

What Is Your Choice?

So much of who we are is beyond our choice: our parents, our ethnic identity, our time in history, even some of our personality traits. We may not have chosen many of these basic building blocks, but we do have lots to say about what we fashion them into. We certainly are influenced by social groups such as family and neighborhood, church community and civic organizations, political party and national citizenship. However, we still retain the power of choice in many of them. It is on these kinds of choices that today's readings focus.

Jeremiah places two sources of guidance before the people—namely, human ingenuity and divine law. Today's first reading is a classic example of wisdom teaching. With all the possibilities available to us, to whom do we listen? Whose direction will we follow? Both Jeremiah and the psalm response answer these questions by describing the good fortune of a particular choice: Blessed is the one who "delights in the law of the LORD." The outcome of choosing this way is a meaningful and fruitful life. The consequence of the opposite decision is emptiness and barrenness. What is your choice?

At the heart of Jesus' ministry was an invitation to join and spread the reign of God. Acceptance of this invitation could at times exact a dear price. Using metaphoric language, he sketched the blessings and the woes that would follow acceptance or rejection of that invitation. Again, the decision is ours. What is your choice?

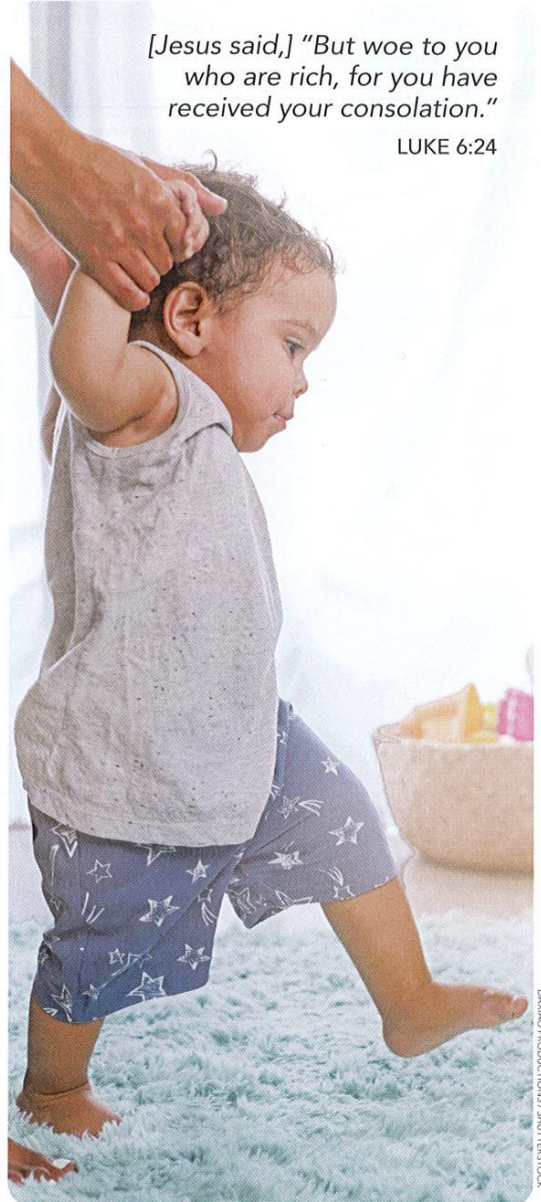
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FOR Reflection

- ★ *What influences the decisions you make? Television? Social pressure? Religious tradition?*
- ★ *How often do you go along with the crowd? Why?*

[Jesus said,] "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation."

LUKE 6:24



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*Rejoice and leap for joy;
For surely your reward is great in heaven.*

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

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 congregational singing.
4. Masks are mandatory, 6 feet social distancing always. (in the church and in the church parking lot)

MASS TIMES-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14-20, 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 2nd Saturday- call 5382262 to confirm

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14-20, 2022

Thurs.	Feb. 17	9:30 AM	Late Alice MacDonald	St. Bernard's CWL
Fri.	Feb. 18	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Krista (Porter) Vanbuskirk	Mom, Dad & Todd
Sat.	Feb. 19	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Victor Egbon	Kuma Uti
Sun.	Feb. 20	11:00 AM	Late Henry & Joan Murphy	Pat, Julia & Mike

OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 5-6, 2022, OFFERINGS RECEIVED IN MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 4,836.00	Reconnect	\$ 40.00
Loose	\$ 80.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 55.00
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 552.00	New Year's Day	\$ 95.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the families of:



Marie Rowe	Wife of (late) Walter, mother of Linda Rowe Fitch (William)
Estelle McGee	Wife of (late) Duncan, mother of Kenneth, Catherine & Colleen
June Bourgeois	Sister of (late) Estelle McGee (Duncan)

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...*

Beth Purcell	Marjorie Moore	
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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**



*****Sunday In person sessions***

Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM; Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM;

Session date for both groupings:

11 Feb.13, 2022

#12 Feb.27, 2022

13 March 20, 2022

14 April 3, 2022

#15 April 10, 2022

#16 April 24, 2022

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

#11 Feb 15, 2022

#12 March 1, 2022

#13 March 22, 2022

#14 April 5, 2022

15 April 12, 2022

16 Apr 26, 2022

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

Sunday Confirmation In person Session

10 Feb 13, 2022- Preparation session 1 @ 3 PM

11 Feb 27, 2022- Preparation session 2 @ 3 PM

12 March 20, 2022 Retreat @ 3 PM

13 April 3, 2022 Preparation Session 3 @ 3 PM

14 April 24, 2022 Wrap up Session 4 @ 3 PM

Zoom Sessions

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

Session # 10 Feb. 14, 2022

Session #11 Feb. 28, 2022

Session # 12 March 14, 2022

Session # 13 March 28, 2022

Session # 14 April 4, 2022

Session # 15 April 25, 2022

Session # 16 May 2, 2022

Wednesday years 1-2-3@ 6PM

Session # 11 Feb.23, 2022

Session # 12 March 16, 2022

Session # 13 March 30, 2022

Session# 14 April 13, 2022

Session # 15 April 27, 2022

Session #16 May11, 2022

Sacrament of Holy Communion May 8th @ 11 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation TBD

Sacrament of Confirmation May 8th @ 11 AM Mass



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

General Meeting:

There will be a General Meeting for St. Bernard's CWL on Wednesday, **February 16th @ 2:00 P.M.** Guidelines as requested by Archbishop Vienneau must be followed:

Proof of vaccinations, wear a mask. Social distancing and

Signing in of people attending. If you do not have proof of your vaccination you will not be allowed to attend.



2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

As a result of Covid-19 and the need to always maintain six feet social distancing, tax receipts **will not be available for pick up at the church or parish office.** Once tax receipts

are ready, they will be mailed out to parishioners.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous support to the Parish.



Update regarding the warming shelter that had been at St. Georges. This warming center will now be housed at the old fire station on Assumption Blvd. While they are hiring staff, they still have **need for some volunteers daily 6-11pm and 7am-10am** (to help serve breakfast and assist guests in departing for the day). **Anyone interested in helping can email Sonia Miller at info@firstmoncton.com or by phone 857-1113.** St. George's will continue to let people come in to

eat their breakfast and get/stay warm in the morning. The shower will still be available, and they have clothes to offer. There is always need for the following: Underwear, gloves, and handwarmers. A bin will be set up at the entrance of St. Bernard's to collect those clothing items which will later be dropped off to St. Georges. Breakfast items needed: cheese strings, yogurt cups, fruit or applesauce cups, and granola bars. These food items can be dropped off directly at St. George church. Call ahead before dropping off @ 855-5209.



REMINDER TO BRING IN PALM

A basket will be placed in the church entrance to receive your palm. It would be helpful if your palm were cut into small lengths, as that saves much time for those who will be burning the palms.



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

**Ash Wednesday is approaching!
Lent begins Wednesday, March 2, 2022.**

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer. Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



Synod - You are Invited

For the past few weeks, you have been reading notices about Pope Francis' call for the Church to embark on a journey of reflection and discernment under the title For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. The Preparatory Document says, The fundamental question that guides this consultation of the People of God is the following:

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'journeys

together.' How is this 'journeying together' happening in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together'?

The synodal process requires us to gather and to respond to this fundamental question. To facilitate this discernment and reflection several themes are presented for our consideration. The PMT has reviewed these and has chosen the following theme:

LISTENING-SPEAKING OUT Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, freedom, truth and charity.

You are invited to come to the church hall on Thursday, February 24, 7:00 PM to be part of this historic event. As noted in the earlier bulletin announcements, all are welcome and, in fact, encouraged, to come and participate. Invite your friends, acquaintances, everyone. As Pope Francis reminds us so often, especially invite those on the peripheries, those marginalized for whatever reason. Let all come to share where they see the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the life of the Church.



Conversion and Transformation

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls each one of us to **an ecological conversion** and calls the whole Church to **a transformation toward Integral Ecology**. When we speak of conversion and transformation, this implies inner work which can be a long process and is different for everyone.

Transformation only happens when the inner work (conversion) is done; when our values, our responsibilities, and relationships with our neighbor and with nature are in harmony – that is integral ecology.

Food for thought: *“Yesterday, I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today, I am wise, so I am changing myself.”* (from the Sufi mystic Rumi)

You are invited to our diocesan web site at <http://www.diomoncton.ca/en/news-item/diocesan-committee-laudato-si-> to view the fifth presentation from our *Laudato Si* Committee, prepared by Mr Eugène Aucoin.

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, February 14th at 10:30 am, when we will be discussing the 2000 film *Chocolat*, starring Johnny Depp and Juliette Binoche. Contact Karen at 387-4918 or Trevor for more information or to register.



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!

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.



Dear Padre,

It seems one news story after another has reported a priest, bishop, or other person associated with the Church abusing a child. Why should I remain in the Catholic Church?

Understandably, many Catholics have fallen into anger and despair, thinking their leaders were reprehensible hypocrites. But it's not unprecedented that some bishops, priests, and even popes have done bad things. Recall that Peter denied Jesus, and yet he became the first pope. We also recall that, except for John, all the apostles abandoned Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Scripture describes the Church as "the bride of Christ." Paul said the Church is the bride for whom Christ sacrificed himself and "handed himself over for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Revelation describes the Church at the end of time "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). Like a groom or bride loves a spouse—faults and all—Christ loves his bride, the Church.

Matrimony is a sacrament designed by Christ, placing a man and woman amid society, committed exclusively to each other. As an example, it shows the world how Christ also loves his Church—even with its imperfections. Clearly, multiple groups claiming to be the church Jesus founded cannot be that true Church. That would make Jesus a bigamist! Only our Church traces its succession of leaders back to the original apostles.

That some leaders have been unfaithful doesn't mean the Church as a whole is unfaithful. Like a bride and groom pledging fidelity to each other on their wedding day, we should remain faithful to Christ and his Church.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Missionary discipleship is a call from God for today's busy and complicated world, a constant setting out with Jesus... Only a Church which is bride, mother, and servant—one that has renounced the claim to control what is not her own work but God's—can remain with Jesus.

JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 14

*Sts. Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop*

Jas 1:1–11

Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 15

Weekday

Jas 1:12–18

Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 16

Weekday

Jas 1:19–27

Mk 8:22–26

Thursday

FEBRUARY 17

Weekday

Jas 2:1–9

Mk 8:27–33

Friday

FEBRUARY 18

Weekday

Jas 2:14–24, 26

Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday

FEBRUARY 19

Weekday

Jas 3:1–10

Mk 9:2–13

Sunday

FEBRUARY 20

*Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,

12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38

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

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