

The night is advanced, the day is
at hand. Let us then throw off the
works of darkness [and] put on the
armor of light.

ROMANS 13:12

The Waiting Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later we eagerly wait to get our driver's license and then to move out on our own for our first real job and then the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return.

Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look

back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves.

Reflect

***Has there ever been
a time when you
didn't recognize that
God was with you?***

Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us. ●



Fr. Joseph Juknialis, a retired priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is the new author of reflections for Liguori Publications' *Our Parish Community* bulletins. Fr. Joe has served in ministry as a parish priest and a teacher of homiletics at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Retirement has given him time for hiking, canoeing, writing, poetry, gin rummy, the Green Bay Packers, and pursuing his appreciation of nature. In noting the most amazing aspect of his life, Fr. Joe says, "God has always brought me to the place I should be."



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

*Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.*

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 Nov. 28 – Dec. 4, 2022

Mon.	Nov. 28	9:30 AM	Late Bobby Girourd	Chuck & Jessie Kinney
Thur.	Dec. 1	9:30 AM	Late Shannon Smith	Alison Smith
Fri.	Dec. 2	9:30 AM	Late Mick Coughran	Family
Sat.	Dec. 3	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Dec. 4	11:00 AM	Late Theresa Tran	Anna Tran
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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IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:
ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca
OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425

OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 4,060.00	Loose	\$ 274.90
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Capital Fund	\$ 110.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 20.00	Evangelization of People	\$ 15.00
All Souls	\$ 35.00	Needy Fund	\$ 772.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00	Reconnect	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

*A time to mourn.....
Sincere sympathies to the families of:*



Belkis Ines Jerez

Mother of Adelso

Viola Parsons

Wife of (late husbands) Ola and William, mother of Terry, Linda, Annette, Cecile, Paul & Ginette

Martinus "Marty" Van Egmond

Husband of Pam, father of Trevor, Jamie & Derek

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

Grant Stevenson

Judy Chiasson

Roger Berube

Beulah Taylor-Richard

Ida Caruso

Tony MacInnis

Patricia Devine

Michelle Bastarache

Lori Rigby

Catalino Virtudazo



Bill Connor

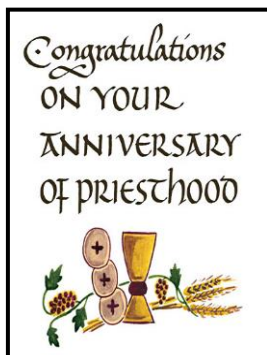
Terry LeBlanc

Ed Muise

And for all who care for them.

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	1 st Weds. of month, Dec. 7 @ 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

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers</i> </div>  </div>		
<p>Once again, this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for <u>Christmas flowers</u> in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or mailed to the parish office. (43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9) Names will be in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.</p>		
In Memory of:		
Donated by:		
Address:		
\$ Amount		Envelope # (if applicable)



**Father Charlie Broderick was ordained as a priest in the
Archdiocese of Moncton December 1, 2012.**

Join us on Friday, December 2, after the 9:30 AM Mass,
in the parish hall, to celebrate this anniversary. All are welcome.

God's continual blessings upon him.

We thank him for all that he does in the service of God.



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

To contact us: Trevor-857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Karen-387-4198 karen.diocese@gmail.com

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 5th, we will discuss the (2006) *Children of Men*, and on December 12th, we will be talking about the (1982) *E.T. the Extraterrestrial*. For more information or to register, contact Karen.

Adult Faith Commission

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

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 1st, 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 7th 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 4th 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 9th at 6:00 pm, we will be offering a Family event entitled "Night in Bethlehem," at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Riverview. Contact Karen to register.

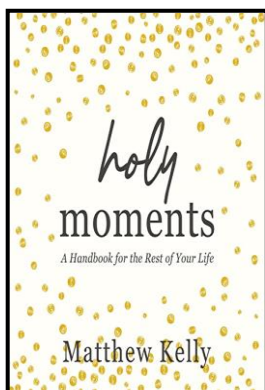
St. Bernard's Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday	December 24	5:00 PM, 8:00 PM, & 10:00 PM
Sunday	December 25	11:00 AM
Further details for Parish Unit & Advent Reconciliation will be in next week's bulletin		



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**



New Book Available

"My desire is to unleash a massive tidal wave of Holy Moments by raising up an amazing grassroots movement to transform our culture one Holy Moment at a time." Matthew Kelly, author of Holy Moments.

We have purchased a number of copies of this book. Its message is simple, and it is an easy read. If we do as Matthew suggests, who knows what the results will be? Copies are available at the entrance of the church. **We invite you to take a copy, read it (more than once even), and, when finished, return it so that another parishioner may benefit from it.**

Let us add to the "tidal wave of Holy Moments". Blessings - Fr. Charlie



St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League will have their annual St. Nicholas party in the church hall on Sun., Dec.4 from 230-5pm. Members are invited to bring finger foods. Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution toward Christmas boxes may do so. Membership dues continue to be collected until the end of Dec. Women in the parish who wish to come to the party and find out more about CWL are welcome to attend.

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 at a reflection on the story of creation from the Book of Genesis. This reflection will be offered at three different locations on different dates: **on Sunday, November 27th, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Holy Family Church, at St. Augustine on Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm (in the basement of the Church) and at St. Bernard's on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 (in the basement of the Church).** All are welcome.



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Shirley Clement

On the occasion of her 88th birthday November 29, 2022



**The Advent season is the beginning
of a new year in our liturgical church life.**

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation [Norms 39]. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in

which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the General Norms point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Properly speaking, Advent is a season that recalls the Two Comings of Christ. Advent remains a time of preparation, however, the focus is on a joyous preparation. The circle of greens with four candles (The **first candle** symbolizes **hope**, the purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting. The **second candle** represents **faith**, it is also purple to symbolize preparation for the coming king. The **third candle** symbolizes **joy**, the color rose signifies joy. The **fourth candle** represents **peace**, it is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah. Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. ***No matter what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year, it is always a part of the Paschal Mystery, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.*** We are an Easter people even during this season. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light. The Advent season should be an accounting of how we have lived our lives over the past year. Have we become better disciples? Has there been a change in our hearts? If not what needs to change? Has our faith life deepened? How? What steps have we taken to work on our relationship with God, with Jesus, with our Church community? What are some of the acts of kindness or generosity that we could do that could start in Advent, but continue throughout the year?

**Advent is meant to be the beginning of a new heart.
How will you change this Advent season for the long term?**

Heart of Christmas 2022 Benefit Concert will take place December 18th 12:00 noon to 3:00pm at St. Augustine's, 340 Dominion Street, Moncton in the Church Basement. Along with entertainment, there will be a baked goods sale, silent auction and more. All Proceeds will go to feed the needy and vulnerable of our community.

Dear Padre,

Should adopted children know who their biological parents are?

Arguments can be made in favor of and against adopted children knowing their biological origins. It appears more and more that adoption agencies encourage knowledge of biological parents over closed adoptions, where this information is not known by the child or the adopting parents. There are many issues here that are packed emotionally, such as why a person was placed for adoption, fear by adopting parents that this new information could compromise their relationship with their child, perhaps fear on the part of biological parents that they will be asked to be involved in a relationship against their wishes.

An argument to be made in favor of disclosure about one's biological parents has to do with one's health. Today we realize that challenges to our health come not just from bacteria and viruses that invade our system from outside ourselves, but also from within, that is, from genetic predispositions to heart disease, diabetes, and other disorders that could compromise our well-being. This information becomes more critical when persons are of an age to marry and to bear their own children. They might want to know as much information as possible to act responsibly in bearing and raising children. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 28 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 4:2–6 Mt 8:5–11	November 29 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 11:1–10 Lk 10:21–24	November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Rom 10:9–18 Mt 4:18–22	December 1 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 26:1–6 Mt 7:21, 24–27	December 2 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 29:17–24 Mt 9:27–31	December 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i> Is 30:19–21, 23–26 Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8	December 4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Is 11:1–10 Rom 15:4–9 Mt 3:1–12



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today it is our task to keep watch: to overcome the temptation of thinking that life means accumulating....It is up to us to unmask the deception that we are happy when we have many things...and to believe that prayer and charity...are the greatest of treasures.

**HOMILY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
DECEMBER 1, 2019**