

#### November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C) 2 Sm 5:1–3 Col 1:12–20 Lk 23:35–43

# Hail, Christ Our King

The readings for today's feast create a collage of images that capture different characteristics of Christ's kingship. "Shepherd" assures us his kingly rule is characterized by tenderness. "King of Israel" locates him squarely within human time and space. "Image of the Invisible God" acclaims his divine origin. "Firstborn of all Creation" places him over the entire created world. "Source of all Created Things" acknowledges him as the model after which all things were fashioned. "Head of the Body, the Church" underscores the intimacy and interrelationship between him and all those joined to him through faith and baptism. "Firstborn of the Dead" acclaims his resurrection and guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death.

The Gospel's image of Christ as the crucified king clearly interprets all the other images. He is a shepherd who protects his flock with his life, a king who rules with dedication despite shame and defeat, divine yet accepted death on a cross. He was God who became a

vulnerable child of earth, a simple man who offered himself as sacrifice, the one through whom we will all enjoy resurrection from the dead.

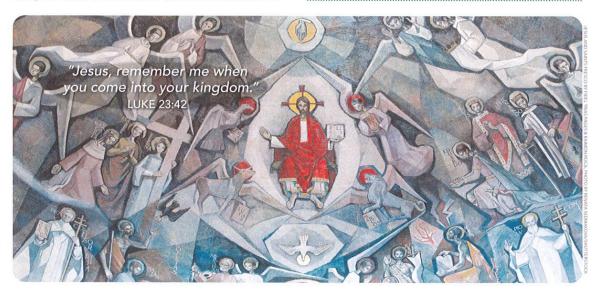
In the last words of the Gospel, Jesus opens the gates of his kingdom to a repentant sinner: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This is what all of us long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Editor's note: This is Sr. Dianne Bergant's final reflection for Our Parish Community. She will continue to serve as professor of biblical studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. When a new liturgical cycle begins on November 27, 2022, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Fr. Joseph Juknialis. The people of Liguori Publications thank Sr. Dianne for her three years of insightful reflections. We wish her well.

# FOR Reflection

- \* Which image of Christ inspires you? Why?
- \* What must you do to allow Christ to have sway in your life?





Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David

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	ST. BERNARD'S MASS TIMES / INTENTIONS - WEEK OF Nov 21 - 27, 2022				
Mon.	Nov. 21	9:30 AM	Late Marie Rowe	Denise LeBlanc	
Wed.	Nov 23	7:00 PM	Mass of the deceased		
Thur.	Nov. 24	9:30 AM	Late Jeff Ermen	Denise LeBlanc	
Fri.	Nov. 25	9:30 AM	Late Mick Coughran	Family	
Sat.	Nov. 26	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Paul Melanson	Jeanne Melanson	
Sun.	Nov. 27	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Bob Lennox	Jane & family	
St. Vincent			Sunday @ 9 AM		
St. Clement			Saturday @ 7 PM		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION				
St. Bernard's	Saturday @ 1:00 - 1:30 PM			

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OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425

OFFERINGS						
NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE						
Envelopes	\$	6,676.67	Loose	\$	259.00	
Building Fund	\$	50.00	Capital Fund	\$	4,973.33	
Karing Kitchen	\$	15.00	Evangelization of People	\$	20.00	
All Souls	\$	20.00	Needy Fund	\$	1,195.00	
Donation	\$	100.00	Indigenous Fund	\$	15.00	
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!						

In Sympathy	A time to mourn Sincere sympathies to the family of:				
Jim Farrell	Husband of Greta				
And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one					



### Ecclesiastes 3...

Under every season there is a time... A time to heal. We remember in our prayers those who are sick...

Beth Purcell	Grant Stevenson	Gerald Bouma		
Judy Chiasson	Brent Perry	Roger Berube		
Beulah Taylor-Richard	Tony MacInnis	Patricia Devine		
Michelle Bastarache	Lori Rigby			
And for all who care for them.				



# For the Holy Father's general intention for November For children who suffer

We pray children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Carmelites	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of month, 9:00 -11:00 AM	Meeting Room		
Prayer Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat & last Sat. of each month @ 7 PM	Church Hall		
RCIA	1st & 3rd Weds. of month @ 6:30 PM	Meeting Room		
Baptism Preparation	Monday, November 28 @6 PM	Meeting Room		
Advent Evening Prayer	Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22 @ 6 PM	Church		
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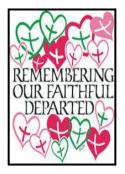
# Book of the Faithful Departed

During the month of November, we remember and pray for deceased loved ones.

The Church encourages us to continue this tradition by entering the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book Of The Faithful Departed.

<u>Please note: If loved ones' names were previously entered in the book their names are still in the book and they will be remembered during our liturgies. No need to write their names in again.</u>

The book of the Faithful Departed will be placed at the entrance of the church for the whole month of November. Anyone is welcome to enter names of deceased family members or friends who have died during the past year.



## St. Bernard's Mass of the Deceased

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the Mass of the Deceased on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM

It is an important time to come together as a Parish Community to remember & honor the memory of all those who have died in the past year.

Also, to show support and care to all of those who have lost a loved one.

#### **REFLECTION ON THE STORY OF CREATION. GENESIS 1**

As we begin our journey of conversion and transformation in the Archdiocese, understanding the root of our present ecological crisis is our starting point. You are invited to participate in a reflection on the story of creation from the Book of Genesis on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland Dr., Moncton. All are welcome.



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#### **Faith Experiments Express**

Children in grades 1 through 6 are invited back to Faith Experiments Express where we use science experiments to teach about God and Scripture. Sessions are conducted via Zoom and our next session will take place on December 5th at 6:00 PM. For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com

#### Mondays @ The Movies

Mondays @ The Movies is a group that meets regularly to discuss faith connections in popular films. This year we will have a special series of discussions called Advent @ The Movies where we will meet every Monday on Zoom for three consecutive weeks beginning **Monday**, **November 28th at 10:30 am** when we will talk about the (1951) family classic *Scrooge (A Christmas Carol)*, starring Alastair Sim. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss the (2006) *Children of Men*, and on December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be talking about the (1982) *E.T. the Extraterrestrial*. For more information or to register, contact Karen.

## **Conversations Around Death and Dying (MAiD)**

One theme arising from previous sessions on MAiD was that many of us are uncomfortable discussing our own death as well as the death of a loved one. However, honest conversations (about values, good palliative care, or advanced care planning) can help to improve the care we receive at the end of our lives. In response to this, the Committee Looking at Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is planning a session for **Monday, November 21st at Holy Family (Falkland Street, Moncton) from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**. The session will be led by Pam Driedger, member of the Adult Faith Commission and a Director of Spiritual Care at the Moncton Hospital with Horizon Health Network. The aim of this session will be to help families start conversations about death and dying before circumstances force them to. How can families and loved ones accompany those who find themselves struggling with illness, pain and difficult medical circumstances? Register with Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198, karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diomoncton.ca  $\rightarrow$  Pastoral Offices  $\rightarrow$  Adult Faith  $\rightarrow$  Formation Opportunities.

# **Formation for Baptism Preparation Teams**

Formation for those involved in preparing parents for the baptism of their children will take place on **Saturday**, **November 26**<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Riverview.

### **Adult Faith Commission**

The next meeting of the Adult Faith Commission will take place on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, in the basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.



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#### **Transformed Through the Eucharist**

All parents of children preparing to receive First Eucharist in the spring of 2023 at any parish within the English sector are asked to attend a session taking place on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview. Registration for children receiving the sacrament will take place from 6:00 pm until 6:30 pm, with the remaining time devoted to a discussion of the Eucharist. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com. Please note this session will also be open to anyone interested in learning more about the Eucharist, but registration is still necessary.

#### **Sacramental Preparation Committee**

The Committee planning sacramental preparation resources will meet again on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Riverview.

#### Family Movie Save the Date!

We will be showing the 2018 animated version of *The Grinch* on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm (following 11:00 am mass) at the Dan Bohan Center in Riverview. This event is open to families from all parishes. Because refreshments will be served, registration will be necessary. For more information, contact Karen.

#### Family Event Save the Date!

On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we will be offering a Family event entitled "Night in Bethlehem," at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Riverview. More information will be forthcoming. Contact Karen with any questions.



### **Advent Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)**

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. We are encouraged to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer? It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship. All parishioners of our parish unit are invited and encouraged to gather for the Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) on Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church

December 1, 8, 15 & 22 @ 6:00 PM



## **2022 - 2023 - Sunday Missals**

We will have a limited number of Sunday Missals at the cost of \$ 5 each. You may purchase a copy at the Parish office during regular office hours Mon-Fri, 9-12 & 1-4 or when attending masses at the main entrance of the church.



# Taking Holy Communion, a wonderful ministry to the sick, out to those unable to attend Mass

For those who minister Holy Communion to the sick in hospitals, nursing homes and or private homes. We ask that once the Blessed Sacrament has been placed in the pyx, it be put in a burse (pouch) and carried with

great reverence, usually around the neck.

Holy Communion is to be taken directly from the Church to the sick and is never to be carried while running errands or carrying out other duties.

For those who are who are bringing Holy Communion to persons in one of the above situations, please ask us for a burse in which to carry the Blessed Sacrament / pyx.



#### World Day of Youth November 20

Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, this observance has taken place on Palm Sunday. In 2020 Pope Francis

transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

"Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart." (Pope Francis)



#### **Season of Advent:**

The first Sunday of Advent – November 27th, 2022 Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



# The last week of the Liturgical Year is devoted to eschatological themes:

Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. "There, with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord." (EP IV)

# Dear Padre,

Can all good people go to heaven after they die, even if they haven't been a Christian? My dad is from India and grew up with another religion. The rest of my family is Catholic. I am afraid that we won't see each other again after we die.

Put your mind at ease. A person who is a not a Christian can go to heaven. Heaven is not just for Christians, but for everyone who loves God and responds to God's will in his or her life.

We know that God wants all people to be saved, not just Christians. Jesus began a Church to help people achieve salvation. The Church teaches that those who seek "the truth and [do] the will of God in accordance with their understanding of it can be saved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1260). What we know as Catholics is that God called us into the Church. It is there that we will work out our salvation. "Since Christ died for all, and since all are called to one and the same destiny, which is divine," we must believe that the Holy Spirit makes a way for everyone, a way that only God knows (*CCC* 1260).

You should pray for your dad and be a faithful Catholic. Perhaps your good example will help him become a Christian. Even if he never becomes a Christian, your prayers will help him work out his salvation without the benefit of the sacraments and a believing community. If he does what is right, God will reward him.

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# A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor....We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live.

MESSAGE, WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

# Calendar

#### Monday

NOVEMBER 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5 Lk 21:1–4

#### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Rv 14:14–19 Lk 21:5–11

#### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 23 Weekday Rv 15:1–4 Lk 21:12–19

#### Thursday

NOVEMBER 24
St. Andrew Düng-Lac,
Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs
Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;
19:1–3, 9a
Lk 21:20–28
Thanksgiving Day (US)
Sir 50:22–24
1 Cor 1:3–9
Lk 17:11–19

#### Friday

NOVEMBER 25 *Weekday* Rv 20:1–4, 11—21:2 Lk 21:29–33

#### Saturday

NOVEMBER 26 Weekday Rv 22:1–7 / Lk 21:34–36

#### Sunday

NOVEMBER 27 First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1–5 Rom 13:11–14 Mt 24:37–44

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