



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (C)

Acts 5:12–16

Rev 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

Jn 20:19–31

## Take My Word for It

**T**his is easier said than done. Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experience, developing a sense of our own ability. We soon came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else's word for something. If we refused to do this, we might be called a “doubting Thomas.” Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas?

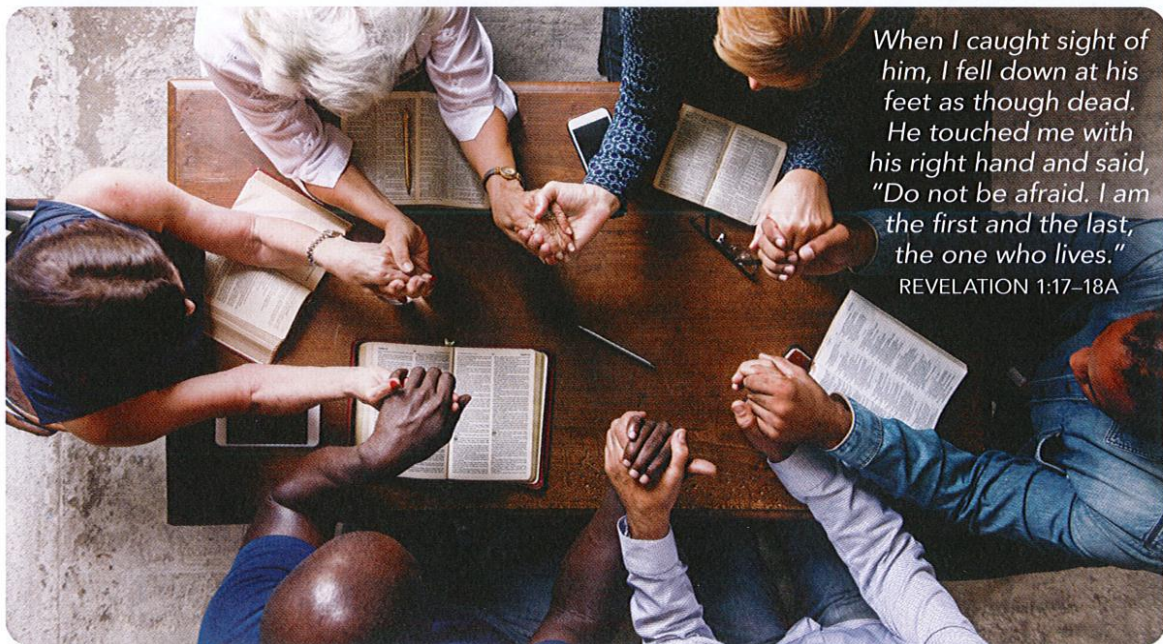
As today's Gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among them. Thomas was absent. When the others told him what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples.

The point of this story is not Thomas' eventual visit by Jesus or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others—our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends, those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ✧ *If you lack faith, as seems to be the case with Thomas, pray for it.*
- ✧ *What do you do to learn more about the faith?*



When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives.”  
REVELATION 1:17–18A

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2022

*You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe.*

### 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 25- MAY 1, 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

Priest Moderator	Fr. Allison S. Carroll (sick leave)	
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Adult Faith	Andrew Wilson	

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

**Phone: 857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca**

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25- MAY 1, 2022

Thur.	Apr. 28	9:30 AM	Late Zella O'Dell	Florence Richard
Fri.	Apr. 29	9:30 AM	Late Barry Johnson	Leonard & Joanne Magee
Sat.	Apr. 30	4:00 PM	Late Andrea Lolly Clancy	Gary & Margo
Sun.	May 1	11:00 AM	Late John Evers	Mary Evers & family

## OFFERINGS

### April 11-17, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 7,621.67	Loose	\$ 163.75
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	Capital Fund	\$ 2,798.33
Easter Offering	\$ 3,405.00	Share Lent	\$ 455.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,741.50	Easter Flowers	\$ 120.00
Papal Charities	\$ 50.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 85.00
Candles	\$ 71.40	Reconnect	\$ 40.00

*Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!*

*In Sympathy*

*A time to mourn.....  
Sincere sympathies to the families of:*



**Beverly Plante**

Sister of Joyce Boudreau & Gerald Plante

**Sarah Jane Wilson**

Daughter of Mary & John, sister of Laura & Jason

*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**

**Judy Chiasson**

**Marcelline Lokoka**

**Della Tower**

**Peter Steeves**

*And for all who care for them.*



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

**# 16 - Apr 26, 2022**

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

**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 4, 2022**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM Mass**

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



**From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis**

**To contact us:**

**Ellen - 857- 9952 or [ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com); Trevor - 857-4879 [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com)**

**Parish Catechetical Coordinators Meeting**

The final meeting of the pastoral year will take place on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.

**Mondays @ The Movies**

Our next Mondays @ The Movies will take place on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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](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.





**Indigenous Reconciliation Fund:** To enjoy a more genuine relationship with our indigenous brothers and sisters, we must seek to understand the lingering pain of those who survived residential schools and of those who live with intergenerational trauma. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to look at past events with an open mind, acknowledge our mistakes, and find a new way to walk, neither in front nor behind but, alongside our indigenous brothers and sisters. Wanting to move from words to action, we need to become concretely involved in reconciliation projects. To this end, we will have the opportunity to participate in the May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection

with the proceeds going to the Reconciliation Fund. The Fund will be managed by a National Board of directors, made up of various leaders, half of them, indigenous, who will be accountable for good governance and transparency in the administration of the funds. I am pleased to inform you that the money raised in our parishes will be returned to the diocese, enabling us to support local projects along with our four local Mi'gmaq communities. Next week, I will provide you with additional information to help in the planning of your donation come May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Special envelopes have been distributed to parishes for this collection.

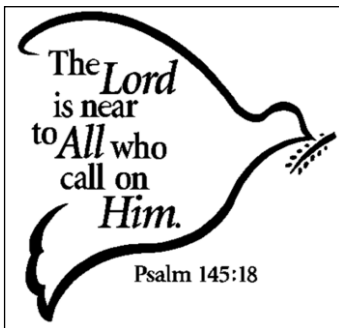
-Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



### 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.



### Listening & Prayer

**Are you in need of prayer?**  
**Are you going through a difficult time?**  
**You can confide in the prayers of the**  
**Notre-Dame-du Sacré-Coeur Sisters**

**Phone : 388-1701 or 1-800-561-3995**

**Monday to Friday: 9 :30 – 11 :30 AM & 2 :00 – 4 :00 PM**

**Wednesdays only 6:00 – 8:00 PM**



## 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.



As not to leave anyone out, we would like to express a very appreciative **thank you** to all who participated in any way at the Triduum / Easter celebrations here at St. Bernard's!

***We all play such a crucial part*** in celebrating our

Lord's Paschal Mystery!

***Fr. Carroll, Fr. Broderick & Fr. Lokoka***



**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.



## EASTER SEASON

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing

## 2022 Easter Flowers- In Memory of:



**John & Ann Boom**

**Casey & Betty Evers**

**Domenico D'Ettore & William Dresser**

**Joe & Debb D'Etorre**



### 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



### Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Beginning **Saturday, April 23**, 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).





# Dear Padre,

**My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called *lectio divina*. Is that a Catholic practice?**

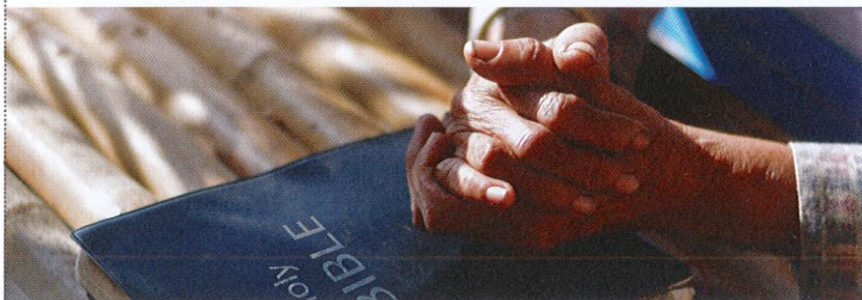
**T**his method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended *lectio divina* as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of *lectio divina* is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing *lectio divina* for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice *lectio divina* regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

Fr. Rick Potts, 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*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[*Lectio divina*] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with “obedience” to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 25

St. Mark,  
Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b–14

Mk 16:15–20

### Tuesday

APRIL 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

### Wednesday

APRIL 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

### Thursday

APRIL 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

### Friday

APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

### Saturday

APRIL 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

### Sunday

MAY 1

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rv 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14