



Holy Voices

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens

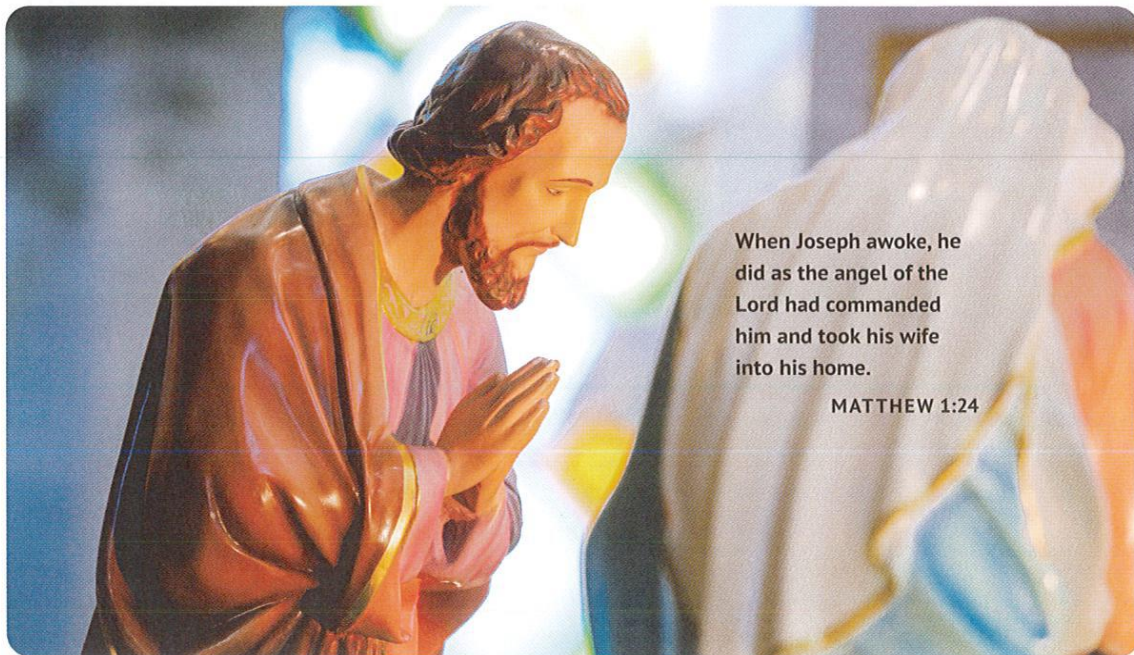
to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

Reflect

Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed? What came of it?

Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

MATTHEW 1:24



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

*The virgin shall be with child and bear a son;
and they shall name him Emmanuel: God is with 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 DEC. 19-25, 2022

Mon.	Dec. 19	9:30 AM	Late Jeff Ermen	Rose- Marie Cormier
Thur.	Dec. 22	9:30 AM	Late Jeff Ermen	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Fri.	Dec. 23	9:30 AM	Late Robert Alain	Wife & family
Sat.	Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Late Robert Alain	Angela, Patrick & Jean-Luc
		8:00 PM	Anniv. Late Connell Whitehead	Gloria & Veronica
		10:00 PM	Late Carmine DiSaverio	Harold & Carolyn O'Brien
Sun.	Dec. 25	11:00 AM	For the People	
St. Vincent			Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 11 AM	
St. Clement			Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 9 AM	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

St. Bernard's	Saturday @ 1:00 - 1:30 PM
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Parish office hours: Monday - Thursday: 9AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM

Friday- Office Closed

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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

DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2022 OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 5,455.00	Loose	\$ 218.10
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	Capital Fund	\$ 330.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 31.00	Christmas Offering	\$ 385.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 445.00	Religious Education	\$ 40.00
Christmas Boxes	\$ 400.00	Needy Fund	\$ 240.00
Needs of Can Church	\$ 40.00	Reconnect	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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



Patricia Lane **Wife of (late)William, mother of Shane, Tim, Chris, Bill & (late) Shelley**

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	Judy Chiasson
Roger Berube	Ida Caruso	Patricia Devine
Lori Rigby	Catalino Virtudazo	Bill Connor
Terry LeBlanc	Ed Muise	Felix Pestana
Boyd Clory		

And for all who care for them.



Calling All Knitters Yarn is available at the Parish office for knitters who wish to make hats, mittens, etc. for the Advent Mitten Tree. Thank you to all the dedicated past and present knitters!



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 interactive science experiments to teach about God and Scripture. Sessions are conducted via Zoom and our next session will take place **January 9th** at 6:00 pm. For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com. Register online at www.dimoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development.

Formation for Parish R.C.I.A. Teams

Mark the dates! We are pleased to offer a series of four virtual formation sessions led by Catherine Ecker, a lead Canadian voice in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Each session will take place on Zoom and run from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The dates will be **January 30th, February 13th, March 6th, and March 20th** and upon the completion of four sessions each participant will receive a certificate from the Archdiocese. This formation is designed for Parish R.C.I.A. teams and others involved in sacramental initiation but is open to anyone interested and would like to learn more. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com. Register online by www.dimoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.

Conversations Around Death and Dying (Rexton/Richibucto)

Since 2016, a diocesan committee has been offering formation and information sessions in response to the legalization of medical assistance in dying (MAiD). One theme arising from these sessions was that many of us are uncomfortable discussing the subject of death. 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 diocesan Committee looking at End of Life Pastoral Care is planning a session for **Saturday, January 28th at Immaculate Conception Church in Rexton (10 School Street) from 10:30 am – 12:00 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.dimoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.

Furniture needed

As the YMCA ReConnect program works to get individuals in appropriate housing, there is a need for furnishings, particularly beds. If you have anything that could help, please contact the ReConnect office at 857-0606.



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 22 @ 6:00 PM



We are nearing the end of 2022!

It is a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you may have missed over the year. Together as a parish community we can meet St. Bernard's financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, and preauthorized payments. **All donations for 2022 must be received prior to December 31st to be included in 2022 taxation receipts. Thank you for your continued generosity!!**



Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers



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 **Christmas flowers** 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.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
\$ Amount	
Envelope # (if applicable)	

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
Advent Evening Prayer	Thursdays, Dec.22 @ 6 PM	Church
Baptism Preparation	Monday, January 9 & 16 @ 6PM	Meeting Room



Faith Formation

Sunday

Years 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM: Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM

Session #8-----January 8, 2023
 Session #9-----January 22, 2023
 Session #10-----February 5, 2023
 Session #11-----February 12, 2023
 Session #12-----February 26, 2023
 Session #13-----March 19, 2023
 Session #14-----April 2, 2023
 Session #15-----April 16, 2023
 Session #16-----April 30, 2023

Tuesday Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM

Wednesday Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM

Session #8 January 10, 2023-----January 11, 2023
 Session #9 January 24, 2023-----January 25, 2023
 Session #10 February 7, 2023-----February 8, 2023
 Session #11 February 14, 2023-----February 15, 2023
 Session #12 February 28, 2023-----March 1, 2023
 Session # 13 March 21, 2023-----March 22, 2023
 Session #14 April 4, 2023-----April 5, 2023
 Session #15 April 18, 2023-----April 19, 2023
 Session #16 May 2, 2023-----May 3, 2023



Helping those in need

In support of outreach to the homeless, the downtown churches (St. Bernard's, St. George's, First Moncton Baptist & Central United) will be collecting the following items: blankets, socks and underwear. Bins will be set up at the main entrance of the church to receive these donated items. Thank you.



*The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit
Christmas / New Year's Mass Schedule*

Saturday, Christmas Eve - December 24

St. Bernard's	5:00 PM, ***8:00 PM*** & 10:00 PM
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*****PLEASE NOTE: INCENSE WILL BE USED AT 8 PM MASS DECEMBER 24*****

Sunday, Christmas Day- December 25

St. Clement's	9:00 AM
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St. Bernard's	11:00 AM
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St. Vincent	11:00 AM
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Saturday, New Year's Eve, December 31

St. Bernard's	4:00 PM
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St. Clement's	7:00 PM
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Sunday, New Year's Day-January 1

St. Vincent's	9:00 AM
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St. Bernard's	11:00 AM
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Dear Padre,

My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the “Eucharist.” I grew up calling it the “Mass.” Why the difference?

Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. “Eucharist” was used to describe the early Church’s gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means “the sending.” This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” In the Latin Mass, this phrase is “*ite missa est*.” No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the “missa” or “mass.” Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the “dismissal,” or the “Mass.” ●

— *The Redemptorists*
DearPadre.org

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
December 19 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a Lk 1:5–25	December 20 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 7:10–14 Lk 1:26–38	December 21 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Sg 2:8–14 Lk 1:39–45	December 22 <i>Advent Weekday</i> 1 Sm 1:24–28 Lk 1:46–56	December 23 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Mal 3:1–4, 23–24 Lk 1:57–66	December 24 <i>Advent Weekday</i> 2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67–79	December 25 <i>Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i> Is 52:7–10 Heb 1:1–6 Jn 1:1–18



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.

HOMILY, MASS FOR BEGINNING OF
PETRINE MINISTRY, MARCH 19, 2013