:00 PM	Anniv. Late John Fortin	Family
		9:30 PM	Late Vivianne McKergo	Lucian Demers & Family
Sat.	Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Late Joyce (Lawlor) Murphy	Jane & Peter Trainor
		11:30 AM	Late Simone Bastarache	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Sun.	Dec. 26	9:00 AM	Late Mary & Frank Weir	Tricia & Family
		11:00 AM	For the People	

OFFERINGS

DECEMBER 11-15, 2021 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 13,209.67	Evang of People	\$ 40.00
Loose	\$ 86.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 24.90
Needy Fund	\$ 145.00	All Souls	\$ 50.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 4,328.33	Building Fund	\$ 70.00
Christmas Boxes	\$ 500.00	Syrian Fund	\$ 1,250.00
Donation	\$ 2,150.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 265.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 290.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

**If you receive an email from Fr. Allison Carroll like the one below
DO NOT RESPOND. IT IS SPAM.**

Hi , how are you doing?

I need a favour from you, email me as soon as you get this message.

God bless,

Fr. Allison

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the families of

Judy Bourque

Wife of (late) Paul

Irene Doiron

Wife of Paul, mother of Darlene & Terry

Lurcilla Taracatac

Wife of Chuck, mother of Bianca, Paula, Krystal, Paolo & Ella

Ken Smith

Husband of May

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...

Mike Murphy

Louise McGregor

Kathleen Crosby

Beth Purcell

And for all who care for them.



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.

In Memory of:

Donated by:

Address:

\$ Amount

Envelope # (if applicable)



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

Our next Mondays @ The Movies conversation will take place on Monday, January 24th at 10:30 am. The film for our next discussion will be announced soon so watch your bulletin for additional details. Contact Karen at 387-4918 or Trevor for more information or to register.

Faith Experiments Express

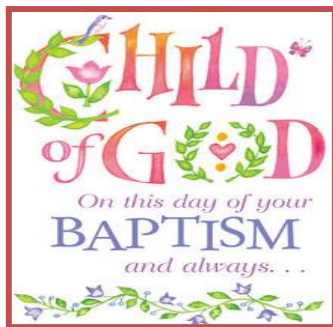
Our next Faith Experiments Express for young people in grades 1-6 will be on Monday, January 10th at 6:00 pm. Faith Experiments Express uses science experiments to help children learn about faith and scripture, and it's on Zoom so you can participate from the comfort of your own home. Contact Karen for more information at 387-4198 or Trevor.

Advent Video Series by the CCCB

The Advent videos offered by the CCCB may be found at the following link:
<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

You have heard some talk, I hope, about the Synod, which was announced by Pope Francis in October, and will be taking place over the next two years. You may have some questions about what this all actually means. Over the next couple of months, we will be speaking about that, attempting to answer questions you may have. Let's begin by answering what a synod is. A Synod is a formal process, used by the Church, in which many people are consulted on a specific topic for discussion. Though it usually leads to a formal gathering from which a formal document is produced, Synods can involve countless discussion groups that precede the formal gathering, assuring the greatest amount of participation possible. Two of the most recent Church Synod includes the Synod on the Family and the Synod on Youth.



Congratulations!

***The following child was welcomed into
St. Bernard's Parish community
through the Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, December 5, 2021***

***Brielle Amara Culiât
child of John Welvin & Nina Marie Culiât***

***May your child and family always know the peace of Jesus
And the light of his love.***

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)



Volunteers needed

On Dec. 26th Mountain View United Church is planning a meal for the homeless community. Volunteers ***are needed*** to help with the meal. If you are interested in helping out or

would like more information, please contact Sheila via sa.snider@hotmail.com

Dec. **23 & 24th** the Reconnect staff will be connecting with the clients who are sleeping rough. December meals:

12th St. George's Anglican (4-5pm)

18th St. James Anglican serving (9-10am) at St. George's

19th First Baptist (4-5pm) from old gym

24th Karing Kitchen (noon meal)

25th 9-10am @ St. George's Anglican noon at Humanity Project

26th noon @ Humanity Project 4-5pm TBC Mountain View United @ St.

George's Anglican (depends on volunteers)

27th noon @ Karing Kitchen

Please pray for the workers & clients at our local shelters: Lions Center, Crossroads for Women, Harvest House & House of Nazareth. Many cases of COVID have created additional stress.

Moncton Blood Donation is currently in immediate need of blood donors.



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Blood
Services

Book now
blood.ca

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Mapleton
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Mondays & Thursdays 3 – 8 PM, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10 AM – 3 PM.

Fridays, December 24 & 31 – 8:30 Am to 12:30 PM

Visit blood.ca for more information and to book an appointment.



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:
ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca
OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425.



Christmas / New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, Christmas Eve - December 24

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

St. Bernard's	9 AM & 11:30 AM
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Sunday, December 26

St. Bernard's	9 AM & 11:00 AM
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Friday, New Year's Eve, December 31

St. Bernard's	6:00 PM
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Saturday, New Year's Day, January 1

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM & 4 PM
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Sunday, January 2

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

Dear Padre,

I just learned there are two versions of the Christmas story in the Bible. How can that be? What's the difference?

One Christmas story is in Matthew, and the other is in Luke. They differ on some details—but at their hearts, the teaching is the same. In both, Mary is a virgin betrothed to Joseph but not yet living with him, and Jesus is conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Both also have Jesus born in Bethlehem.



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE / BOB ROLLER

In Matthew, the angel announces Jesus' birth to Joseph; in Luke, Mary receives the announcement. Jesus is named by Joseph in Matthew and by Mary in Luke.

The biggest difference involves the Christmas visitors. Matthew's Magi were educated Gentiles from a pagan country.

They worshiped Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, showing us at the start of the Gospel that Jesus is King, Priest, and Savior. Luke is always partial to the poor, so he has shepherds rather than Magi witness to Christ.

The Christmas stories are different because the authors and their audiences were different. But there's no need to get lost in the details. Read both accounts and allow God's grace to deepen your faith.

Fr. John Murray, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Jesus] did not wait until we were good before he loved us, but gave himself freely to us. May we not wait for our neighbors to be good before we do good to them, for the Church to be perfect before we love her, for others to respect us before we serve them.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS, DECEMBER 24, 2019

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10–14
Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday

DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8–14 or
Zep 3:14–18a
Lk 1:39–45

Wednesday

DECEMBER 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24–28
Lk 1:46–56

Thursday

DECEMBER 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1–4, 23–24
Lk 1:57–66

Friday

DECEMBER 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1–5,
8b–12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67–79

Saturday

DECEMBER 25
Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)
Is 52:7–10
Heb 1:1–6
Jn 1:1–18 or
1:1–5, 9–14

Sunday

DECEMBER 26
Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or
1 Sm 1:20–22, 24–28
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
or 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24
Lk 2:41–52