

Was It Worth It?

We hear many stories about women and men who value things or status over the people in their lives or over genuine fulfillment. Then something happens that throws them back on their heels and they are forced to face the question: Was it worth it? No, say the writers of today's readings. It is not worth losing yourself or the people you love. In fact, it is not worth risking your own integrity.

The Hebrew word for *vanity* can be translated as "worthless" or "foolish." The characters in the first reading and the Gospel passage were considered foolish because the labors and possessions that wore them down were ultimately worthless.

This idea of vanity or foolishness is a prominent theme in the Wisdom tradition. We all know that actions have consequences. It's these consequences that reveal what is good for us and what is not, what is

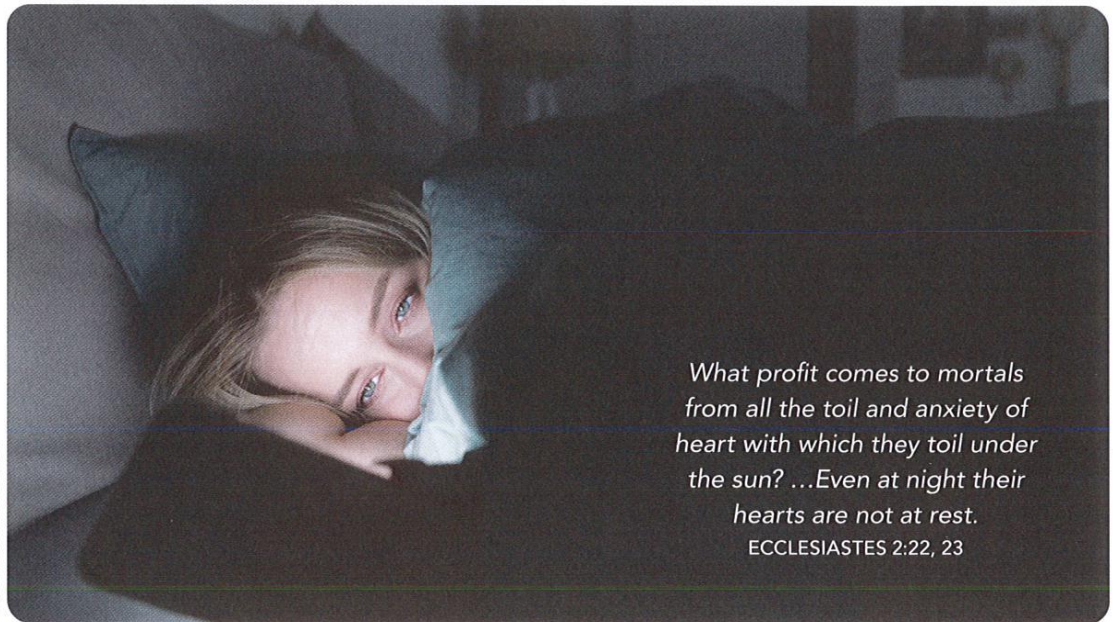
worth pursuing and what we should avoid. Those who learn from life experiences in this way are considered wise; those who don't are deemed foolish. We all know this; we have learned the truth of it from our own experience.

There is one more aspect that must be considered in making wise decisions. Which consequences are worth the effort we put into achieving them? Are we looking for short-term enjoyment or do we seek long-term satisfaction? The profit attained by the people in these readings did not last. They couldn't take it with them, so one might ask: Was it worth it?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✳ *Think about the effort you put into achieving something. Was it worth it?*
- ✳ *If not, what can you do to change this?*



*What profit comes to mortals
from all the toil and anxiety of
heart with which they toil under
the sun? ...Even at night their
hearts are not at rest.*

ECCLESIASTES 2:22, 23



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31, 2022

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!*

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 AUGUST 1-7, 2022

St. Bernard's	Monday @ 9:30 AM (NO MASS ON AUGUST 1, 2022)
	Thursday @ 9:30 AM
	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
	Sunday @ 9 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 (NO CONFESSION ON JULY 30 & AUG. 1)
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PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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Parish office hours: Monday, Aug. 1 - Office Closed- NB Day

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

Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1-7, 2022

Mon.	Aug. 1	9:30 AM	NO MASS SCHEDULE	
Thur.	Aug. 4	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Peter Dowd	Therese & family
Fri.	Aug. 5	9:30 AM	Late Donna Hines	Gordie, Lois & family
Sat.	Aug. 6	4:00 PM	Late Pauline Dalton	Charles & Jessie Kinney
Sun.	Aug. 7	11:00 AM	For the People	

OFFERINGS

JULY 23 & 24, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 2,985.00	Loose	\$ 259.20
Building Fund	\$ 30.00	Capital Fund	\$ 595.00
Donations	\$ 30.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 52.00
Indigenous fund	\$ 55.00	Reconnect	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn.....

Sincere sympathies to the family of:



Bill Pellerin

Husband of Maureen, father of Darren

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	Cheryl Allerston
Yolanda Sagion	Richard Moore	Ida Caruso
Louise MacGregor	Lois Gallie	Daniel Roch
Herman Vringer	Troy Martin	

And for all who care for them.



No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office, and the Church Hall. Thank you.



Prayer of the Faithful

For the Church, and everyone who serves Christ's Body in worship, education and care of the poor.

We pray

For the single, the engaged, the married; for the ordained, for our sisters and brothers in consecrated life and for fidelity to our vocations.

We pray

For countries facing difficult times, we pray for protection from fear of losing hope of a better future.

We pray

For world leaders as they respond to crises and many urgencies, for wisdom and guidance of the Lord in all their responsibilities.

We pray

For our parish - that as Christ's Body, we set an example of not seeking those things which perish, but the things which endure; faith, hope and above all, love for one another.

We pray



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!

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.



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

**PLEASE
NOTE..**

During Fr. Charlie's vacation, there will be **no Saturday confession on July 30 & August 6, 2022.**



**Monday, August 1, 2022,
there will be **NO MASS** at
St Bernard's Church.**



Praying and Working for Peace

On August 6 and 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were ravaged by atomic bombs. Speaking to victims of this atomic warfare, Saint John Paul II said: "It is with deep emotion that I greet today all those who still carry in their bodies the signs of the destruction that was visited on them on the day of the unforgettable fire. What you endure has also inflicted a wound on the heart of every human being on earth. Your life here today is the most convincing appeal that could be addressed to all people of goodwill against war and for peace... We are all indebted to you for the living and constant appeal for peace that you are." (Nagasaki, February 26, 1981)



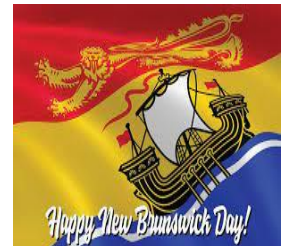
During the summer months church contributions normally decrease while parishioners are travelling and vacationing. However, the expenses to run our church remain constant and increase as necessary maintenance/repairs are completed. Please give consideration to "making up" your missed contributions. Or if you prefer to **donate online**, you are invited to register on our **Pre-Authorized deposit donation**. Do give us a call in our parish office @ 857-0425 and we will guide you on how to do it. Thank you for your continued generosity!!! God Bless!



Parish office will be closed on

Monday, August 1, 2022

in observance of New Brunswick Day





**Canadian
Blood
Services**

BLOOD
PLASMA
STEM CELLS
ORGANS
& TISSUES

Moncton Blood Donation is currently in need of blood donors.

500 Mapleton Road, Moncton

**Mondays & Thursdays 3 – 8 PM, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10 AM – 3 PM,
Fridays 9 AM - 2 PM**

Visit blood.ca for more information and to book an appointment.



Congratulations & God's blessing to:

Sam & Donna Ermen

On the occasion of their

58th wedding anniversary - July 25, 2022



Dear Padre,

The new priest assigned to our parish seldom shakes hands at the sign of peace during Mass. Isn't he supposed to?

You may be surprised to know that the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (154) calls for the priest to remain in the sanctuary at the sign of peace to avoid disrupting the assembly's exchange. He has the option of exchanging a sign of peace with the ministers—it's optional because to do so repeats the first greeting of peace he just extended to everyone in the assembly.

In the United States, an exception is made for special occasions such as weddings, funerals, or when community leaders are present. In those cases, the *GIRM* allows the priest to offer the sign of peace to people sitting near the sanctuary.

Ironically, many parishioners view the presider's participation less as a distortion of the rite than as a positive indicator of their priest's social skills, as in "Father is such a people person!"

Offering—and being offered—an actual sign of Christ's peace during Mass is intended to be poignant, prayerful, and powerful, with a different kind of fanfare than when greeters welcome worshipers before Mass or when the presider shakes hands and socializes immediately after Mass.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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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

The quest for personal prestige can become a spiritual malady masquerading itself even behind good intentions: for example, when behind the good that we do and preach, we are only seeking ourselves and our own affirmation—that is, getting ahead and climbing up.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 17, 2021

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Jer 28:1–17

Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday

AUGUST 2

Weekday

Jer 30:1–2,

12–15, 18–22

Mt 14:22–36

or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Jer 31:1–7

Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

Jer 31:31–34

Mt 16:13–23

Friday

AUGUST 5

Weekday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7

Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

AUGUST 6

*The Transfiguration
of the Lord*

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Lk 9:28b–36

Sunday

AUGUST 7

*Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Wis 18:6–9

Heb 11:1–2, 8–19

or 11:1–2, 8–12

Lk 12:32–48

or 12:35–40