

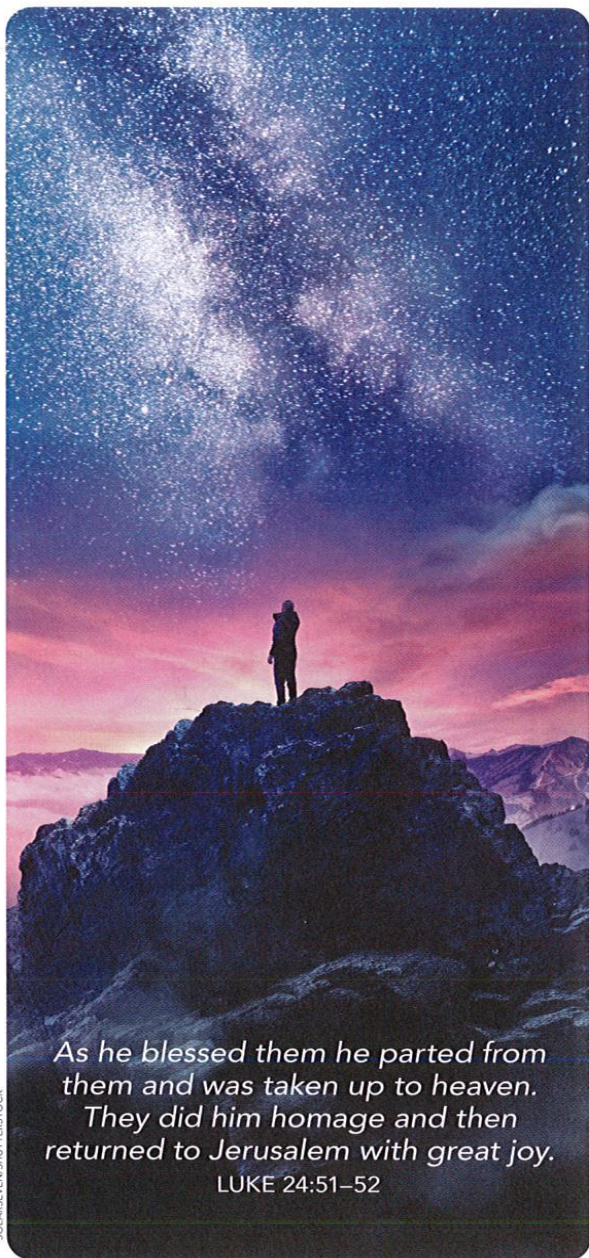
May 29, 2022

The Ascension of the Lord (C)

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53



As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

LUKE 24:51–52

How Far Is Up?

It depends upon your understanding of **cosmology**, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from *Star Trek*. So with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when “a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight”? Did he just keep going up?

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus’ ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as the Gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus’ exaltation at God’s right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky a little way, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it is a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved honor and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification.

Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God’s right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place but is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host’s right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is. This is reason to rejoice.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *Pray the responsorial psalm today.*
- ✧ *At his ascension, Jesus said his followers would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Are you one?*



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022

*Go, make disciples of all nations;
I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

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 30 - June 5, 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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30 - JUNE 5, 2022

Thur.	June 2	9:30 AM	Late Bo Coholan	Anne & Louis Flanagan
Fri.	June 3	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Israel & Josephine Pitre	Phyllis Christie
Sat.	June 4	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Fr. B. Sloan	Chris, Heather & Katie
Sun.	June 5	11:00 AM	For the People	

OFFERINGS

May 21 & 22, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 1,633.00	Loose	\$ 105.75
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Capital Fund	\$ 85.00
Needy Fund	\$ 100.00	Papal Charities	\$ 172.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 94.45	Indigenous	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 80.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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



Frederick Pellerin	Husband of Judy, father of Eunice & Misa
Ennio Di Saverio	Husband of Lina, father of Nino
Jeff Ermen	Husband of Sherry, father of Addy, son of Sam & Donna
Gary Trainor	Son of Robina & (late) Lloyd, brother of Bonita

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

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.

Mondays @ The Movies

Will continue to meet over the summer to discuss faith connections in popular movies. Our next discussion will take place on Zoom on Monday, June 27th at 10:30 am when we will be talking about the 1998 film *The Truman Show*, starring Jim Carey, Laura Linney, and Ed Harris. For more information or to register, contact Trevor.



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

World Communications Day May 29

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.



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.

Possible ways to feed the hungry...



For information on any of the following - click on the links below:

Food Depot Alimentaire (FDA) - <https://fooddepot.ca/>

ReConnect Street Intervention at:

<https://moncton.ymca.ca/en/Programs/Outreach/Reconnect?nolocation=1>

Karing Kitchen: Donations can be made through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> donations may be mailed directly to: Karing Kitchen 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB , E1C 4Y3



Naming of our Pastoral Unit

We have one more week before we make our selection of a name for our Pastoral Unit. The choices are the three described below. 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

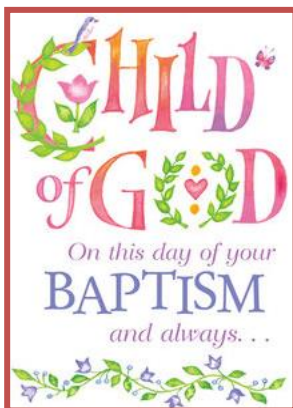
The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Vatican II in section #1324 saying, “the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.” In #1398 the CCC says, The Eucharist and the unity of Christians. Before the greatness of this mystery St. Augustine exclaims, “O sacrament of devotion! O sign 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.




*Congratulations to the following
children who were welcomed into
St. Bernard's Parish community
through the Sacrament of Baptism on
Friday, May 20, 2022*

Frederick Armando Joy, child of Andrew & Mariza

Henry Robert Harper, child of Aaron & Bronwyn


May they always know the peace of Jesus

And the light of his love.



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



Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

Jesus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen Jesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.

Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to live without dying. We long to know God.

Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body.

The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

What is the secret of a happy life? Recognizing Jesus, but Jesus as the living God, not as a statue. Because it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history...what matters is the place I give him in my life, the place I give to Jesus in my heart.

ANGELUS, JUNE 29, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1–8

Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday

MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14–18a or

Rom 12:9–16

Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday

JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 20:28–38

Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday

JUNE 2

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11

Jn 17:20–26

Friday

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b–21

Jn 21:15–19

Saturday

JUNE 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16–20,
30–31

Jn 21:20–25

Sunday

JUNE 5

Pentecost

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
or Rom 8:8–17

Jn 20:19–23 or

Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26