



The Gift of Doubts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. "Reflect on your doubts," I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they're not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don't believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who "allows" children to die of cancer and "permits" wars that slaughter people.

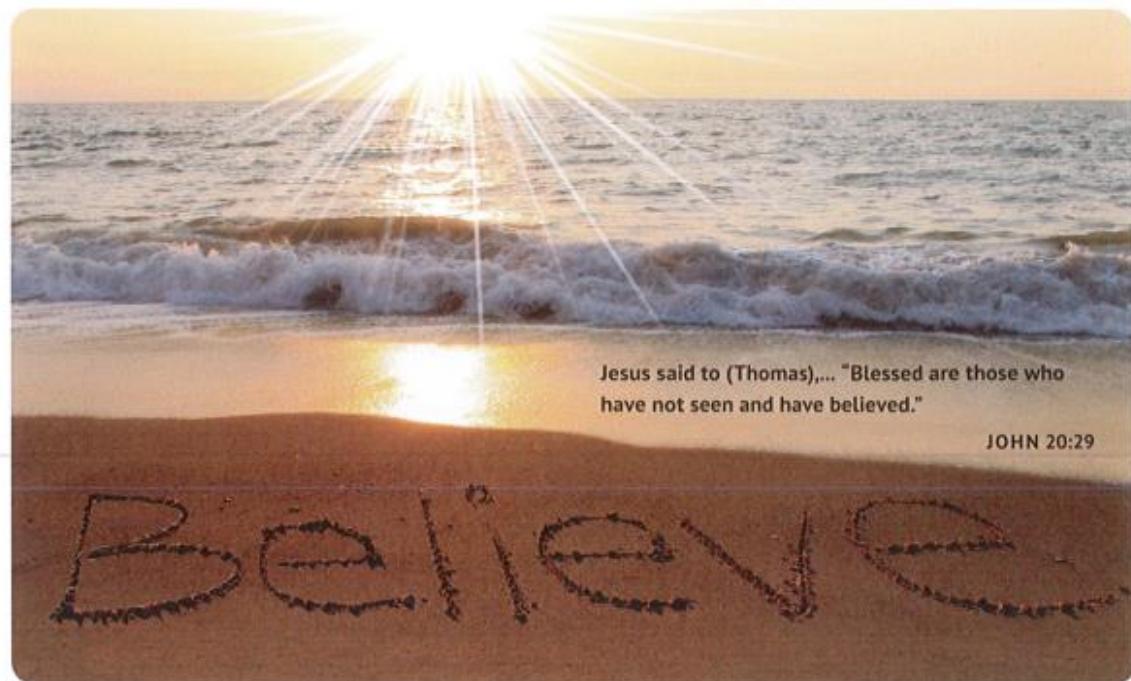
What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we

may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don't understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week's Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. ●

Reflect

How has your understanding of God changed over the years?



Jesus said to (Thomas),... "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9

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Office hours:

Monday to Friday, 9-12 & 1-4

Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



St. Vincent's

63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5

Phone: (506) 536-1460 Email: stvince@nbnet.nb.ca

Office hours: Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM-2PM



St. Clement's

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

Phone: (506) 538-2262 Email: stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com

Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions: April 17 – 23, 2023

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Apr. 17	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Celia Hachey	Family
Thur.	Apr. 20	9:30 PM	Anniv. Late Paul Tran	Anna Tran
Fri.	Apr. 21	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Eleanor Beck	Family
Sat.	Apr. 22	4:00 PM	Late Suzanne Bourque	Linda Bourque
Sun	Apr. 23	11:00AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sat.	Apr. 22	7:00PM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Apr. 23	9:00AM	For the People	
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Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

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

OFFERINGS**April 7, 8 & 9, 2023****St. Bernard's**

Envelopes	\$ 5,360.00	Loose	\$ 2,259.75
Karing Kitchen	\$ 156.60	Share Lent	\$ 325.00
Special Offering	\$ 20.00	Needy Fund	\$ 100.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 175.00	Capital Expenditure	\$ 510.10
Easter Offering	\$ 3,842.00	Good Friday/Hospital Chaplains	\$ 2,406.00
Syrian Fund	\$ 50.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00

St. Clement's

Envelopes	\$ 410.00	Loose	\$ 103.00
Good Friday	\$ 200.00	Holy Thursday	\$ 35.00

St. Vincent's

Envelopes	\$ 890.00	Loose	\$ 123.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00	Easter	\$ 435.00
Share Lent	\$ 15.00	Good Friday	\$ 260.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 60.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 55.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Praise be to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you. Peter 1:3-4

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Ministry Team

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St Vincent's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Lorraine Horyl	
Catechetical Coordinator	Cathy Crinnion	
St Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate funds for Easter 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 dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Envelope #	
Amount \$	

St Vincent's

FAITH FORMATION – Catechism sessions for children in grades 1-6 continue into May (see schedule below).

Confirmation candidates – continue your selfless activities and please add some 'helpful hands' to our community service poster in the church vestibule.

Sacraments will be celebrated during the masses on May 14th for First Eucharist and the Baptism of Pearl Liefer, and on May 28th for Confirmation!

Also take note of the formation offerings by the diocesan team, such as the online Faith Express sessions and the Vacation Bible School!

For any participant or volunteer inquiries for the program please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 5364470.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY! – We would like to say Happy Birthday to Alvin Bernard who recently celebrated his 90th birthday! We hope you had a WONDERFUL day!

CEMETERY – We need someone to be a back up contact for the Cemetery whenever the Chair of the Committee is unavailable. If you are interested in offering your time, please contact the Parish Office at 536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca

EYEGLASSES – Please remember to bring your used eyeglasses to St. Vincent's. They will be forwarded to St. Bernard's where they will be distributed to a local service club for cleaning, sorting by prescription strength, then packaged and distributed to people in need. All donations may be placed in the box marked "EYEGLASSES" at the church entrance.

St. Vincent's Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

April 15 th @ 10am	Confirmation session – church chapel
April 16 th @ 10am	Primary group catechism – church hall
April 17 th @ 6:00pm	First Eucharist session – church chapel
April 22 nd @ TBD	Earth Day Challenge! www.diomoncton.ca/youthfaithdevelopment
April 23 rd @ 10am	Elementary group catechism – church hall
April 30 th @ 10am	Primary group catechism – church hall
May 7 th @ 10am	Primary + Elementary catechism: combined final session-church hall



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

Monday @ The Movies

Everyone is invited to join our film discussion taking place on April 24th at 10:30 am when we will be discussing the (1992) film Leap of Faith starring Steve Martin and Debra Winger. 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 May 8th 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.

Earth Day Challenge 2023

All young people are invited (along with literally everyone) to join us in our Earth Day Challenge, which will take place on Saturday, April 22. There are many ways you can participate either in a group or by yourself and can start by contacting your parish catechism coordinator or by visiting the diocesan website www.diomoncton.ca → [Pastoral Offices](#) → [Youth Faith Development](#) and then follow the link for [Earth Day Challenge 2023](#). Here you will find helpful ideas and information. We invite you to hashtag us at #youthfaithmoncton on Instagram showing us your activity and how you have chosen to celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day Challenge 2023 is an initiative of the Diocesan Youth Faith Commission.

The Call of the Catechist Webinar Series

The CCCB's National Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is offering a series of free webinars for those involved in the ministry of catechesis. On April 18th, Ann 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.

Being Present: Caregivers and the People They Care for

Save the Dates! The Committee Looking at End of Life Pastoral Care will offer a session designed for those who provide care to the sick / infirm, facilitated by Louise Ongo of St. Bernard's Parish. The first session will take place on Thursday, May 11th at Immaculate Conception Church (8 School Street) in Rexton and go from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Louise will offer the same session a second time on May 18th at St. Bernard's Church (42 Botsford Street) in Moncton, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

St. Bernard's Faith Formation

Session	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Years 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM	Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM	Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM
	Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM		
#15	April 16	April 18	April 19
#16	April 30	May 2	May 3

Confirmation Preparation

Session	Sunday	Time
#17	April 16	3:00-4:15PM
#18	April 30	3:00-4:15PM

Sacrament Celebration

Holy Communion	Confirmation
Sunday April 23 rd @ 11 AM	Sunday May 7 th @ 11 AM

Holy Communion Preparation

Session	@ Immaculate Heart Parish	Time
#5	Thursday April 20	6:00-7:15PM
#6	Monday April 24	6:00-7:15PM



Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 16

2:30-3:30 PM at St. Bernard's

Adoration begins at 2:30 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM



St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League

On April 26, the feast of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Council, mass will be celebrated at 2pm in the church. Following the mass there will be light refreshments and a brief meeting in the hall. Any women of the parish interested in learning about the work of the Catholic Women's League are warmly welcomed.

In Sympathy

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

St. Bernard's

Beth Purcell	Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube
Ida Caruso	Patricia Devine	Boyd Clory
May Smith	Rodney Frenette	Cecile Caissie

St. Clement's

Vina McGraw	Gerard McGraw	Ophelia McGraw
Shadra McGraw	Arabella McGraw	Carol Murphy
Suzanne Jones	Hudson Sweeney	Beverly Melanson

St. Vincent's

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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

St. Bernard's

Carmelites	April: 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	Next meeting Wednesday, April 19 @ 6:30 PM	Meeting Room
Evening Prayer	April 5 @ 6 PM	Church

*The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues.
Alleluia! Is our shout of joy, meaning praise to God!*



As not to leave anyone out, we would like to express a very appreciative **thank you** to all who participated in any way at the Triduum / Easter celebrations here at St. Bernard's, St. Vincent's & St. Clement's!

We all play such a crucial part
in celebrating our Lord's Paschal Mystery!

Fr. Broderick & Fr. Carroll



Easter season: For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.



EASTER SEASON

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

Congratulations and God's blessings to:

Amy Melanson & Jacob Melanson

Both were welcomed into the Roman Catholic family of faith at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15, 2023, at St. Bernard's. We pray they continue to have the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, along with the support of St. Bernard's parish community, to persevere faithfully in the choice they have made. God bless you both!

2023 Easter Flowers- In Memory of:



St. Bernard's

Frank, Rose, Jeanette Arsenault Harmon, Gladys & Robert Fogarty	William & Bernice Fogarty
Louis & Kay Boudreau Sam & Erma Ermen Katie Ermen and Jeffrey Ermen	Sam & Donna Ermen

St. Clement's

Deceased parents	Jan Legere
Alfred and Eileen Doiron	Patsy Murphy
Clarence and Ethel Murphy	Patsy Murphy
Boyne Murphy	Patsy Murphy
Deceased loved ones	Charlene Cullen



2023 New Brunswick Low-Income Senior's Benefit:

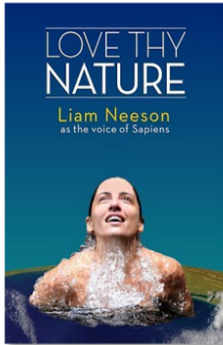
To assist low-income seniors in New Brunswick, the government offers an annual benefit to qualifying applicants. Applications for the 2023 Low-income Senior's Benefit are now available. **Eligible New Brunswickers are strongly encouraged to apply online at gnb.ca or print the application, complete it and mail it to the Finance and Treasury Board, Revenue Administration Division,**

PO Box 1900, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5G4. Application forms are available at the back of the church and at Service New Brunswick centres. The application deadline is Dec. 31, 2023.

Bursaries & Scholarships



The WAK Chapter of the Irish Canadian Cultural Association of NB is pleased to offer a \$500.00 Dan & Marie McGee Medical Science bursary to a student entering or attending a post-secondary study in the medical field. Please include a personal letter detailing your future plans by mail to The Irish Association, P.O. Box 26022, Moncton, NB E1E 4H9 or email: watchdog@nb.sympatico.ca Deadline: June 1, 2023.



LOVE THY NATURE

As a follow up to our Archdiocese' Lenten Retreat, we invite all to come together to watch the video, *Love Thy Nature*. Narrated by Liam Neeson, *Love Thy Nature* points to how deeply we've lost touch with nature, and takes viewers on a cinematic journey through the beauty and intimacy of our relationship with the natural world. The film shows that a renewed connection with nature is key both to good health and to solving our environmental and climate crises.

Please plan to join us in the basement of St. Bernard's Church on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome!



You will want to mark this one in your calendar!

Sunday, April 30th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Dan Bohan Centre!

Advanced tickets \$15.00

Many entertainers including Ivan and Vivian Hicks and Maple Sugar!

**Tickets are now on sale and can be found at the parish office or by calling
Laura Peters at 506-854-1899 or Helen Vaughan at 506-386-2071.**

Come on out for some toe-tapping fun!



Dear Padre,

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus' earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like "cling" to him. She cannot *cling* to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is "real"—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●



ANATOLI SHUTTERSTOCK

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
April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 4:23–31	Acts 4:32–37	Acts 5:17–26	Acts 5:27–33	Acts 5:34–42	Acts 6:1–7	Acts 2:14, 22–28
Jn 3:1–8	Jn 3:7b–15	Jn 3:16–21	Jn 3:31–36	Jn 6:1–15	Jn 6:16–21	1 Pt 1:17–21
						Lk 24:13–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Don't be afraid of doubts, because they are not a sign of the lack of faith....On the contrary, doubts are "vitamins of faith": they help strengthen faith and make it more robust. They enable faith to grow, to become more conscious, free and mature. They make it more eager to set out, to persevere with humility, day after day.

MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021