



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15

1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12

Lk 13:1–9

## I Am!

**I**f you have ever tried to explain a profound experience of love, fear, or excitement; of music, nature, or life itself, you know that no words can adequately capture the essence of that experience. If it is thus with a human experience, what must it be like with an experience of God?

Such was the situation with Moses. He came upon a bush that was burning, yet not burning up. He probably thought that this was an unfamiliar natural phenomenon. It was only as he got closer, and a voice spoke to him that he realized it was not natural at all. It was a sacred event unfolding at a sacred place. There God said: “I am the God of your father” (Exodus 3:6). This was an identification, but not a name. It was only later when Moses asks for God’s personal name that God’s real identity was revealed. Or was it?

Scholars agree that the name given is some form

of the verb “to be,” but they are not in agreement as to which form. Is it “I am who I am,” “I will be who I will be,” or “I cause to be what has come to be”? The name indicates that God is the power of existence, but it is not clear what this means or how it works. Some commentators maintain that God is telling Moses and us: *This is as close to my full identity as you can come. You wouldn’t understand it anyway. Be satisfied knowing that “I Am.”*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ✳ **Reflect on this idea: profound human experiences open our minds and hearts to the experience of God.**
- ✳ **Remember, this mysterious incomprehensible God cares for each of us.**



God replied to Moses: I am  
who I am....This is what you  
will tell the Israelites: I AM  
has sent me to you.

EXODUS 3:14



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 20, 2022**

*Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never be thirsty.*

**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**

The following items came into effect **March 14:**

**Wearing of mask:** We ask parishioners to maintain face masks in the churches ***while people circulate (entering, exiting, and going to communion, etc.).***

Once seated, people will be able to remove their mask or keep it on.

Those who refuse to wear the mask will still be accommodated.

**Distancing:** People are encouraged to respect a certain distancing, but not imposed.

**Registering for Mass:** You no longer need to register to attend a Mass.

**MASS TIMES-WEEK OF MARCH 21-27, 2022**

<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>Saturday @ 9 AM</b>
<b>St. Clement's</b>	<b>Saturday @ 7:00 PM</b>

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**Parish office hours: Monday - Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 - 4 PM**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21-27, 2022

Thur.	Mar. 24	9:30 AM	Late Phil Doiron	Maurice Doiron
Fri.	Mar. 25	9:30 AM	Late Connstance LeBlanc	Theresa - Edward
Sat.	Mar. 26	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Ben Evers	Jeanita & Family
Sun.	Mar. 27	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Donald Wood	Jeanne Wood

## OFFERINGS

### MARCH 12 & 13, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 6,729.67	New Year's Day	\$ 75.00	
Loose	\$ 64.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 100.00	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 90.00	Building Fund	\$ 50.00	
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,853.33	Syrian Fund	\$ 120.00	
Share Lent	\$ 170.00			

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In Sympathy

*A time to mourn.....  
Sincere sympathies to  
all those who mourn the loss of a loved one...*

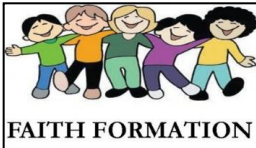


*Ecclesiastes 3...  
Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.  
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...*

<b>Beth Purcell</b>	<b>Marcelline Lokoka</b>	<b>Cathy Steeves</b>
<b>Della Tower</b>	<b>Peter Steeves</b>	<b>Ria Vrensen</b>
<i>And for all who care for them.</i>		



**IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER  
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:  
ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://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:**

**# 14 April 3, 2022**

**#15 April 10, 2022**

**#16 April 24, 2022**

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

**#14 April 5, 2022**

**# 15 April 12, 2022**

**# 16 Apr 26, 2022**

**Masks are required for all in person sessions.**

### **Sunday Confirmation In person Session**

**# 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 # 13 March 28, 2022**

**Session # 14 April 4, 2022**

**Session # 15 April 25, 2022**

**Session #16 May2, 2022**

**Wednesday years 1-2-3@ 6PM**

**Session # 13 March 30, 2022**

**Session# 14 April 13, 2022**

**Session # 15 April 27, 2022**

**Session # 16 May 11, 2022**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM Mass**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation TBD**

**Sacrament of Confirmation May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM Mass**

### **The power of mobilized citizens**

One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity.

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Sign our petition for this at [devp.org/act](https://devp.org/act) and spread the word. Thank you for supporting our campaign!

### **ONLINE COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE**

Development and Peace is taking online donations to help the thousands of people affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine.

You can make a donation on our website ([www.devp.org](https://www.devp.org)), by calling 1 888 664-3387 or by sending us a cheque by mail (1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7) made out to Development and Peace and marked "**Ukraine Emergency**".

Thank you for your generosity in showing your affection for the women, men and children injured or forced to flee their homes.





## From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**Adult Faith Commission:** Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will take place at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

### Faith Experiments Express

Our next FEE will be on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. Faith Experiments Express is a program designed for children in kindergarten up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and teaches lessons in faith and scripture through science experiments your children will do at home. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor for more information or to register.

### Mondays @ The Movies

Our next film discussion will take place on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM on Zoom. The film we will be discussing is the (1994) film *The Shawshank Redemption*, starring Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor to register. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

### Encountering Hope: The Process of Evangelization in Our Daily Lives.

The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a free-of-cost, four-part webinar series – *Encountering Hope: The Process of Evangelization in Our Daily Lives* - beginning April 5, 2022. This series will explore the stages of faith development. Pope Francis reminds us in *Antiquum Ministerium* that catechists transmit "... the faith as it develops through its different stages from the initial proclamation of the kerygma to the instruction that presents our new life in Christ and prepares for the sacraments of Christian initiation, and then to the ongoing formation that can allow each person to give an accounting of the hope within them." (AM, 6.) Presentations include *Evangelization – Encounters of Hope*, presenter: Julianne Stanz, on Tuesday, April 5; *The Art of Accompaniment*, presenter: Fr. Frank S. Donio, S.A.C., D.Min., on Tuesday, April 12; *Catechesis – Echoes of Hope*, presenter: Anne Walsh, on Tuesday, April 19; and *Missionary Discipleship – Hope to the World*, presenter: Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher, on Tuesday, April 26. It is not necessary to register for all sessions to participate. Sessions take place from 2:00-2:30 p.m. AST. **Registration deadline is Monday, March 21, 2022**, and may be done online at [https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zpkIOftQiil90DwdyQpaQ](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zpkIOftQiil90DwdyQpaQ).

### VBS EXPRESS Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will take place 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Zoom from June 6th-9th. The theme is **MONUMENTAL: Celebrating God's Greatness**. Register with Karen at 387-4198 or [catechism.set@gmail.com](mailto:catechism.set@gmail.com) or Trevor at 857-4879 or [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com). Due to limited space, the registrations must be received by May 1st, and there will be a \$20 registration/place-holding fee that will be refunded at the end of the program.



**The Way of the Cross will be celebrated Fridays during Lent at 6:30 PM, March 25, April 1, 8 & 15.**

**To make this prayer available to as many as possible, it will be celebrated in different churches as follows:**

<b>March 25</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b>



### **EVENING PRAYER**

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. Our priests, encourage us at the beginning of Lent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Lenten 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 & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 6 PM-March 24, 31 & April 7.**



### **Easter Flowers**

If you would like to donate funds for Easter 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 dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter 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>Envelope #</b>	
<b>Amount \$</b>	



## A follow-up on sanitary measures.

On March 14, the provincial government eliminated all remaining steps related to COVID-19. In the previous announcement, it addressed the issue of mask-wearing, distancing, disinfectants, and the list of participants.

### **In addition, we must continue to be cautious.**

We are responsible for the well-being of the people in our care. So, while some may want to drop all restrictions, we need to think about the many people who want to see them removed gradually and want to feel safe in our churches.

**1. Sign of peace:** I recommend that we not resume shaking hands as a sign of peace for some time to come. There is a risk of making many people uncomfortable. However, if you feel strongly about it, you can invite people to do it, but only with their immediate family members sitting in the same pew.

**2. Communion in the cup:** I ask not to give communion under both species. It can be dangerous to receive communion from the same cup during a pandemic. In doing so, each person who gets the cup hands it to the minister of Communion, who then gives it to the other people in turn. That can create favorable conditions for the spread of the virus.

**3. Distribution of Communion:** I ask that priests, deacons, and ministers of Communion continue to wear the mask for the distribution of Communion. However, "The Body of Christ" may be said while wearing the mask.

**4. Singing:** For some time now, singing has been allowed during mass. However, I recommend that people who want to sing be invited to keep their masks on. We know how contagious Omicron is and how easily it is transmitted.

- Valéry Vienneau  
Archbishop, Moncton



**St. Bernards Church is open daily during Lent**  
**Monday to Friday 12:00 - 1:00 PM**  
**Sundays 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

This is to facilitate Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Please feel very welcome to come to the church during this time.  
Mass may be said in some days on these times.

# Dear Padre,

## Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

**P**eople can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most

people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the

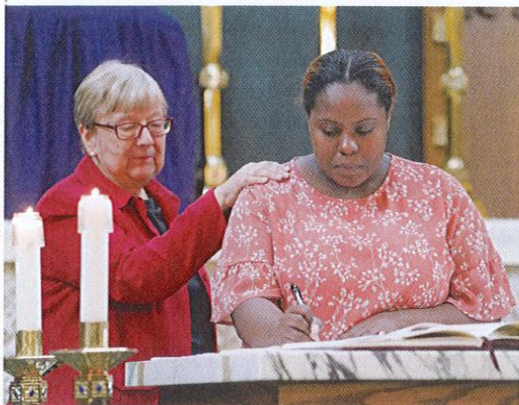
faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

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*

*Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.*

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2021, NOVEMBER 11, 2020



## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 21

*Lenten Weekday*

2 Kgs 5:1–15ab

Lk 4:24–30

### Tuesday

MARCH 22

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

### Wednesday

MARCH 23

*Lenten Weekday*

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday

MARCH 24

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

### Friday

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation  
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

### Saturday

MARCH 26

*Lenten Weekday*

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

### Sunday

MARCH 27

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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