

Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

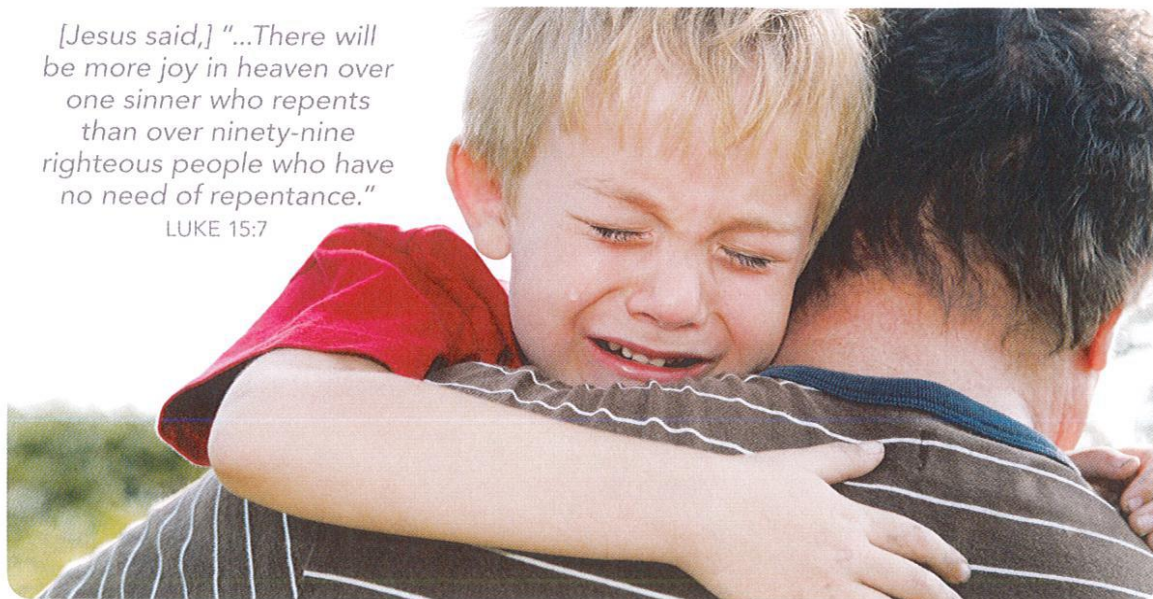
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✧ *Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15:*
"Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"
- ✧ *Where might you show compassion to others?*

[Jesus said,] "...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7



SUZANNE TICKER / SHUTTERSTOCK



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

*In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.*

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 12-18, 2022

Mon.	Sep. 12	9:30 AM	Late Rob Robichaud	Joe & Deb D'Ettore
Thur.	Sep. 15	9:30 AM	Late Barbara McKenna	Carmella Murphy
Fri.	Sep. 16	9:30 AM	Late Chris Fergusson	Greg & Cathie Murphy
Sat.	Sep. 17	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Inez Kervin	Heather
Sun.	Sep. 18	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Mary Inez Kervin	Charles & Mary Arsenault
St. Vincent			Sunday @ 9 AM	
St. Clement			Saturday @ 7 PM	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

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

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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

OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 5,810.00	Loose	\$ 196.30
Building Fund	\$ 285.00	Capital Fund	\$ 1,927.10
Karing Kitchen	\$ 108.30	Religious Education	\$ 307.00
Needs of Can. Church	\$ 10.00	Indigenous Rec. fund	\$ 10.00
Donation	\$ 45.00	Reconnect	\$ 20.00
Syrian Relief	\$ 40.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

*A time to mourn.....
Sincere sympathies to
all those 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

Grant Stevenson

Larry Byron

Cheryl Allerston

And for all who care for them.

*Let
us
pray*

**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.

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.





ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

Takes place Sunday, October 2nd, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Champlain st. (beginning at Paul St. Dieppe). Arrive for 2:15 p.m. for the prayer and departure will be from Burger King, Paul St. We pray while

distancing and in silence for the protection of the unborn and their families. Info Sr. Cécile F. at 857 9414.

Second Sunday of the Season of Creation – Listen to the Voice of Nourishing Earth

“Life’s prime needs are water, bread, and clothing, and also a house for decent privacy.”
Sirach 29:21

Our mother Earth provides all its creatures all the food that we need. It is we as human that seem to waste food. Four areas of action are proposed by Pope Francis in his message for World Food Day 2021: “I would like to indicate four areas where action is urgently needed: in the fields, at sea, at the table and in reducing food losses and waste. What can we do? To learn more please go to <http://www.diomoncton.ca>



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.

TENDING THE SOIL, TENDING THE SOWER 2022

This year’s catechist formation will take place on Saturday, September 17th from 8:30 am – 2:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary (5 Fatima Drive, Riverview). Please note refreshments and a light brunch will be served. 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. Anne is one of Canada’s leading catechists and is respected across the nation for her contribution to catechetics. She has presented to the Archdiocese of Moncton in the past. 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, by calling 857-4879 or register online through the diocesan website at 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 26th at 10:30 am when we will talk about the (2004) independent comedy, *Napoleon Dynamite*. For more information or to register, contact Trevor.



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
Baptism Prep Course	Sunday's, September 18 & 25 @ 1:30 pm	Meeting Room



Local Pastoral Council Nominations

As noted in recent bulletins, St. Bernard's is without a Local Pastoral Council (LPC) and it is our hope to reinstitute the LPC this fall. Accordingly, we are inviting parishioners to nominate potential candidates for the LPC. To nominate, you simply have to send the name and telephone number of your nominee to the parish office either by dropping it in the collection, sending it by email or hard copy. The parish administration will contact each nominee to get his/her consent to have his/her name on the ballot.

Nominations will be received up to noon Friday, September 23.

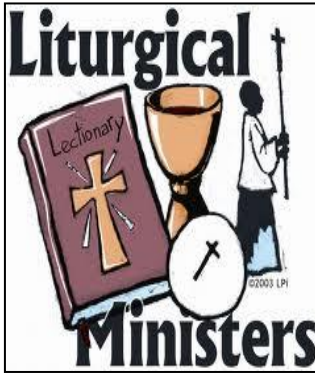
General Qualifications for Members of LPC:

1. Must be 18 years of age or older
2. Be a Christian of "proven faith, good morals, and outstanding prudence."
3. Be a registered member of the parish (or be willing to register)
4. Be reasonably familiar with the parish and its activities
5. Be able to work in a group setting
6. Be committed to personal growth

Spend some time discerning your choice, and then submit your recommendation.

Blessings,

Fr. Charlie



Called to serve in Liturgical Ministries

Volunteering in parish liturgical ministries is very rewarding.

It is a wonderful way to serve our Lord and to get to know fellow parishioners.

Do you feel called? Are you interested in serving your Church in one of the following ministries?

Greeters: The role of the greeter is to warmly welcome all as they enter the church. At the end of Mass, they pass out the parish bulletin.

Altar Servers: The main role of the server is to assist the priest during the celebration of Mass. The altar serving team consists of the cross bearer and two candle bearers. This ministry is open to men, women & children. (*Who are mature enough to understand their responsibilities and have received their First Communion*) Servers are needed for weekday, weekend, and funeral Masses.

Communion Minister: A communion minister is a parishioner who serves the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during Communion at Mass. The presider serves communion to these ministers first and they then distribute what they have received to the parish community. The most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ.

Lectors (ministers of the Word): As a faith community we gather to hear God's word in scripture.

Lectors are parishioners who love the word of God. They prepare well, read with conviction, and make God's word come alive for us.

Sacristan: The Sacristan Ministry is a "behind the scenes" service which can be done by individuals or couples who wish to offer this service. The Sacristan prepares for and looks after the care and cleaning of the vessels used at Mass.

If you are interested in any of the above ministries, please contact the parish office at 857-0425. Training will be provided.

It is in the giving that we receive. (St. Francis of Assisi)



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Edna Daley-Landry

On the occasion of her

97th birthday

*Open House on Sunday, September 25, 1-4 pm
Christ the King Golden Age Club, 305 Dominion St.*



Catechism Announcement 2022-2023

In-person registration Sunday September 11th

12noon-1:30PM- in church hall

**All registrations can be emailed or dropped off at the parish office by
September 16th, 2022.**

Catechism will resume this fall with all in-person biweekly gatherings.

Year 1-2-3

*Sunday September 25th @ 9:15AM-10:30AM **or***

Tuesday September 27th @ 6PM-7:30PM

Year 4-5-6

*Sunday September 25th @ 12:15PM-1:30PM **or***

Wednesday September 28th @ 6PM-7:30PM

Year 7 (Confirmation)

Sunday September 25th 3:00PM-4:15PM-Parent Candidate meeting

Blessings,

Lorella - Catechism Coordinator

Dear Padre,

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith.

"The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.



Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022



Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13

*St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14

*Exaltation of the
Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1–11

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

Friday

SEPTEMBER 16

*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

*Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Am 8:4–7

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13