

*And behold, the star that
they had seen at its rising
preceded them, until it came
and stopped over the place
where the child was.*

MATTHEW 2:9

ANTON JANOVIC / SHUTTERSTOCK

Your Light has Come!

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today's readings.

“Your light has come” (Isaiah 60:1) says today's Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah's glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel's traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *What is your attitude toward new ways of understanding your faith?*
- ✧ *Pray that all people will be open to read the signs of the times.*



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

*We observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay homage to the Lord.*

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MASS TIMES – WEEK OF JANUARY 3-9, 2022

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM
	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Saturday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Every 2 nd Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3-9, 2022				
Thurs.	Jan. 6	9:30 AM	Late André "Dédé" Durelle	Ella Martin
Fri.	Jan. 7	9:30 AM	Late Harris Sullivan	Bill & Linda Fitch
Sat.	Jan. 8	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Pat Lawlor	Linda, Jason & Family
Sun.	Jan. 9	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Howard "Ticker" Shean	Irene

OFFERINGS			
DECEMBER 25-26, 2021, OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE			
Envelopes	\$ 4,849.00	New Year's Day	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 525.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 68.00
Needy Fund	\$ 40.00	Christmas Flowers	\$ 205.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 320.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 5,443.00
<i>Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!</i>			

	<p><i>A time to mourn.....</i></p> <p><i>Sincere sympathies to</i></p> <p><i>all those who mourn the loss of a loved one...</i></p>	
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	<p><i>Ecclesiastes 3...</i></p> <p><i>Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.</i></p> <p><i>We remember in our prayers those who are sick...</i></p>	
<i>Louise McGregor</i>	<i>Kathleen Crosby</i>	<i>Beth Purcell</i>
<i>Blanche Gallant</i>	<i>Judy Chiasson</i>	
<p><i>And for all who care for them.</i></p>		

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;

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.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

What is this latest Synod all about, you ask? In the latest Synod, opened by Pope Francis on October 10, 2021, the Pope has asked the Church to reflect on how we journey together as Church, listen and respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world, and how decisions are reached at all levels: who is involved, who is excluded and how can our processes be improved. In order to be a Church that walks works and worships together, it is important that we work together for the greatest amount of participation and respect.

Stay tuned as we next speak about how this Synod will work.

2021 Christmas Flower - In Memory of:



Deceased members of Chase family

The family

Deceased members of the family

Lydia R. Espiritu



**Mass of the Deceased was celebrated here at St. Bernard's,
November 17 & 18, 2021.**

At this special time, we come together once a year as a community to honor and respect all those who have died in our parish community within the last year. A lot of care and work goes into this Mass. We would like to extend many thanks to our Pastoral Team and to all who participated in this Mass in anyway.

Father Allison Carroll, Father Charles Broderick



The Christmas Season will come to an end with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Sunday, January 9, 2022. **A word of appreciation and sincere thanks** to all those who prepared the church, served in their various ministries throughout the season, and who have given so generously with their time, talent and treasure. There is so much generosity here at St. Bernard's and each and every act will be blessed and rewarded by the Lord. Thank you to all those who have remembered us, through the many cards, good wishes, prayers, treats, gifts. Heartfelt thanks! God Bless.

Father Carroll, Father Broderick, Father Lokoka & St. Bernard's staff

World Peace Day



**World Day of Peace
January 1, 2022**

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme chosen by the Holy Father.



**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.



Gluten intolerance has become more prevalent in recent years. Prompted by faithful Catholics wanting to receive Communion, we have ordered a supply of low gluten hosts (yields less than .01% gluten content per bread/wafer). We already have a few parishioners that have sourced their own supply & place them in their own personal pyx for consecration at mass. If you are diagnosed with gluten intolerance, you must purchase your personal pyx and low gluten hosts are **available** at our Parish office during office hours.



The Reconnect Street Intervention Program provides short and long term assistance through outreach to youth and adults who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, in an effort to increase their knowledge about available resources.

The Reconnect Program comes under the umbrella of the YMCA, but is supported through many community partners, including the church communities. Monthly meetings take place between the Reconnect team and local churches to see what needs the team have responded to in the previous month, statistics about numbers served, and type of help requested. The team is very aware of accessible resources in the community to assist clients in times of emergency with a hope to move on with a more sustainable life for the future. Like the soup kitchens, the tragedy is that those needing this service have increased over the years.

Since Reconnect began, St. Bernard's has been a supporter in a variety of ways.



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.



We are happy to have you join us! Are you new to the parish or have you been part of our community for awhile but have just never registered? There are registration forms available at the entrances to the church, at your parish office, on our web site (www.stbernardschurch.ca) or just give us a call and we'll mail you one. 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!



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.



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Beulah Taylor Richard (nee Mollins)

Who will be celebrating her 91st birthday January 3, 2022

**HAPPY
New Year**



Dear Padre,

How is Twelfth Night related to Christmas?

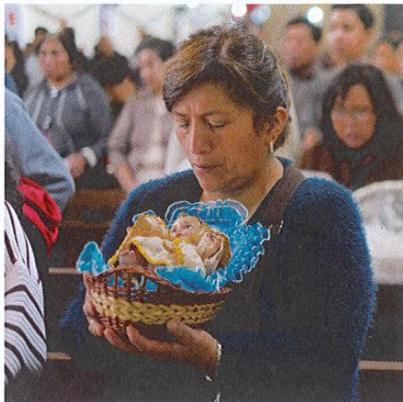
Twelfth Night is another name for the Epiphany, which traditionally occurred on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas. Since the 1980s, United States Catholics have celebrated the Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1, which is why we're celebrating it today instead of Thursday.

Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it's not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration.

Christmas is the great gift-giving day in the United States. In other cultures—for example, the Latino community—the anticipation and excitement of gift-giving is saved for Epiphany, the day the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.

We often complain about how frenzied Christmas is—how much shopping, wrapping, and baking there is to do. But Christmas should be a time of worship and acknowledging the gift God gave us by sending his Son.

Epiphany, on the other hand, is made for celebration, gift-giving, going all out. Perhaps someday we can return to the traditions of Epiphany and restore Christmas as a day of rejoicing and worship.



A woman holds a figurine of the Christ Child during Mass on the feast of the Epiphany.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The Lord] is our light: a light that does not dazzle but accompanies and bestows a unique joy. This light is for everyone, and it calls each one of us....At the beginning of each day we can welcome this invitation: arise, shine, and follow today—among the many shooting stars in the world—the bright star of Jesus!

ANGELUS ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious
1 Jn 4:7–10
Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 5
St. John Neumann,
Bishop
1 Jn 4:11–18
Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 9
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1–4, 6–7
or Is 40:1–5, 9–11
Acts 10:34–38
or Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7
Lk 3:15–16, 21–22