



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

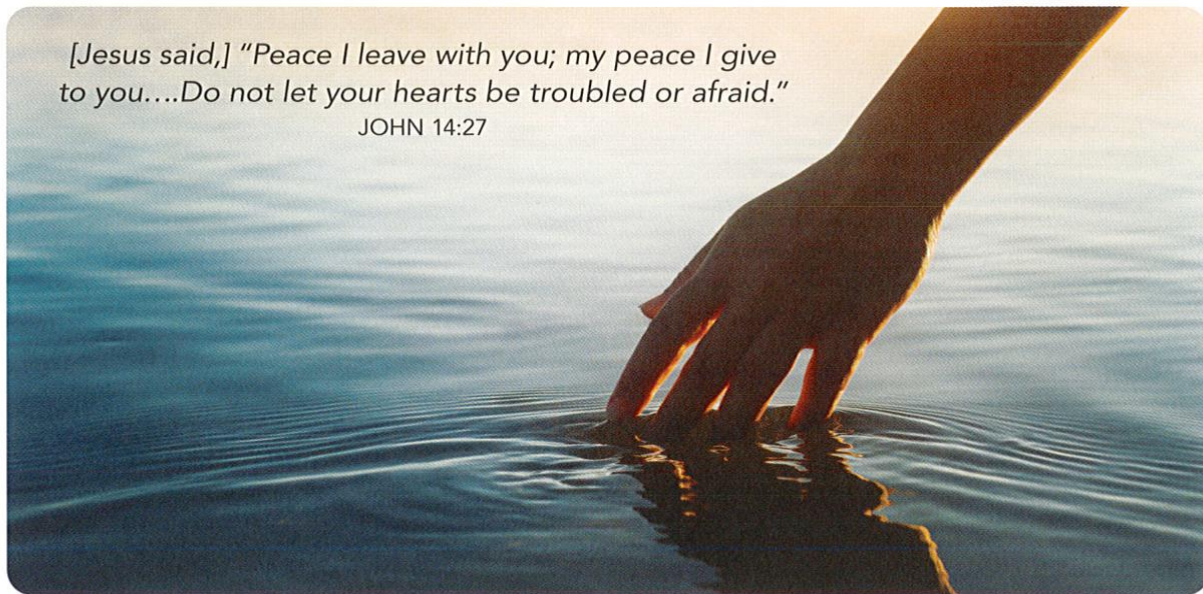
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

JOHN 14:27



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Times Are a-Changin'

Today's Gospel expands a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. They prefer Latin chants and the organ rather than folk music with guitars. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

Actually, such understanding of the unchanging Church is only partially correct. The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed. It is the ways we understand or practice our faith that have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with three essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers have changed, and at Mass we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but

there are some changes in theological understandings too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways.

Today's reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish practice, not Christian. Dissent arose. But the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *In what ways have changes made your faith more meaningful to you?*
- ✦ *As we move toward Pentecost, pray to be open to the working of the Spirit in your parish.*



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

*Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.*

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

MASS TIMES-WEEK OF MAY 23-29, 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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

St. Bernard's	Saturday @ 1:00 - 1:30 PM
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PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator	Fr. Allison S. Carroll (sick leave)	
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Tuesday- 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 MAY 23 - 29, 2022

Thur.	May 26	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Andrea Lorette
Fri.	May 27	9:30 AM	Late Zella O'Dell	Louise Ongo
Sat.	May 28	4:00 PM	Late Edgar Raymond Clancy	Gary & Margo
Sun.	May 29	11:00 AM	For the People	

OFFERINGS

May 14 & 15, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 7,274.67	Loose	\$ 214.90
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	Capital Fund	\$ 2,723.33
Easter Offering	\$ 110.00	Papal Charities	\$ 240.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 80.00	Donations	\$ 210.00
Candles	\$ 149.00	Indigenous	\$ 2,205.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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



Roger Methot

Husband of Jean, father of Linda, Robert, Debbie, David & (late)James

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...

Prayer Request

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

Beth Purcell	Marcelline Lokoka	Terry LeBlanc
Daniel Roch	Beulah Taylor-Richard	Greyson LeBlanc
Fr. Laurence Quin-Morris	Doreen Vautour	Louise MacGregor
Bill Pellerin	Victor Ogbechi	Della Tower
Peter Steeves	Ennio Di Saverio	

And for all who care for them.



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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VBS EXPRESS Vacation Bible School

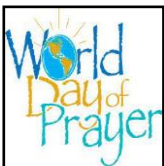
This year's Vacation Bible School will take place **6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Zoom from June 6th-9th**. The theme **is MONUMENTAL: Celebrating God's Greatness**. The registration deadline was May 1st, but at the time this bulletin was printed there were a very limited number of spaces left. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or catechism.set@gmail.com or Trevor to register.

Save the date:

A very early and preliminary announcement is being made regarding *Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower 2022*, a day of formation for all catechists, which is scheduled to take place from **8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 17th** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview. The theme this year will be on mystagogical catechesis, and will be facilitated by Dr. Anne Walsh, from the Redemptorist Faith Formation Team. Anne is one of Canada's foremost catechists and has been on the writing and/or facilitation team for countless projects with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Combined with her beautiful Newfoundland spirituality, this is sure to be a day of shared wisdom, insight and storytelling and will be of special interest to all catechists in the diocese, especially those involved in coaching parents, RCIA, baptismal preparation, marriage preparation. Details concerning registration and sessions offered will appear in your bulletins in late August or may be found on-line at that time at <http://www.diomoncton.ca/en/>.

Ordination to the
Diaconate
WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING
TO ALMIGHTY GOD
the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Moncton joyfully
announces and cordially invites you to attend the
Transitional Diaconate Ordination of
Juan Carlos Jacinto
Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the
imposition of hands by His Grace,
Mgr Valéry Vienneau, Archbishop of Moncton
On Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:00 in the morning,
Paroisse Sainte-Thérèse d'Avila 2648, chemin
Acadie Cap-Pelé, NB E4N 1E4

"So if I, your
Lord and
Teacher, have
washed your
feet, you also
ought to wash
one another's
feet."
John 13:14

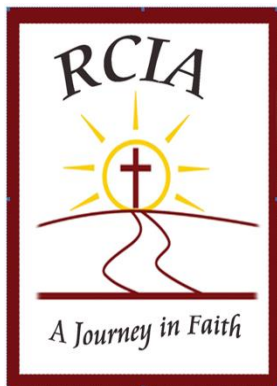


World Day of Prayer for the Church in China - May 24

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.



Funeral for Blanche Gallant (wife of Paul Gallant) will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022 @ 11:00 AM.** The family wishes to extend a welcome to all who may wish to attend.



Congratulations to Jacob and Amy Melanson

who on Sunday, May 15, 2022, were accepted,

through the Rite of Acceptance,

Into The Order of Catechumens.

Please pray for them as they continue their journey in moving toward a closer relationship with God.



Graduation Mass - Sunday, June 12, 2022 @11:00 AM

With much hard work and dedication, high school graduation has arrived! We will celebrate our students who are graduating with a graduation mass. If your child is graduating from high school this year, please confirm their attendance by either calling the office @857-0425 or email me directly at lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com by May 29, 2022.

A stride into a future full of success....Blessings, Lorella



The Friday before the Ascension of the Lord...

Nine days of prayer to the Holy Spirit begins

in preparation for Pentecost.



Victoria Day – May 23

The birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria (+1901) has been celebrated as a holiday in Canada West (now Ontario) since 1845; it became a National Holiday in 1901 and in 1952 was established on the Monday preceding May 25. P



CWL Meeting

The St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League will meet on Monday, June 6th from 2-4pm in the church hall. A brief business meeting will be followed by the return of our annual auction. Popular auction items are rhubarb, baking, craft items, etc. Any items not sold will go back home with you, or will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul, or Salvation Army. Looking forward to seeing you.



The Importance of Music Participation

By The Assembly in Liturgy

Liturgy is the public act of worship of the believing community.

In the liturgy we encounter God in word, in sacrament, and in the presider and assembly at prayer.

In the liturgy – the great act of giving praise and glory to God – **music is a most concrete and expressive way of announcing**

our belief and uniting our voices with one another.

Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2.46)

"There is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'."

The purpose of music in the liturgy is to give glory to God and to sanctify God's faithful people.

Communal song is a corporate act of prayer and praise. ***The foremost reason for all song during the liturgy is to give praise and thanks to God.***

The texts will also shape our understanding of God's gracious love, the redemptive act of Christ and the Spirit-filled community of disciples.

Singing in the liturgy expresses and nurtures our love for one another. The unity of voices expresses the unity that exists among the members of Christ's body, the Church. Hymn texts used in the liturgy give us a common language with which to express our common faith.

Hymns function as formative instruments, providing images and metaphors rooted in the Sacred Scriptures which call us to an ever more committed life as disciples of the Lord.

Music in the liturgy is intended to foster the full, conscious and active participation of all the faithful in the Church's public prayer. By joining our hearts and minds together, knowing the mystery we celebrate and to whom we give praise and thanks, we are led to the kind of participation which is so earnestly desired by the pastors of the Church. Music is integral to the structure of all of our liturgical rites and therefore, integral to our worship of God.

All parishioners are encouraged, to lift up their voices in praise and joy at our liturgies.



Naming of our Pastoral Unit

Thank you to the twelve people who submitted suggestions for the name of our Pastoral Unit. There were two cases of duplicates so there were ten different suggestions and of these three are already in use in the diocese. As a result, a committee comprised of two people

from each of the three parishes met on Sunday last to short list the remaining seven. In a surprisingly short time, they chose the three suggestions that follow (with the rationale provided). Please think about these, pray over them, discuss them, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment. The PMT has approved the following: at the masses of June 3 / 4 we will vote by ranking the suggestions 1 to 3, 1 being the most favoured and 3 the least. If two or all three parishes have a clear choice that will conclude the process. If not, then the least favoured will be dropped and a second vote will be taken on the remaining two suggestions at the masses of the following weekend. Blessings to all. - Fr. Charlie

Suggestions for the Name of Pastoral Unit

***Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Unit**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Vatican II in section #1324 saying, “the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.” In #1398 the CCC says, The Eucharist and the unity of Christians. Before the greatness of this mystery St. Augustine exclaims, “O sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O bond of charity! “ St. Thomas Aquinas said of the Eucharist,” the Eucharist is the sacrament of love; it signifies love, it produces love. The eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.” Because our three parishes are quite diverse in nature, we need a central focus that emphasizes who we are and what it is we have in common as Catholic communities. Nothing does this better both as sign and reality than the Eucharist, i.e. the Blessed Sacrament.

***St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Unit**

St Francis worried about the poor and vulnerable, and I feel that our 3 parishes strive to be attentive to the elderly, infirm, those who are hungry, struggling, and those new to the country. We know that there is more we can do and have a desire to do so.

St. Francis saw a role for the laity, when he was alive in the 1200's. In addition to starting religious orders for men and women; he also initiated an organization of lay people called to ministry. St. Francis had great love for all of God's creation. We live in a part of New Brunswick that provides us with many and varied opportunities to appreciate nature and creation. Rural and urban areas, forest and waters. We are proud of our beautiful region and can strive to continue to be good and better stewards of this beautiful earth and all who share it, with inspiration and guidance from *Laudato Si*. We sing the Peace Prayer of St. Francis at so many liturgical celebrations, obviously it is chosen because it reflects what we see as our mission and how we wish to respond to God's call.

***The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

I looked up St. Bernard, St. Clement, St. Vincent trying to find a common ground among the three. Lots of common ground as one would expect! There are a lot of Clement's, Vincent's and Bernard's as Saints and popes! The I thought maybe the idea of moving forward in unity might be a common theme to follow. I came upon this verse: “I will whistle for them to come together.” Zacharia 10:8. And later “I will strengthen them in the Lord, and they shall walk in his name, says the Lord. Zacharia 8:12 That's what we need-strength and coming together. The Good Shepherd whistles for his sheep.

Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers *in vitro* fertilization (Latin for fertilization “in glass” or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons:

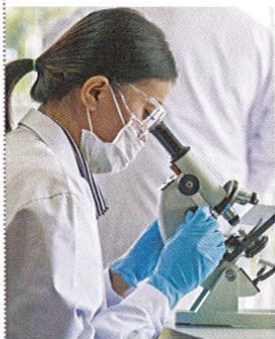
First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life.

In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved).

All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

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JOE AHEAD/SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way.

ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, NOVEMBER 15, 2014



Calendar

Monday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 29

The Ascension

of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or

Heb 9:24–28;

10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53

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a question for
the Padre?**

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