

Love of the Law

Years ago, I saw a chart in a catechism that identified the faith of the Old Testament as a religion of law and that of the New Testament as a religion of love. This is not only seriously wrong, it is also dangerously biased. The two commandments to love as recorded in today's Gospel originate in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, respectively. Several of the prophets describe God's love of Israel in tender, even passionate, terms (Isaiah 43:1, Jeremiah 31:3). To think otherwise is to tread alarmingly close to a form of anti-Judaism. We must remember that the religion Jesus loved deeply, and which he sought to bring to fulfillment, was the religion of ancient Israel.

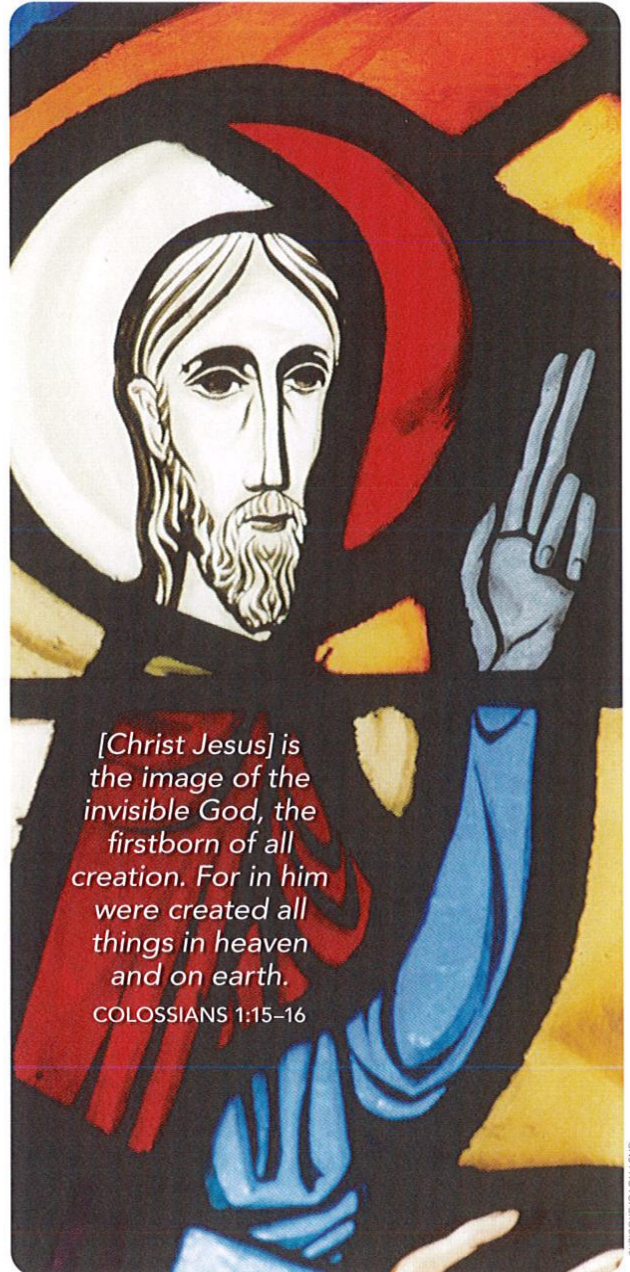
Part of the error of that chart might have been a misunderstanding of the meaning of law. We might think of *law* as "proscription" or "restriction" (you must...or you must not...). The Hebrew meaning is more flexible. Some translate the Hebrew word *torah* as "instruction" or "directive." The psalmist delights in the law because it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart. Today's first reading tells us that the law is already in our hearts. The law of love was certainly in the heart of the Samaritan who cared for the stranger on the side of the road.

If we can see that laws are meant to help us care for ourselves, others, and the world, we will soon realize that living as the laws direct us might bring us to a deep love for the law.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *What is the relationship between the rules or customs in your family and the love you have for its members?*
- * *Reflect on today's responsorial Psalm 19:8–11.*



[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth.

COLOSSIANS 1:15–16



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2022

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of eternal life.*

WELCOME TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL UNIT

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 JULY 11-17, 2022

St. Bernard's	Monday @ 9:30 AM
	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 JULY 11-17, 2022				
Mon.	July 11	9:30 AM	Late Dr. Charles Murchland	Roy & Deedee Carter
Thur.	July 14	9:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Israel Pitre & Ben Daigle	Phyllis Christie
Fri.	July 15	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Rob Robichaud	Fran Robichaud
Sat.	July 16	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Mike McKenna	Charlotte, Kate & Pat
Sun.	July 17	11:00 AM	For the People	

OFFERINGS

JULY 2 & 3, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 5,040.00	Loose	\$ 302.15
Building Fund	\$ 85.00	Capital Fund	\$ 2,157.00
Syrian Fund	\$ 40.00	Needy Fund	\$ 100.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 57.00	Reconnect	\$ 10.00
Indigenous fund	\$ 30.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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



Ola Williams

Wife of Jim, mother of Susan & Jimmy

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

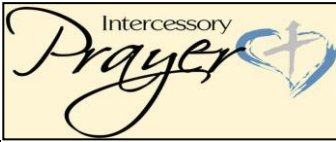
Prayer Request

*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	Theresa Tran
Lois Gallie	Greyson LeBlanc	Nick Arena
Patricia Devine	Della Tower	Peter Steeves
Cheryl Allerston		

And for all who care for them.

**MAKE THIS WEEK
A GREAT WEEK**



Prayer of the Faithful

For the church; may she lead her people to live in concrete ways God's greatest commandment to love one another.

We pray

For leaders of our world. May they respond to the needy in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, ever willing to challenge the 'priests and Levites' of our day.

We pray

For all those in need of healing and support. And for all those who provide aid and shelter to those in need.

We pray

For the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

We pray

For all of us: may we be Good Samaritans to those who are in need. Acting with compassion without thinking of the cost to ourselves.

We pray

For all the churches serving the greater Moncton area.

We pray



During the summer months church contributions normally decrease while parishioners are travelling and vacationing. However, the expenses to run our church remain constant and increase as necessary maintenance/repairs are completed. Please give consideration to "making up" your missed contributions. Thank you for your continued generosity!!! God Bless!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Carmelites	2 nd Sat. of month, 9:00 -11:00 AM	Meeting Room
Prayer Group	2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month @ 7 PM	Church Hall
RCIA	Will resume in the fall	Stage Area



We are happy to have you join us!
Are you new to the parish or have you been part of
our community for awhile but have just never
registered?

There are registration forms available at the entrances to the church, at your parish office, on our web site (www.stbernardschurch.ca) or just give us a call and we'll mail you one. Fill in the information, return the form to the office and you will be formally registered. This will help us to better serve your individual needs!



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

To contact us:

Trevor - 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Mondays @ The Movies

Monday @ The Movies is a group that meets regularly to discuss faith connections in popular movies. Our next movie discussion will take place on Zoom on Monday, July 25th at 10:30 am when we will talk about the (2004) independent comedy, *Napoleon Dynamite*. For more information or to register, contact Trevor.

**"Being a disciple means
being constantly ready
to bring the love of Jesus to
others, and this can happen
unexpectedly and in any place."**

~ Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel



RCIA

*Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults*



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you believe? About Jesus?

About the Sacraments?

About Salvation?

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Then please feel welcome to join the RCIA team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children) here at St. Bernard's.

The RCIA team here at St. Bernard's exists to welcome individuals who are wondering about the Roman Catholic Church and to help them in their search for spiritual guidance and a sense of church community. We also welcome those Catholics who haven't yet completed their preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist and wish to do so. Whether adult or child inquirer, candidate or catechumen, the team provides the elements for preparation including prayer, reflection on the Sunday liturgy of the Word, education about our faith and mutual support during the ups and downs of our individual journeys of faith. If you know someone who is thinking of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please invite him or her to call the parish office at 857-0425 for more information on RCIA.

PANHANDLING

**SAY NO TO
PANHANDLING**



**CONTRIBUTE TO
THE SOLUTION**
GIVE TO LOCAL CHARITIES

IT'S OK TO SAY NO - SAY NO TO PANHANDLING

By supporting panhandling, you may be contributing to the problem, whatever it may be...Recent stats indicate more than 95% of people panhandle to feed their addictions. Be part of the solution by supporting the agencies that provide services to those in need, community contributions go a lot further towards employment, housing and social services that go directly towards supporting those in need.



Lions recycle for Sight - Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time:

Used eyeglasses are recycled, cleaned, sorted by prescription strength, then packaged and distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. A **Lions Recycle for Sight** box will be at the main entrance of the church for you to drop off unwanted eyeglasses.



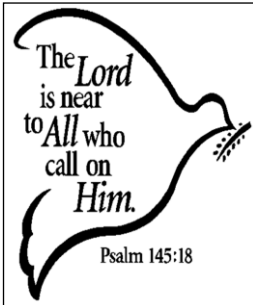
Possible ways to feed the hungry...

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



Listening and 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.

**Hours: 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 2 - 4 PM (Mon-Fri),
6 - 8 PM on Wednesdays.**

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.



Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; one woman and one man leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion (see Canons 872–874). *Godparent* isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It's an important role of trust in the child's faith life.

We grow in trust for someone via a gradual process of getting to know that person: being introduced, spending time together, talking to one another, learning about each other, and being generous with one another.

That's how trust in Jesus develops. Parents and godparents introduce us to him, teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. We learn from the parish, the Catholic school, and our *Catechism*. It's a gradual process of getting to know Jesus that leads us to trust him and have faith in him.

At baptism, the priest or deacon lights a candle from the large Easter candle. In many parishes, the candle is passed first to the godfather. "Receive the light of Christ," says the priest. The godfather passes it to the godmother, who passes it to the mother, who hands it to the father to hold for the child. That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to their child.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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Calendar

Monday

JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Is 1:10–17

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 12

Weekday

Is 7:1–9

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 13

Weekday

Is 10:5–7, 13b–16

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin

Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 16

Weekday

Mi 2:1–5

Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 17

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1–10a

Col 1:24–28

Lk 10:38–42



Liguori Publications
is celebrating 75
years of ministry
throughout 2022.

Follow progress toward our
October 23 anniversary date
in *Liguorian* magazine and
at Liguori.org.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is the duty of the parents, together with the godfathers and godmothers, to take care to nurture the flame of baptismal grace in their little ones, helping them persevere in the faith. Children have the right to Christian formation, which "seeks to lead them gradually to learn God's plan in Christ."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 16, 2018