



I Can't Believe It!

This sentence can mean two very contradictory things. It might express skepticism, similar to: "You've got to be kidding!" It means that what we are asked to accept as fact is just too far-fetched. Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here it means: "I'm speechless!"

Lest we think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus' resurrection, today's Gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude Jesus had risen. By itself, an empty tomb proves nothing. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how later several of Jesus' followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.

Neither empty tomb nor someone else's personal experience are by themselves certain evidence of the resurrection. Then what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even-later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians he says: "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us.

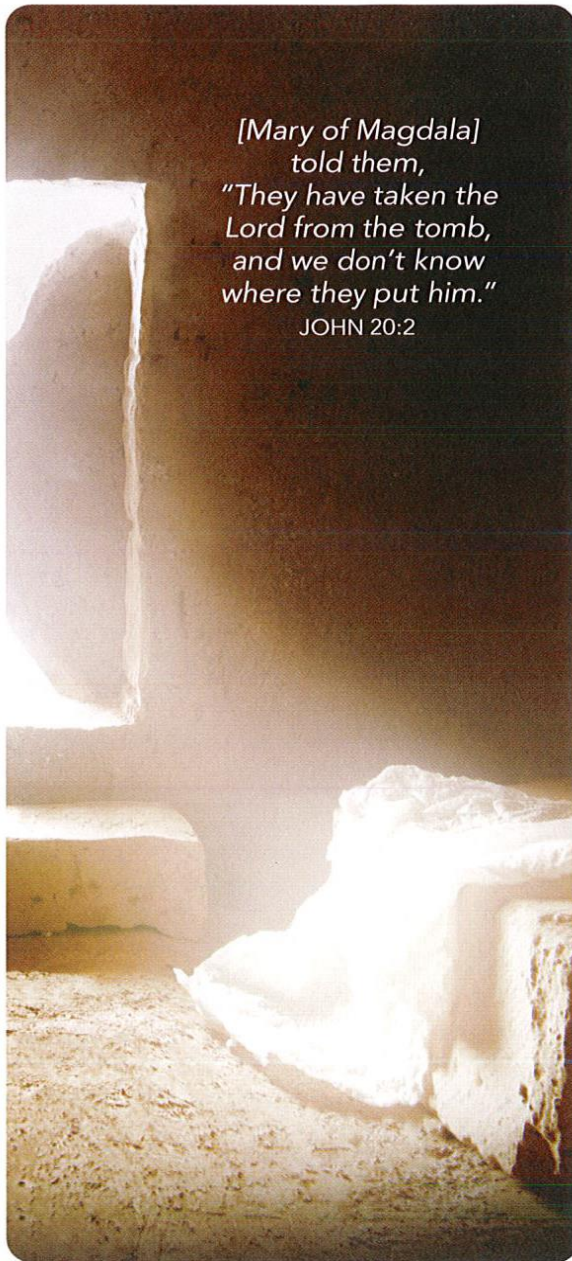
I can hardly believe it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✱ *We may have to wait for our own resurrection to get insight into the resurrection of Jesus. Pray for a deepened faith.*
- ✱ *What might you do to make your own life a stronger witness of Jesus' resurrection?*

*[Mary of Magdala]
told them,
"They have taken the
Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know
where they put him."
JOHN 20:2*



RACHAIA SINTHOPACHANU / SHUTTERSTOCK



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 17, 2022

*Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.*

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 APRIL 18-24, 2022

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM
	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Saturday @ 7:00 PM

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Parish office hours: **Monday Office Closed (Easter Monday)**

Tuesday- Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 - 4 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18-24, 2022

Thur.	Apr. 21	9:30 AM	Late Michael Melanson & siblings	Marg Moore
Fri.	Apr. 22	9:30 AM	Late Connie LeBlanc	Charlotte & Kathleen
Sat.	Apr. 23	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Shirley Collette	Charlotte, Pat & Kate
Sun.	Apr. 24	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Eleanor Beck	Family

OFFERINGS

April 9-10, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 4,546.00	Loose	\$ 372.10
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Capital Fund	\$ 245.00
Easter Offering	\$ 910.00	Share Lent	\$ 910.00
Good Friday	\$ 435.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 200.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 65.00	New Year's Day	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$ 68.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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



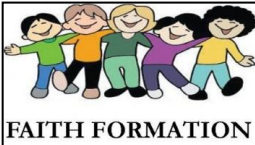
Ecclesiastes 3...

Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.

We remember in our prayers those who are sick...

Beth Purcell	Joanna Crosby	Lois Gallie
Judy Chiasson	Marcelline Lokoka	Della Tower
Peter Steeves		

And for all who care for them.



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

Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM; Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM;
Session date for both groupings:
#16 April 24, 2022

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

16 Apr 26, 2022

Masks are required for all in person sessions.

Sunday Confirmation In person Session

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

Zoom Sessions

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

Session # 15 April 25, 2022

Session #16 May2, 2022

Wednesday years 1-2-3 @ 6PM

Session # 15 April 27, 2022

Session # 16 May 11, 2022

Sacrament of Holy Communion May 8th @ 11 AM Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation May 8th @ 11 AM Mass



Naming Our Pastoral Unit

As announced last week, we have begun the process of selecting a name for our Pastoral Unit. Suggested names are to be accompanied by a rationale for the use of the name suggested. Parishioners have until **April 29** to submit suggestions. Reminder that names cannot be

those in use, or have been used, in the diocese. Submit suggestions to **sbhf@rogers.com**, mail to **St. Bernard's Office**, or drop off at **your parish office**. We will strike a committee of six, two from each parish, to short list the suggestions to a reasonable number, e.g. three (3). To help ensure objectivity, the suggestions will be given to the committee without any identifying information as to the person making the suggestion. Once the short list is decided, the names, with the rationale, will be published in the parish bulletins the weekends of May 21/22 and May 28/29, and posted on parish websites so that parishioners have time to discern their choice. Voting will follow on June 4/5. More on that later.

Blessings.

Fr. Charlie



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

Upcoming Meetings

Adult Faith Commission: Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Meetings will take place at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

Mondays @ The Movies

Our next Mondays @ The Movies will take place on Monday, April 25th at 10:30 AM (via Zoom) when we will discuss faith themes in the (2002) New Zealand film Whale Rider. Contact Trevor for more information or to register.

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 or Trevor at 857-4879 or 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.



Indigenous Reconciliation Fund: A bit of history on residential schools and the efforts put forward by the Catholic dioceses of Canada: the residential school system was established around 1883 and a number of these schools were in operation until 1996. During this time, some 150, 000 indigenous children, aged between 3 and 16, were taken from their home and compelled to attend residential institutions. These boarding schools have been known to be responsible for abuse of all sorts: spiritual, physical, cultural, psychological and sexual.

Starting in 1990, the dioceses and religious communities, directly involved in the management of these schools, have acknowledged their collective responsibility for taking part in the assimilation project championed by the Canadian government. They have issued apologies and asked for forgiveness. They have engaged in reparative efforts. Not only was the abuse committed by some of their members serious, but the mere existence of the residential schools was also harmful and offensive to the indigenous peoples' right to be treated with dignity.

During this Easter's celebrations, may our hearts be opened to walk together with our indigenous brothers and sisters in building a future filled with hope.

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



Annual celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 24

2:30-3:30 PM at St. Bernard's.

Adoration begins at 2:30 PM.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 PM.

EASTER CHANGES
everything



*The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues.
Alleluia! Is our shout of joy, meaning praise to God!*



Easter season: For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.



*May the promise of Easter fill
you with renewed
Faith, Hope, Love & Joy
Happy Easter!*

Fr. Carroll, Fr. Broderick & Fr. Lokoka



Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Beginning **Saturday, April 16**, the sacrament of reconciliation/confession will be available each week at **St. Bernard's from 1:00 - 1:30** (or until all have received the sacrament).



2022 Easter Flowers In Memory of:



Lester Rossiter	Melda & Family
Hooper & MacInnis Families	Irene & Family
Gil Black	Rosanne & Glen Rollins
Minnie Burnett, Verna & George Perry	Ross & Sharon Burnett
Edward & Florence Pitre	Lillian Leger
Louis & Florence McKinley, Ann Breault, Ben & Olezine Arsenault	Robert & Helen McKinley
Jim Beek	Marie
Timothy & Mary Donahue, James & Irene Donahue, Winifred Donahue, James & Mary Cameron	James, Gary & Sharon Fahey
Sam Sr. & Erma Ermen, Louis & Kay Boudreau & Katie Ermen	Sam & Donna Ermen
Deceased members of O'Brien & Scott Family	JoAnne & Michael Scott
Robert Landry	Evangeline Landry
Mabel & Bobby Girouard, Jimmy, Rose & Michael Carroll & Edward Palardy	Chuck & Jessie Kinney
Laura & Arthur Eveleigh & Mary & Nelson Green Sr.	Mary & Nelson Green
Deceased family members	Lydia Espiritu
Paul Melanson	Jeanne Melanson
Deceased member of Flanagan & Carter Family	Roy & Deedee Carter
Deceased family members	Neil & Carol Bryant
Rene Lajoie & Marie-Therese Savoie	Mary Lou Lajoie & Raymund Savoie
Roger & Ruth Poirier	Madison, Owen, Nathan & Katie
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Fogarty, Frank Arsenault & Jeanette	William & Bernice Fogarty
Howard "Ticker" Shean & Deceased members of his family	Irene Shean
Roy Hopper	Juanita "Taddy" & family
George & Zella O'Dell	Donna & Richard
Deceased members of Power & Martin family	Gerry Power
Eleanor Beck	Family
Sid Wright	Mellie Wright
Venecio Pino & deceased family members	Chalmere & Janessa

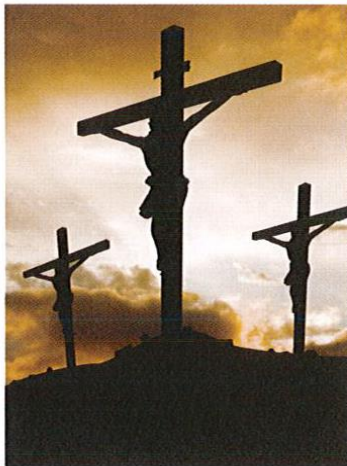
Dear Padre,

The Church says unless you're baptized, you will not enter heaven. So how was the unbaptized good thief able to enter paradise?

Jesus was crucified with two thieves. One taunted Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, rebuking him, said Jesus had done nothing criminal adding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, saying, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:39-40, 42-43).

When the good thief rebuked the other, how did he know Jesus had done nothing wrong or that Jesus was going to his kingdom when he died? Scripture provides no background on the good thief to suggest he was baptized, but he's evidently familiar with Jesus' reputation before the crucifixion.

Regardless, even to his dying breath, Jesus desired for all a conversion experience with our compassionate God. God desires salvation for everyone. However, "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257). So while the typical way of salvation is through baptism, our merciful God can also give baptismal grace without the sacrament being conferred! For example, when unbaptized infants die, we have "hope that God will save [them] when we have not been able to do for them what we would have wished to do, namely, to baptize them" (2007 Vatican Commission, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," 103).



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus' answer does not leave [the good thief] waiting; he speaks of the present. He says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Friday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

APRIL 24

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,
17-19

Jn 20:19-31

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

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