

## A House Divided

**O**ne of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of “a house divided.” When Abraham Lincoln said “a house divided against itself cannot stand,” he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division—not merely acceptable political diversity. Perhaps the most heartbreaking example of a house divided is a family in which members are alienated from each other.

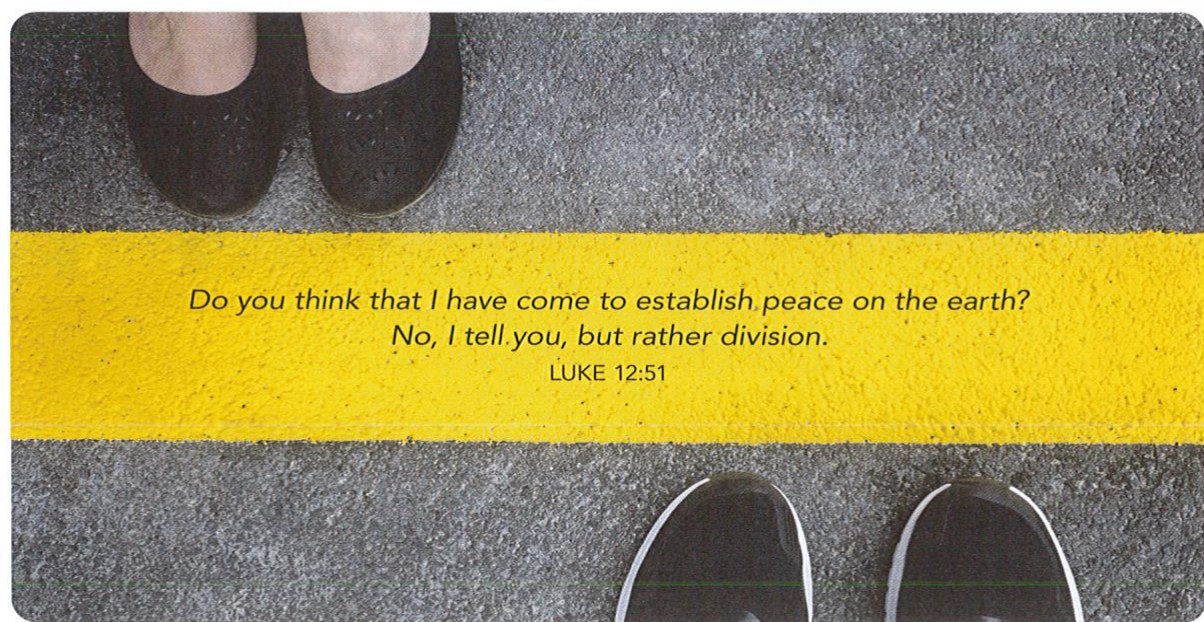
There are as many reasons for family division as there are families. Reasons include the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences—after all, isn’t blood thicker than water? On the other hand, how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one’s faith or commitment to God? That is the situation that Jesus describes today.

We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one’s family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family’s values. This may be what many of Jesus’ Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What steps might you take to heal a family rift? What’s keeping you from taking them?*



*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?  
No, I tell you, but rather division.*

LUKE 12:51



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 14, 2022**

*My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.*

## **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 15-21, 2022**

<b>St. Bernard's</b>	<b>Monday @ 9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Thursday @ 9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Friday @ 9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Saturday @ 4:00 PM</b>
	<b>Sunday @ 11 AM</b>
	<b>Sunday @ 9 AM</b>
<b>St. Vincent</b>	<b>Sunday @ 9 AM</b>
<b>St. Clement's</b>	<b>Saturday @ 7:00 PM</b>

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**

<b>St. Bernard's</b>	<b>Saturday @ 1:00 - 1:30 PM</b>
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### **PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

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<b>Adult Faith</b>	Andrew Wilson	

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**Friday: 9 AM – 12 noon**

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


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15-21, 2022				
Mon.	Aug. 15	9:30 AM	Late Charles Joseph Gillespie	Elizabeth, Richard & Francis Smith
Thur.	Aug. 18	9:30 AM	Late Finbarr O'Reilly	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Fri.	Aug. 19	9:30 AM	Late Brian Colepaugh	Norma Gibson
Sat.	Aug. 20	4:00 PM	Late Andrew Perry	Family
Sun.	Aug. 21	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Eleuteria & Jorge Honculada	Dhempna Padilla


## OFFERINGS

### AUGUST 6 & 7, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 3,310.25	Loose	\$ 163.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Capital Fund	\$ 537.00
Easter	\$ 55.00	Share Lent	\$ 35.00
Good Friday	\$ 55.00	Papal charities	\$ 35.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 36.00	Reconnect	\$ 20.00

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

<div>In Sympathy</div>	<div>A time to mourn.....</div> <div>Sincere sympathies to the families of:</div>		<div></div>
	Lois Gallie	Wife of Gordon, mother of Carol & Christopher	
	Jim Pauley	Husband of Linda & (late)Karin, father of Christopher & Cindy, grandfather of Madison & Emma	
	Leo Bourgeois	Husband of Doris, mother of Patricia & Michel	
	And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...		

<div><div>Prayer Request</div><div></div></div> <div><p><i>Ecclesiastes 3...</i></p><p><i>Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.</i></p><p><i>We remember in our prayers those who are sick...</i></p></div>		
<b>Beth Purcell</b>	<b>Marcelline Lokoka</b>	<b>Herman Vringer</b>
<b>Troy Martin</b>	<b>Cheryl Allerston</b>	<b>Della Tower</b>
<b>Peter Steeves</b>		
<p><i>And for all who care for them.</i></p>		



## *Prayer of the Faithful*

For the church, that it may be an ongoing support for persecuted Christians.

***We pray***

For those places in our world torn apart because of

religious differences.

***We pray***

For families torn apart by religious belief.

***We pray***

For all who suffer for their faith, and for those who use religion to persecute others.

***We pray***

For the ability to resist arrogance or a sense of superiority in following Christ.

***We pray***

For all the churches serving the greater Moncton area.

***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](http://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!



## **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.



# 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

<b>Carmelites</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of month, 9:00 -11:00 AM	Meeting Room
<b>Prayer Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat & last Sat. of each month @ 7 PM	Church Hall
<b>RCIA</b>	Will resume in the fall	Stage Area
<b>Baptism Prep Course</b>	Sunday's, September 18 & 25 @ 1:30 pm	Meeting Room

*Let  
us  
pray*

### **For the Holy Father's general intention for August For small businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized business; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.



### *Baptism Preparation Course*

Here in St Bernard's, there will be a **Baptism Preparation Course on September 18 & 25, 2022 at 1:30 Pm** to be held in St Bernard's meeting room. Call to register.



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!



**Canadian  
Blood  
Services**

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& TISSUES

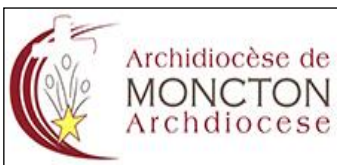
**Moncton Blood Donation is currently in need of blood donors.**

**500 Mapleton Road, Moncton**

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

Visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) for more information and to book an appointment.





## From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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### TENDING THE SOIL, TENDING THE SOWER 2022

This year's catechist formation will take place on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm. Our facilitator will be Dr. Anne Walsh, Coordinator of Partnership in Mission, Redemptorists and Adult Faith Formation Team for the Archdiocese of St. John's and she will give a presentation entitled "*WHERE HAS GOD WALKED WITH YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY? Exploring how we do mystagogy in everyday life*". Register by emailing Ellen Bennett at [ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com) or register online through the diocesan website at [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) → Pastoral Offices → Children's Catechesis → Formation Opportunities and click on the poster.

### 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, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am when we will talk about the (2003) comedy, *Bruce Almighty* starring Jim Carey. For more information or to register, contact Trevor.



*You're invited - Feast of St. Bernard  
Join us on Saturday, August 20, 2022,  
at the 9:30 AM Mass  
in honor of the Feast of St. Bernard*

Saint Bernard was born near Dijon, France, in 1090. In his *Apologia*, he wrote that it was because of his unruly nature that he chose the newly founded Cistercians, thinking their austerity could tame him. At 22, Bernard went to Cîteaux, an abbey known for its strict observance of St. Benedict's Rule.

His remarkable enthusiasm helped persuade his uncle, his brothers, and many friends to join him. A group of about 30 men left for the abbey. Within three years, Bernard was sent with 12 monks to a diocese in Champagne where, in a valley that came to be known as the Valley of Light ("Clairvaux") Bernard founded the monastery where he ruled as abbot for the rest of his life. From the time he became abbot until his death in 1153, Bernard dominated the religious and political life of Western Europe. His writings have had a lasting influence on Catholic Spirituality and his abbey became the motherhouse for dozens of Cistercian monasteries around the world. When Bernard died, Europe mourned. He was canonized in 1174 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1830.



# Dear Padre,

**A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?**

**T**he idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he *includes in it each person's free response to his grace*" (600; emphasis added).

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46).

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus says, "I came to bring division." It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up....Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth, and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties.

ANGELUS, AUGUST 18, 2013

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 15

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Rv 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

### Tuesday

AUGUST 16

*Weekday*

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

AUGUST 17

*Weekday*

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

AUGUST 18

*Weekday*

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

AUGUST 19

*Weekday*

Ez 37:1-14

Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

AUGUST 20

*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday

AUGUST 21

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30



