

...While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

LUKE 24:15-16

## Not Just a Walk in the Park

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A multiple-choice question:** Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, "All of the above." Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one's life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to

travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week's Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one's problems nor eliminate one's difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed. ●

### Reflect

***What has made you realize that the Lord walks with you?***

## Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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### Mass times / Intentions: April 24 – 30, 2023

#### St. Bernard's

Mon.	Apr. 24	9:30 AM	Late John Evers	Jeanita and Family
Thur.	Apr. 27	9:30 PM	Late Dorice D'Anna	Norma Sanders
Fri.	Apr. 28	9:30 AM	Late Ches D'Anna	Norma Sanders
Sat.	Apr. 29	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Apr. 30	11:00 AM	Late Robert Alain	Wife and Family

#### St. Clement's

Sat.	Apr. 29	7:00 PM	Late Raina Wiebking of Australia	Family
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#### St. Vincent's

Sun.	Apr. 30	9:00 AM	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Late Jack Estabrooks	Children of Henderson & Myrtle
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession**

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

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

<b>OFFERINGS</b>		<b>April 15 &amp;16, 2023</b>	
<b>St. Bernard's</b>			
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 3,075.00</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 665.70</b>
<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	<b>\$ 21.75</b>	<b>Share Lent</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Easter Offering</b>	<b>\$ 405.00</b>	<b>Good Friday/Hospital Chaplains</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>St. Clement's</b>			
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 175.00</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent's</b>			
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 885.00</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 53.20</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>		
<i>Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!</i>			

# In Sympathy

*A time to mourn.....*

*Sincere sympathies to the family of:*



**Rodney Frenette**

**Husband of Marie-France, Father of Krystel**

*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...*

## **St. Bernard's**

**Judy Chiasson**

**Roger Berube**

**Ida Caruso**

**Patricia Devine**

**Boyd Clory**

**May Smith**

**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**

*And for all who care for them.*

## **Annual Collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund**

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your great generosity during last year's collection, which allowed our Archdiocese of Moncton to raise 34,820 \$. A big thank you to all the faithful who contributed and the people who organized fundraising activities. The Catholic Bishops of Canada have committed to raising \$30 million within five years. Last year, the collection across Canada raised \$9,594,986. The funds are managed by a national board of directors composed of leaders, half of whom are Indigenous. This Board is responsible for implementing measures to ensure the proper functioning and transparency of the administration of the collected funds. I am pleased to inform you that the funds collected in our parishes last year will be used for local projects in collaboration with our four local Mi'gmaq communities: Elsipogtog First Nation, Bouctouche MicMac, Fort Folly First Nation, and Indian Island First Nation. Special envelopes will be distributed to parishes for this year's collection, which will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I invite you to continue to support this fund.

*Thank you. Archbishop Valéry Vienneau.*

**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](mailto:watchdog@nb.sympatico.ca) Deadline: June 1, 2023.

## 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		
#16	April 30	May 2	May 3

### Confirmation Preparation

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

### Sacrament Celebration

Holy Communion	Confirmation
Sunday April 23 <sup>rd</sup> @ 11 AM	Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM

### Holy Communion Preparation

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



**St. Bernard's General Meeting, Sunday, May 28, 2023 @ 2 PM Church Hall.** Brief presentations from the various committees of St. Bernard's will be given. All parishioners are encouraged and invited to attend. Come and be informed of what takes place in our parish.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### St. Bernard's

<b>Carmelites</b>	April: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of month, 9:00 -11:00 AM	Meeting Room
<b>Prayer Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat & last Sat. of each month @ 7 PM	Church Hall
<b>RCIA</b>	Next meetings Weds., May 3 & 17 @ 6:30 PM	Meeting Room



**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.

### *St. Bernard's - 2023 Easter Flowers- In Memory of:*

Roy Hopper	Family
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### Ordination to the diaconate of Mr. Frank Quinn

Invitation to all the faithful: you are invited to the ordination of Mr. Frank Quinn as a transitional deacon for the priesthood at Saint Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford Street, Moncton, Saturday, April 29, at 10 am. Welcome to all. **Archbishop Valery Vienneau**

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> for First Eucharist and the Baptism of Pearl Liefer, and on May 28<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation!

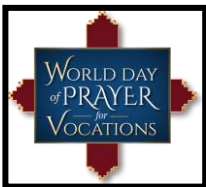
Also take note of the formation offerings by the diocesan team, such as the online Faith Express sessions and the Vacation Bible School! For any participant or volunteer inquiries for the program please contact Cathy Crinnion at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca) or 536-4470.

**CEMETERY** – We are in need someone to be a backup 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](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca).

**FOOD BANK** - With food prices at an all time high and so many people in need in our community, please remember to donate non-perishable food items to our local Food Bank. The drop-off basket is on the right at the entrance to the church.

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

April 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 10am - noon	Earth Day Challenge – all are welcome
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> @ 10am	Elementary group catechism – church hall
April 30 <sup>th</sup> @ 10am	Primary group catechism (final session) - church hall
May 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 10am	Elementary group catechism (final session) - church hall



### World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 30

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and call many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.



**Knight of Columbus Council 1310:** 84 Broadway St., Moncton  
Sunday Breakfast: March 4 @ 8:30 – 12:30, Cost: Adults \$8,  
Children \$3 (5yrs & under Free) All are welcome!



**From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis**

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**Monday @ The Movies:** Everyone is invited to join our film discussion taking place on April 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Family Nature Walk at Centennial Park: Care for Creation!** On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, families are invited to join us for a Family Nature Walk at Centennial Park. Our guide for the hour will help us to identify plants and ecosystems in the park. We will meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot near the water park at Centennial Park in Moncton. The Family Nature Walk at Centennial Park is an initiative of the diocesan Laudato Si' Committee.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com). Register online at [www.diomoncton.ca](http://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.diomonctonca](http://www.diomonctonca) → [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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard's Church (42 Botsford Street) in Moncton, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

**Vacation Bible School 2023:** The theme of this year's in-person Vacation Bible School will be **Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light** and will run from June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in the mornings at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Riverview. Registration is open to anyone aged 3 up to the end of grade 6, and there will be a \$20 deposit required which will be returned at the end of the program. Register online by visiting [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development → Vacation Bible School and then click on the poster. Contact Karen at 387-4918 or [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** –Sacramental Preparation Comm. 2:30 pm, basement of Immaculate Heart

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** –English Diocesan Pastoral Council, 9am, St. Anne's Church. Elsipogtog.

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** –Parish Catechetical Coordinators, 6:30 pm basement, Immaculate Heart

# Dear Padre,

***Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?***

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair “the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them.”

Thus, according to the Pope, “religious voices” play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity’s well-being are becoming less optional. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 24 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29	April 25 <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i> 1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20	April 26 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	April 27 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	April 28 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 9:31–42 Jn 6:60–69	April 30 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10



GIULIO NAPOLITANO/SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.*

VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021