



What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ How might you describe your relationship with God?
- ✦ Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 16, 2022

*God has called us through the good news;
that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

ALL MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM - cancelled until further notice
	Friday @ 9:30 AM - cancelled until further notice
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM - cancelled until further notice
	Sunday @ 11 AM - cancelled until further notice
St. Vincent	Saturday @ 9 AM - cancelled until further notice
St. Clement's	Every 2nd Saturday - cancelled until further notice

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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(Parish office remains open with extremely limited public access.)

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17-23, 2022

Thurs.	Jan. 20	9:30 AM
Fri.	Jan. 21	9:30 AM
Sat.	Jan. 22	4:00 PM
Sun.	Jan. 23	11:00 AM

Mass Intentions will be rescheduled when masses resume

OFFERINGS

JANUARY 8-9, 2021, OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 2,830.00	New Year's Day	\$ 130.00
Loose	\$ 210.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 255.00
Needy Fund	\$ 40.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 210.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the families of:

John Courtney Senior

Husband of Kathleen

Jackie Charuk

Wife of (late) Nestor, mother of Allan, Jimmy, Robert, Barry & Barbara

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...*

Blanche Gallant

Judy Chiasson

Beth Purcell

And for all who care for them.



**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.**



For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Once input from people has been gathered, each country will synthesize the results from each participating diocese and send it to Rome. In receiving the collected work from around the world Rome is charged to write an initial report that will initiate a second round of discussion and a second, more definitive, report, which,

together with all that has preceded it, will be the matter for a formal gathering in Rome in 2023. The whole Synod will conclude with the issuing of a formal document that will include a reflection on our lived experience, how it is working and pastoral recommendations for the future. Next week we will explain how you can be involved in the latest Synod.

Popes and the environment

Is Pope Francis the first Pope to speak to the church on the environment? Definitely not. In 1971 Blessed Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concerns as a tragic consequence of unchecked human activity. He spoke in similar terms to the Food and Agriculture Organization at the United Nations. Saint John Paul II became increasingly concerned about this issue. He called for a global **ecological conversion**. Pope Benedict XVI asked us to recognize that the natural environment has been gravely damaged by our irresponsible behavior. We should trust the teachings of four different popes over the last 50 years. You are invited to our diocesan web site at <http://www.diomoncton.ca/en/news-item/diocesan-committee-laudato-si-> to view the first presentation from our Laudato Si Committee, prepared by Sr Denise Lirette, FJ.

COVID-19 Phase 3: January 13th 2022 Update-Published : 2022-01-13

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Guidelines effective January 15th, 2022, for Eucharistic Celebrations and COVID-19.

The Premier of NB and Public Health officials announced several preventive measures to contain the spread of the Omicron variant, COVID-19. In summary, we are moving **from level 2 to level 3 on Friday night, January 14, at midnight.**

As a result, all Weekday, Saturday and Sunday Masses, and Celebration of the Word will be canceled from Saturday, January 15th, to Sunday, January 30th inclusively.

The parish offices can remain open with extremely limited public access.

I am not surprised that Public Health felt the need to impose these new health measures. Let us pray that all these strict measures for our faithful and our clergy will at least produce the desired effects: the reduction of the transmission of the virus, the safeguarding of the health system, and the protection of the people, especially the most vulnerable.

May the Lord bless us and continue to watch over us!

Mgr Valéry Vienneau-Archbishop of Moncton



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!



Faith Formation

****Sunday In person sessions Years 1-2-3 @ 9:15AM & Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM**

#9 Jan. 23, 2022; #10 Feb.6, 2022; # 11 Feb.13, 2022

****Tuesday In person sessions @ 6 PM – Years 1-2-3**

#9 Jan 25, 2022 #10 Feb.8, 2022 #11 Feb 15, 2022

****Confirmation In person Session**

#7 Jan 16, 2022 Rite of Enrollment Mass @ 11 AM Mass

#8 Jan 30, 2022 Afternoon with Bishop Vienneau @ 2:30 PM

9 Feb 6, 2022- Preparation Session 1 @ 3 PM

Zoom Sessions

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

Session # 8 Jan.17, 2022

Session #9 Jan. 31, 2022

Session # 10 Feb. 14, 2022

Wednesday years 1-2-3@ 6PM

Session #8 Jan. 12, 2022

Session #9 Jan. 26, 2022

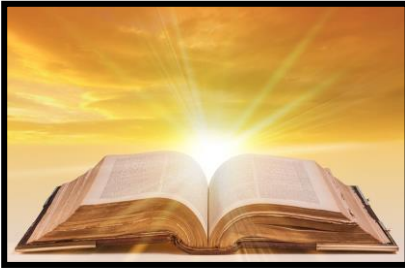
Session # 10 Feb.9, 2022

***** All catechetical sessions will now revert to virtual gatherings and remain as such until schools are returned to in-person gatherings.***



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.



Sunday of the Word of God:

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God requesting that it be celebrated every year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Thus, in 2022, this Sunday falls on January 23.

In the motu proprio “APERUIT ILLIS”, in 2019, the pope had suggested that “**the sacred text be enthroned, in**

order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s word... to highlight the proclamation of the word of the Lord and to emphasize in the homily the honour that it is due”. The pope had also suggested that the priests “**find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture, especially through the practice of lectio divina”.**

The third Sunday in Ordinary Time falls during that part of the year when the Church prays for Christian unity. That means the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God “**has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity”.**

Of course, we are limited by the restrictions imposed by health measures, but we can at least emphasize during the homily the importance that the Word of God must hold in our Christian life. - *Archbishop Valéry Vienneau*



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2022

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in

order to include two Sundays. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be on, as Christ desires.



Karing Kitchen

The Karing Kitchen offers basic, nutritional meals to all who come, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. They depend on private donations of both cash and foodstuffs to keep their doors open. They would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Without your help there can be no Karing Kitchen. They welcome your support.



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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Mondays @ The Movies

Our next Mondays @ The Movies conversation will take place on Monday, January 24th at 10:30 am, when we will be discussing the 2007 film *Juno*, starring Jason Bateman and Elliot Page. 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, February 7th 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

Adult Faith Commission: Friday, January 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Meetings take place at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

Catechetical Gatherings:

With the most recent announcement by the NB Department of Education that in-class learning in schools will be delayed until at least January 21st, all catechetical sessions will now revert to virtual gatherings and remain as such until schools are returned to in-person gatherings. Please contact your parish catechetical coordinator for information on those gatherings, and the distribution of necessary supplies for the sessions.

Confirmation candidates

From various parishes of the English Deanery will gather either virtually or in person with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing for Confirmation on **Sunday, January 30th, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.** A decision will be made as we draw closer to the date, but for the time being please mark your calendars. We will keep you posted.

Breaking Down Walls: Young People, Faith, And Mental Health

Young people from around Atlantic Canada are invited to join special Facebook Live Event addressing issues around young people and their mental health on **Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 pm (AST)**. Special guests for this **Bell Let's Talk** event will include Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bishop of Antigonish; Joe Townsend, Community CARES Youth Outreach (Sydney Mines); Paige Cox, Author of "The Berlin Project: Breaking Down Walls," and John Ratchford, Faith Witness. Anyone can join the session through the website for the Diocese of Antigonish (www.antigonishdiocese.com/) or their Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/antigonishdiocese>). This event is a collaborative effort, hosted by the Diocese of Antigonish and sponsored by the Atlantic Association of Catholic Youth Ministers. For more information, please contact Trevor.

Dear Padre,

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

1 Sm 17:32–33,

37, 40–51

Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,

19, 23–27

Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

JANUARY 23

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

1 Cor 12:12–30

or 12:12–14, 27

Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21

