



Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said we never become a believer before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week's Gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the

Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

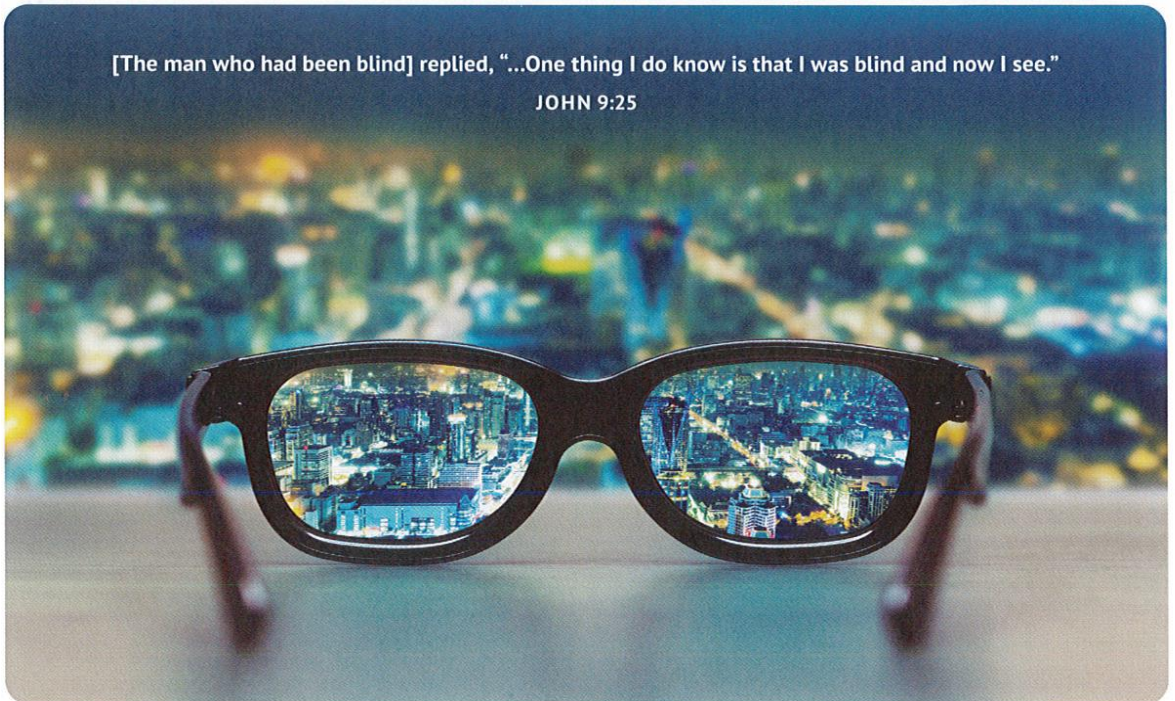
Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. ●

Reflect

*Where am I on the journey of faith?
How open are my eyes?*

[The man who had been blind] replied, "...One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

JOHN 9:25



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Monday to Friday, 9-12 & 1-4

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St. Vincent's

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St. Clement's

14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9

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Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions: March 20-26, 2023

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Mar. 20	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Donald Wood	Jeanne Wood
Thur.	Mar. 23	9:30 AM	Late Patricia Joyce	Brian & Helene Gallie
Fri.	Mar. 24	9:30 AM	Late Lois Gallie	Lowell & Roberta Brine
Sat.	Mar. 25	4:00 PM	Late Denis Deveau	Marcia King
Sun.	Mar. 26	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Ben Evers	Jeanita & family

St. Clement's

Sat.	Mar. 25	7:00 PM	Late Brian Harris	Patsy Murphy
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Mar. 26	9:00 AM	For the People	
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Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturdays, 1:00 PM at St. Bernard's

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Ministry Team		
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Catechetical Coordinator	Cathy Crinnion	
St Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	

OFFERINGS			
March 11 & 12, 2023			
St. Bernard's			
Envelopes	\$ 2,890.00	Loose	\$ 524.05
Karing Kitchen	\$ 110.10	Share Lent	\$ 90.00
New Years Day	\$ 20.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 50.00
Capital Fund	\$ 375.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00
St. Clement's			
Envelopes	\$ 255.00	Capital Fund	\$ 50.00
St. Vincent's			
Envelopes	\$ 2,005.00	Loose	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00	Funeral	\$ 200.00
HST	\$ 1,025.68	Maintenance	\$ 90.00
<i>Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!</i>			



St. Bernards Church is open daily during Lent
Monday to Friday 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Sundays 2:00 - 3:00 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR		
Carmelites	April 2023 - 3 rd 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 & 3 rd Wednesdays of the month @ 6:30 PM	Meeting Room
Evening Prayer	March 22, 29 & April 5 @ 6 PM	Church
Penitential Service	March 26 @ 2 PM	Church



Vacant Office Position

Receptionist/Bookkeeper.

As Receptionist, the duties include, but are not be limited to: receiving the public in person or via phone, email and texts; preparing and printing the weekly bulletin; maintaining various parish records, ordering office and building supplies. As Bookkeeper, the duties include, but are not limited to: data entry of all funds received; maintenance and reconciliation of bank records; supervision of the counting of weekly donations; preparing and issuing cheques and invoices; preparing payroll; preparing financial statements; preparation of income tax receipts. The successful applicant will have respectful and professional communication skills, comfort with/working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) and Quickbooks (or equivalent). Hours: 30 hours weekly. Salary to be negotiated based on experience.

Applications received via email (sbhf@rogers.com) or hard copy by noon, Monday, March 20, 2023.

St Vincent's

FAITH FORMATION

The Primary group will meet today after mass and the Elementary group will meet next on March 26th. We ask that you please wear masks when entering/moving about the room, and consider staying home if you are feeling ill.

Sacramental preparation: First Communion preparation participants will meet with catechist Lynn Sitland on March 26th. Confirmation candidates will meet again with catechist Andrew Wilson on April 15th, and can use the time in the interim to continue their works of discipleship and add some 'helpful hands' to our community service poster in the church vestibule. We ask for the congregation's prayers for these children and their parents as they journey along with their sacramental preparations!

For any participant or volunteer inquiries for the program, now until mid-May, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470.



From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

To contact us:

Trevor: 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com

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

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

The fourth and final R.C.I.A. session with Catherine Ecker will take place via Zoom on March 20th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Monday @ The Movies – Lent Goes to the Movies

Everyone is invited to join our film discussion series taking place during Lent. Our remaining discussions will take place on March 27th (Loving, 2016); and April 3rd (The Mission, 1986). Each discussion will take place at 10:30 am via Zoom. Monday @ The Movies is a discussion group that meets regularly via Zoom to talk about faith connections in popular movies. Contact Karen for more information or to register.

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 March 27th at 6:00 pm. For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com. Register online at www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development.

'The Hour Has Come' 3-Day Lenten Retreat

The natural world, the world created by God and infused by Divine Spirit, is crying out. The cry of the earth, as Pope Francis tells us in *Laudato Si*, is also the cry of the poor. Our neglect—and worse, our abuse—of the earth and its natural resources is evident in many measurable ways. Polar ice caps are melting; plant and animal species are going extinct; soil, water, and air are being contaminated, and resources are seen more and more as private property of the multinational companies. The late Fr. Thomas Berry dedicated his life to educating, first himself and then others, about the Great Work that needs to be done in us in response to this. Come join us on retreat as we explore the Great Work we, as Christians, are called to here and now. Hope to see you at St. Bernard's church each night beginning at 7 p.m. (Tues. March 28—Thurs. March 30).

Opportunity for Catechists and those involved in Sacramental Preparation

Msgr. Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau will offer a virtual conversation for catechists and those involved in sacramental preparation entitled "Baptism and Confirmation: The Big Picture". This interactive session will be held on Zoom on Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Archbishop Durocher's session is sponsored by the Atlantic Catechetical Association and is offered at no charge. For more information or to register, contact Karen LeBlanc or visit www.acacatholic.ca

The Call of the Catechist Webinar Series

The CCCB's National Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is offering a series of three free webinars for those involved in the ministry of catechesis. On Tuesday, March 28th Sherry Weddell of the Catherine of Sienna Institute will offer a session entitled "Discerning Charisms"; Sr. Janet Shaeffler, OP will offer a session on Tuesday, April 11th entitled "The Spirituality of the Catechist,"; and on April 18th, Anne Walsh (Redemptorist Lay Missionary) will offer a session entitled "Theological Reflection and the Catechist." All sessions will take place from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm (Atlantic Time). For more information and to register, please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com.



Catholic Social Teaching – The Solution to Polarization

CAPP Canada (Centisimus Annus Pro Pontifice) will be offering a series of virtual workshops around the theme of Catholic Social Teaching.

- March 25th @ 12:00 pm, “The Wisdom of Fratelli Tutti In a Woke Culture”, presented by Dr. Andrea Bartoli (Sant Egidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue)
- April 22nd @ 12:00 pm, “The Environment & Human Dignity”, presented by Dr. John Zucchi (McGill University)
- May 27th @ 12:00 pm, “Magnanimity: A Virtue for Polarized Times”, presented by Alexandre Havard (Virtuous Leadership Institute)

Visit www.capcanada.ca for more information and to register.

Standing for the land in Honduras

Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

The Moncton Diocesan Council of Development and Peace invites you to meet Raquel Soto, a Colombian partner of Development and Peace, as part of her tour of Quebec and New Brunswick.

During this meeting, which will take place at the Place Cathédrale community hall (224 Saint-George Street) on Monday, March 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Raquel Soto, 31 years old and animator of a School of Documentary Creation, will tell us how her journey with the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (Peasant Association of Antioquia - ACA, Colombia) has allowed her to live again after having experienced violence and displacement.

This association, a partner of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, provides Raquel and the women of her community with resources to preserve and pass on their traditional life as rural women. The meeting with Raquel is a wonderful opportunity to talk face-to-face with a Development and Peace partner and learn more about the mission of this international solidarity organization and its humanitarian work around the world.

Please note that Raquel speaks Spanish and her presentation will only be translated into French.

To help us set up the room for the event, we would appreciate it if you could let us know by Friday, March 24th by phone at 506 801-0440 or by email at dpatlantique@devp.org.

We look forward to seeing you at this event!

A light lunch will be provided.

In addition, Raquel will be speaking at mass at Christ-Roi on Tuesday March 28th at 9:00 and at the Cathedral on Wednesday March 29th at 9:00.

Sacrament Celebration



Reconciliation

Saturday April 1st ,
2:30 PM



Holy Communion

Sunday April 23rd ,
11 AM



Confirmation

Sunday May 7th ,
11 AM



Holy Communion Preparation

Session

@ Immaculate Heart Parish

Time

#4

Thursday, March 30, 2023

6-7:15PM

#5

Thursday, April 20, 2023

6-7:15 PM

#6

Monday, April 24, 2023

6-7:15 PM



Faith Formation

Session	Sunday: Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM	Tuesday: Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM	Wednesday: Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM
#13	Mar. 19, 2023	March 21, 2023	March 22, 2023
#14	April 2, 2023	April 4, 2023	April 5, 2023
#15	April 16, 2023	April 18, 2023	April 19, 2023
#16	April 30, 2023	May 2, 2023	May 3, 2023

Confirmation Preparation



Session	Sunday	Time
#15	19-Mar-23	3:00 PM-4:15 PM
#16	2-April-23 (Retreat)	2:00 PM-5:00 PM
#17	16-April-23	3:00 PM-4:15 PM
#18	30-April-23	3:00 PM-4:00 PM

In Sympathy

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



St. Bernard's

Jean "John" Poirier **Husband of Mary, father of Luc, Charlie & Alynn**

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...*

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Beth Purcell	Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube
Ida Caruso	Patricia Devine	Boyd Clory
Caroll Fiset	Marie Godin	

St. Clement's

Vina McGraw	Gerard McGraw	Ophelia McGraw
Shadra McGraw	Arabella McGraw	Helena Coulter
Suzanne Jones	Hudson Sweeney	Beverly Melanson
Harvey Niles		

St. Vincent's

Leone Campbell	Victor Landry	Victor Tower
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And for all who care for them.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL UNIT

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Sunday, March 26, 2023, 2:00 PM at St. Bernard's

**Inclement
Weather
Policy**

**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.

The Way Of The Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross **during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM.** To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in different churches according to the following schedule:



March 24th	St. Augustine's
March 31st	St. Bernard's
April 7th	Immaculate Heart

Marriage Preparation Course (In French)

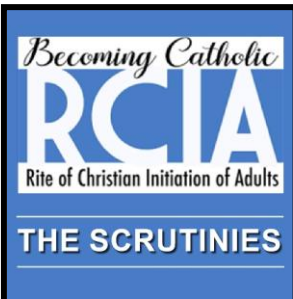
Location:	Centre De Notre-Dame de Kent
When:	First weekend of May 2023 <i>Friday evening, May 5 & all day & evening Saturday, May 6 inclusive</i>
Cost:	\$ 150.00 <i>(\$50.00 of the original amount which will not be refunded in case of cancellation)</i>

To register or for more information contact:

Simonne and Clarence Melanson 525-2582 at home or cell phone 862-9472

Please note : Deadline to register is Friday, March 31, 2023.

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On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent we pray in a particular way for those who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We pray that any attachment to evil might be removed, and that they be truly converted to Christ.

In the near future, we will present the Creed and the Lord's Prayer to the Elect—and "wait in joyful hope" until they can pray it with us as one of the Faithful at the Easter Vigil.



Music Ministry at St. Bernard's

St. Augustine wrote that one who sings prays twice. Music is one of the single most important elements of the liturgy. However, the music minister is not a performer, but a servant, encouraging and leading the people of God in song.

Music Ministry enriches the spiritual lives and liturgical experience of the parish community by providing religious song and the music necessary to experience sung prayer at the Mass.

If you enjoy singing and would like to serve the Parish in this special way, please contact the parish office at 506 857 0425 or email us at sbhf@rogers.com



EVENING PRAYER

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. Our priests, encourage us at the beginning of Lent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Lenten 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 & encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer Wednesday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 6 PM - March 22, 29 & April 5.



Congratulations to 2 of our children from St. Bernard's who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday March 18, 2023.

Rafael Encarnacion

Maria Sofia Encarnacion

Leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:24

Dear Padre,

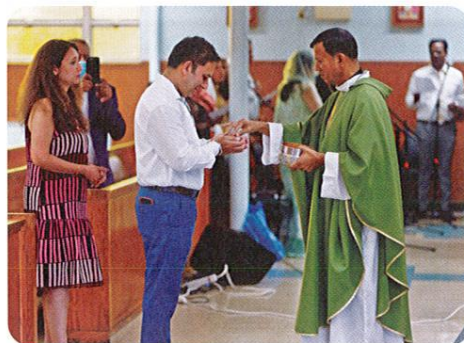
Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love. ●



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Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / 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

March 20
St. Joseph
2 Sm 7:4–5a,
12–14a, 16
Rom 4:13,
16–18, 22 /
Mt 1:16, 18–21,
24a

TUESDAY

March 21
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1–9, 12
Jn 5:1–16

WEDNESDAY

March 22
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8–15
Jn 5:17–30

THURSDAY

March 23
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7–14
Jn 5:31–47

FRIDAY

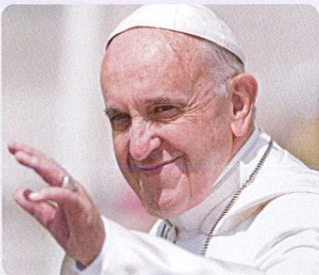
March 24
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12–22
Jn 7:1–2, 10,
25–30

SATURDAY

March 25
*Annunciation
of the Lord*
Is 7:10–14; 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

SUNDAY

March 26
*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*
Ez 37:12–14
Rom 8:8–11
Jn 11:1–45 or
Jn 11:3–7, 17,
20–27, 33b–45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves....Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. If we are blind, we cannot claim to be guides and teachers for others: indeed, a blind person cannot lead another blind person....

ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 27, 2022