



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 4, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 9:13–18b

Phlm 9–10, 12–17

Lk 14:25–33

*So if you [Philemon]  
regard me as a partner,  
welcome [Onesimus]  
as you would me.*

PHILEMON 1:17



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## No Longer a Slave

**P**aul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting

everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?*
- ★ *How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?*



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

*Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes*

## **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**

### **ST. BERNARD'S MASS TIMES / INTENTIONS -WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2022**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Sep. 5</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Late Faye Hudson</b>	<b>Louise Ongo</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Sep. 8</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Late Rob Robichaud</b>	<b>Angela Kinden</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sep. 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Late Lodia Cormier</b>	<b>Angela Kinden</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sep. 10</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Anniv. late Betty Wedge</b>	<b>Nieces &amp; Nephews</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sep. 11</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Anniv. late Ruth Foran</b>	<b>Parishioner</b>
<b>St. Vincent</b>			<b>Sunday @ 9 AM</b>	
<b>St. Clement</b>			<b>Saturday @ 7 PM</b>	

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

**St. Bernard's      Saturday @ 1:00 - 1:30 PM**

### **PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM**

<b>Priest Moderator</b>	Fr. Allison S. Carroll (sick leave)	
<b>Administrator</b>	Fr. Charles Broderick	charlesbroderick1@gmail.com
<b>Assistant: (half-time)</b>	Fr. Charles Lokoka	
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<b>Social Justice</b>	Claudia McCloskey	
<b>Adult Faith</b>	Andrew Wilson	

### **STAFF**

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<b>Custodian</b>	Michel Saulnier	



**Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 9AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM**  
**Phone: 857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca**


# OFFERINGS

**AUGUST 27 & 28, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE**

Envelopes	\$ 2,595.00	Loose	\$ 251.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Capital Fund	\$ 110.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 34.00		

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

	<p><i>A time to mourn.....</i></p> <p><i>Sincere sympathies to the family of:</i></p>			
	<p><b>Herman Vringer</b></p>	<p><b>Husband of Martha, father of David &amp; Dennis</b></p>		
	<p><i>And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...</i></p>			

	<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>		
	<p><b>Beth Purcell</b></p>	<p><b>Marcelline Lokoka</b></p>	<p><b>Grant Stevenson</b></p>
	<p><i>And for all who care for them.</i></p>		



**For the Holy Father's general intention for September**  
**For the abolition of the death penalty**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



*Parish Office closed*  
*Monday, September 5, 2022*  
*In observance of Labour Day.*  
*Have a blessed and happy*  
*Long weekend!*





## *Prayer of the Faithful*

For all of us, the church: that we may preach the Gospel by word and example to all the world.

**We pray**

For all government leaders, that they may promote justice and unity in our world.

**We pray**

For all who are recovering from wildfires, hurricanes, or other disasters. That God will ease their suffering, give them hope, and strengthen all who assist them.

**We pray**

For courage: that God will strengthen us as we encounter our daily crosses.

**We pray**

For the grace to keep our eyes focused on Christ and to follow him with a renewed commitment.

**We pray**

For all the churches serving the greater Moncton area.

**We pray**



## *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.





## 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



### Local Pastoral Council

The diocesan **Report on Pastoral Restructuring** (February 8, 2000) envisions each parish having a Local Pastoral Council that *collaborates with the priest moderator, the other priests assigned to the parish, the members of the PMT, the lay pastoral workers and the RPC to the responsibility for the life of the Church in the community, for the sharing of the faith, the liturgy, for pastoral activities, and for the various duties and commitments of the faithful of the ecclesiastical community in accordance with the law. The LPC will ensure that, in offering its collaboration to the moderator ... it communicates the pastoral needs and interests of its local community.*

The LPC is an important element in the functioning of the parish and its pastoral life. As a consultative body it *is a privileged place of reflection and orientation of the pastoral activities of the local community.*

I am sure you are aware that we do not currently have a LPC here at St. Bernard's. Accordingly, we will take steps to have a properly functioning LPC this fall.

This is the first step during which we are invited to pray over and discern who in our midst are best suited for this role. As a second step, we will call for nominations in mid-September, and the third step will be an election to follow in late September, early October. This timeline should enable us to our LPC up and running this fall.

Please think about possible candidates, including yourself, and be prepared to submit nominations when called for in September.

Blessings.

*Fr. Charlie*



### Papal site mass

The Archdiocese of Moncton and the Knights of Columbus are inviting everyone to the Annual Papal Site Mass. Come and help us celebrate the **38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II** visit to Moncton, New Brunswick. There will be a

bilingual recital of the Rosary at the Prayer Garden at 10:00 am, at 11:00 am there will be a Pipe Ceremony, please wear the orange t-shirts Every Child Matters, if you have one, followed by a procession to the Papal Site for the 11:30 am celebration of the Mass. Following the Mass, there will be a family BBQ at the Prayer Garden. This celebration will be on Saturday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. If it rains, the celebration will be at the Notre Dame de Grace Church (Mountain Rd). If you want to order an orange t-shirt, contact Charlene 333-6759 [charlene.pelletier@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.pelletier@gmail.com). Money collected will go to the Indigenous Solidarity Fund.

### Laudato Si

The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation and to join together to pray for and protect our common home, Mother Earth. The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Integrity of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the beloved patron saint of ecology of many Christian denominations. The theme for 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." Please go to <http://www.diomoncton.ca> to discover the theme for each week.



**From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis**  
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### OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS CHANGE OF ADDRESS

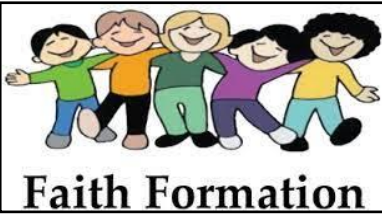
Please note the Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has moved to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview (5 Fatima Drive). The office can be reached by calling 857-4879 or emailing [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com).

### 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 Trevor Driesbeck at [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com), by calling 857-4879 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, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am when we will talk about the (2004) independent comedy, *Napoleon Dynamite*. For more information or to register, contact Trevor.



## **From the Office of Catechetics**

Dear families, children, and friends,

I am excited to start another catechetical year, with many familiar faces and some new ones.

All gatherings may now be held without restriction as to number and social distance, and so, all sessions will be in-person and we will meet in the church hall. It is our belief that families will have the richest catechetical experience through gathering in person as we have done in the past.

Sanitizer bottles will be maintained at various locations at the entrances, allowing people to sanitize their hands if they wish.

Masks are no longer required, but respect and acceptance must be shown to those who choose to wear them for health or safety reasons.

In-person sessions will start the week of **Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Registration for catechism will be on **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon-1:30 PM, in the main hall.**

Returning families, please keep an eye on your Inbox as I will be sending out registration forms via email.

The Registration Fee is \$30.00 for one child family and \$50.00 for families with more than one child. These fees are set by the Diocese to help offset the cost of the program and can be paid at the office or at our in-person registration. Unfortunately, we are not set up for e-transfers at this time.

**Please note:** all families planning to register with St. Bernard's catechism program must be registered as a family with St. Bernard's Church. Please complete the form if:

- You and your family are new to our parish.
- If your family information has changed.
- If you are unsure if your family is registered, then please complete a form.

Parish registration forms are available at the parish office, during our registration dates, or online at <http://www.stbernardschurch.ca> There is no cost to register your family with our parish.

Looking forward to seeing all of you this fall,

Blessings Always,

Lorella



# Dear Padre,

## It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?

**T**he Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early

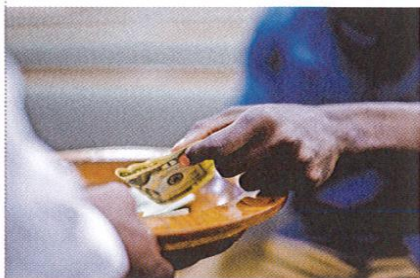
Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs,

dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father’s embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.*

ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1–11

Lk 6:12–19

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 8

*Nativity of the Blessed*

*Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1–4a

or Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23

or 1:18–23

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 9

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14–22

Lk 6:43–49

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 11

*Twenty-fourth Sunday*

*in Ordinary Time*

Ex 32:7–11, 13–14

1 Tm 1:12–17

Lk 15:1–32

or 15:1–10

## DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.

Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).