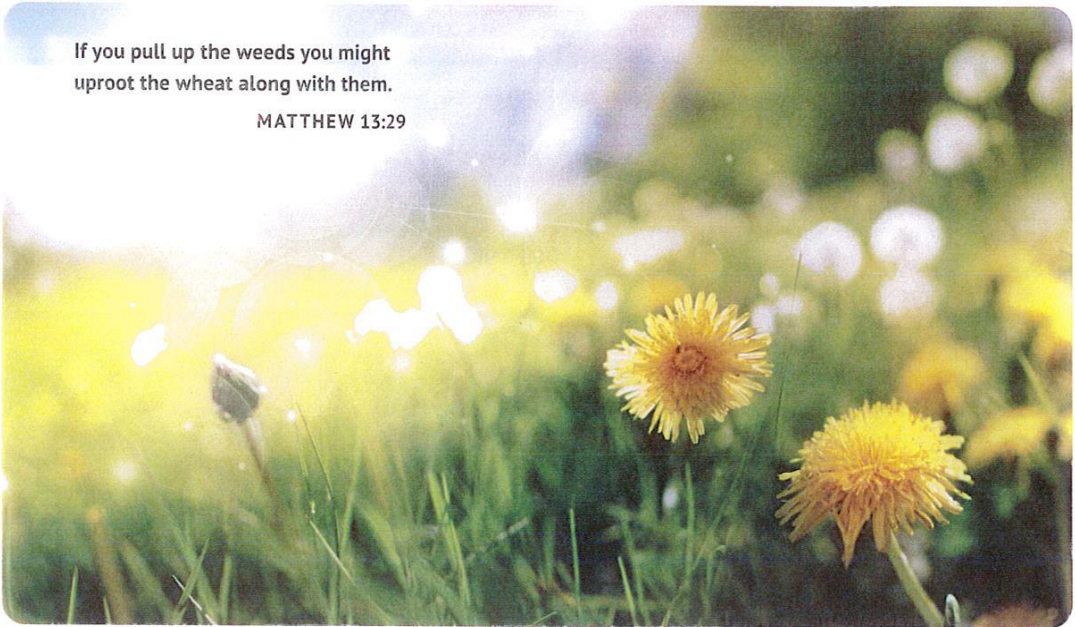




If you pull up the weeds you might
uproot the wheat along with them.

MATTHEW 13:29



Weeds in the Gardens of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult

to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when

heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal.

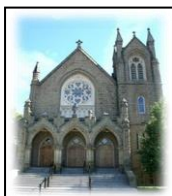
God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of

faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind. ●

Reflect

*Are there some believers
you find difficult to
tolerate?*

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Parish office will be closed July 24 to August 7

Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



St. Vincent's

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

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Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions: July 24-30, 2023

St. Bernard's

Mon.	July 24	9:30AM	Late Tom Bennett	Pat & Fred Locke
Thur.	July 27	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Peggy Arsenault
Fri.	July 28	9:30 AM	Late Allan Meredith	James Fahey
Sat.	July 29	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Carmine DiSaverio	Ada & Children
Sun.	July 30	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sat.	July 29	7:00 PM	For the People	
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	July 30	9:00 AM	Special Intention	Parishioner
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Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession
Saturdays, 1:00 PM at St. Bernard's

OFFERINGS

July 15 & 16, 2023 - RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

St. Bernard's			
Envelopes	\$ 6,061.67	Loose	\$ 716.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 145.00	Building /Capital Campaign	\$ 725.00
Baptism	\$ 50.00	House blessing	\$ 50.00
Mass intention	\$ 100.00	Papal Charities	\$ 170.00
St. Clement's			
Envelopes	\$ 455.00	Donations with Receipt	\$ 85.00
Loose	\$ 10.00	In memory	\$ 50.00
St. Vincent's			
Envelopes	\$ 1,360.00	Loose	\$ 15.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00		
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!			



During the summer months church contributions normally decrease while parishioners are travelling and vacationing. However, the expenses to run our churches remain constant and increase as necessary maintenance / repairs are completed. Please give consideration to "making up" missed contributions. Thank you for your continued generosity! God Bless!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Parish Contributions through the pre-authorized payment system:

For those who contribute through pre-authorized payments – please note: if you wish, when entering the church, you may pick up a **“Contribution through the pre-authorized payment system” laminated card**. At collection time, simply drop into the collection basket.


Pre-authorized payments are a convenient and easy way to make parish contributions automatically. Our lives are busy and the intention to give is there, but life has a way of throwing us off our plans. **A simple and easy way to contribute to St. Bernard's is pre-authorized payments (PAP)**. PAP giving allows your "intention to be generous" to be realized. It is safe, reliable, easy to keep track of, and easy to set-up. **You can choose the frequency of your gift** - weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly; whatever works best for you. Once set up it may be stopped at anytime if necessary. If you would like more information or to set up a PAD please contact the parish office @ 506-857-0425.

In Sympathy

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



Charles "Chuck" Kinney	Husband of Jessie, father of Peter Brother of Diane, Cheryl, Norma, Brian (Paula), Art and Larry
Edwin "Ed" Muise	Husband of Susan, father of Liam and Hannah
<i>And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.</i>	

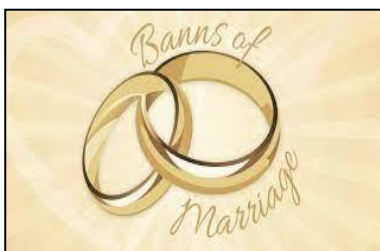
	<i>Ecclesiastes 3...</i>
	<i>Under every season there is a time...A time to heal. We remember in our prayers those who are sick...</i>

St. Bernard's		
Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube	Ida Caruso
Patricia Devine	Boyd Clory	Mike Grant
Karen Catubig	Nathan Kelly	
St. Clement's		
Vina McGraw	Gerard McGraw	Ophelia McGraw
Shadra McGraw	Arabella McGraw	Carol Murphy
Hudson Sweeney	Beverly Melanson	
St. Vincent's		
Mary and Art Chase	Leone Campbell	Victor Landry
Victor Tower	Vince Wood	
<i>And for all who care for them.</i>		

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Catechetical Coordinator	Cathy Crinnion	
St. Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	

**PLEASE NOTE:
ST. BERNARD'S PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
JULY 24 TO AUGUST 7**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	St. Bernard's	
Carmelites	2 nd Sat. of the month, 9:00 -11:00 AM	Meeting Room
Prayer Group	2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month @ 7 PM	Church Hall
RCIA	To resume in the fall	Meeting Room



*There is a promise of marriage between:
Jacob LeBlanc & Courtney Mercer
Saturday, July 29, 2023, 2:00 PM
@ St. Bernard's Church*



Priestly Ordination 2023

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Moncton joyfully announces and cordially invites you **to attend the Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood of Rev. Juan Carlos Jacinto. Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by His Grace, Mgr. Valery Vienneau, Archbishop of Moncton, on Friday, August 4th, 2023, at 7:00** in the evening at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Drive, Riverview, New Brunswick.

Other Events related to Deacon Carlos Jacinto's Ordination to the Priesthood:

Pre-Ordination Potluck Party for Deacon Carlos Jacinto

August 3– 5:30 PM - @ Dan Bohan Centre, 5 Fatima Drive, Riverview. Doors open at 4PM. Saying grace begins at 5:30PM.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Aug. 3 – 7:30 – 8:30PM - @ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Drive, Riverview

First Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Carlos Jacinto

Aug. 5 – 10 AM-@: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Drive, Riverview

First Vigil Mass of Fr. Carlos Jacinto

Feast of the Transfiguration – Aug. 5 @ 7 PM @ Holy Family, 52 Falkland Street, Moncton



HAPPY 67TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! - Our sincere best wishes to Judy and Oswald LeBlanc on the occasion of their 67th wedding anniversary on July 28, 2023! Many of our parishioners will remember the wonderful gift of music leadership that Ozzie and Judy gave to St. Vincent's for many years — Judy skillfully playing the organ and piano and Ozzie singing with his wonderful melodic voice! As well as providing music leadership at St. Vincent's, they also participated as Marriage Preparation facilitators in the Diocese for twenty years. We thank them for their many years of service and offer them our congratulations on this milestone!

PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES – We extend our prayerful condolences to the family of Paul Joseph Herve Melanson, who died on July 9, 2023, at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Amherst, NS. Paul was the son of the late Alfred Melanson and Catherine Melanson of our parish. *May he rest in the arms of our loving God.*

We extend our prayerful condolences to husband Bernard Bourgeois and extended family on the death of Gloria Beatrice Bourgeois of Riverview, NB, formerly of Joggins, NS, and Dorchester, NB, who died on July 15, 2023, at the Grass Home in Riverview, NB. While living in Dorchester, she was an active member of St. Edward's Catholic Church. *May she rest in the arms of our loving God.*

DONATIONS FOR MASS OFFERINGS - In a recent memo from the Diocese, a donation of \$15 for Mass Intentions is in effect for all parishes within the Diocese of Moncton effective April 10, 2023. For over 40 years, the \$10 donation has remained the same.

ANNIVERSARIES/BIRTHDAYS/SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS - Parishioners are encouraged to notify the Parish Office of milestone anniversaries and birthdays, as well as special celebrations of family and friends. Please call 506-536-1460 and leave a voice mail if no one is in the office or email stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

Faith Formation - During the summer months, while there is a pause in catechism sessions, we would like to offer social activities to our younger parishioners, and we need volunteers with a recent Vulnerable Sector Check. Contact Cathy Crinnion to get involved so that we can provide fun and nurturing activities in the summer – email or call ccrinnion@yahoo.ca / (506) 536-4470.

Help Needed – St. Vincent's Parish is committed to bringing Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass at Church. Currently, we bring Communion to Catholics who reside at the Drew Nursing Home and the Autumn Lee Special Care Home following mass on Sundays. We have four dedicated and committed volunteers, but we are in need of one or two more individuals who would like to participate in this ministry. If you are interested, or think you might be interested, please contact the Parish Office at 536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca or Lynn Sitland Isitland@live.com. With more people to help with this ministry, the residents of these homes will be able to count on us to receive Communion once per week, throughout the year. They are so appreciative of this!

Presentation of gifts - We have resumed the practice of parishioners bringing the gifts of bread, water, and collection to the altar during the liturgy of the Eucharist. As a way of contributing to the life of our parish, you are encouraged to offer to assist with this practice. A sign-up sheet is located at the entrance to the church. Thank you!

Eyeglasses – Do you have used eyeglasses at home gathering dust? Please consider bringing them to St. Vincent's and placing them in the box at the entrance to the church marked "EYEGLASSES". They will be forwarded to a local service club for cleaning and sorting and then distributed to those in need.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The third **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 23, 2023**. This special day was established by Pope Francis and is observed by the universal Church every July. It is usually held around the time when Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents, are commemorated in the liturgical calendar. The purpose of this day is to honor and preserve the spiritual and human wisdom that has been passed down from one generation to another. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Day is "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50). This theme emphasizes the interconnectedness between the elderly and the young, highlighting the importance of their relationship. To support the celebration of this special day, the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life has prepared various resources. These resources include a message from the Holy Father, a catechesis on the theme of old age, the official prayer for the Day, and other pastoral suggestions. All of these resources can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2023/iii-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>

From Apostolic Administrator, Valéry Vienneau:

I am sharing with you some recent information I received from the CCCB. Additionally, I have gathered some details from other websites. In observance of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which falls on July 23, 2023, Pope Francis, through a decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary, has granted a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence offers the remission of temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven through confession. This indulgence can be applied to oneself or to the souls in Purgatory. **The plenary indulgence is granted:**

- to grandparents, the elderly, and all faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, participate in the solemn celebration presided over by the Pope in St. Peter's Basilica, July 23; it also extends to those who attend Mass in various locations worldwide;
- to elderly people individuals who are unable to physically attend Mass due to health reasons, the indulgence is also extended to those who participate through television, radio, or the internet;
- to those who dedicate significant time to visit, either in person or through virtual means of communication, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or facing difficulties, such as the sick, abandoned, and those with disabilities. The Vatican acknowledges that a phone or video call can also fulfill this requirement.

In addition, it is necessary for the faithful to maintain a detachment from sin and have the intention to fulfill the three usual conditions as soon as possible:

- confession (within 20 days before or after);
- reception of the Eucharist,
- and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The Apostolic Penitentiary urges priests to make themselves available with a generous spirit to hear confessions.

RCIA

*Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults*



Interested in becoming Catholic?

**Do you believe? About Jesus?
About the Sacraments?
About Salvation?
Interested in becoming Catholic?**

Then please feel welcome to join the RCIA team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children) here at St. Bernard's.

The RCIA team here at St. Bernard's exists to welcome individuals who are wondering about the Roman Catholic Church and to help them in their search for spiritual guidance and a sense of church community. We also welcome those Catholics who haven't yet completed their preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist and wish to do so. Whether adult or child inquirer, candidate or catechumen, the team provides the elements for preparation including prayer, reflection on the Sunday liturgy of the Word, education about our faith and mutual support during the ups and downs of our individual journeys of faith. If you know someone who is thinking of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please invite him or her to call the parish office at 857-0425 for more information on RCIA.



**We are happy to have you join us!
Are you new to the parish or have you been part of
our community for awhile but have just never
registered?**

There are registration forms available at the entrances to the church, at your parish office, on our web site (www.stbernardschurch.ca) or just give us a call and we'll mail you one. Fill in the information, return the form to the office and you will be formally registered. This will help us to better serve your individual needs!



Prayer of the Faithful

For the church, that it may clearly proclaim God's loving invitation to all people.

We pray:

For those in every level of government who are responsible for policies that enhance the lives of others, especially the most needy.

We pray:

For those who feel alone, rejected, or unloved---especially children; and for all who have never experienced God's love. **We pray:**

For grandparents, and all the elderly, may God comfort and strengthen them as they continue to provide much-needed wisdom to our world. **We pray:**

For those who are afraid to relate to others or who find it difficult to ask for help.

We pray:



No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Parish Hall. Thank you.



**MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS
COMMUNITIES, AND TO ALL CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON**

July 17, 2023:

Dear brother priests and deacons, Dear members of religious communities or secular institutes, Dear faithful Catholics, this past June 26, the first day of a short vacation planned for months, I received a call from the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurković, who told me that Pope Francis had appointed me the new archbishop of Moncton. This was a big surprise for me, since I had been in charge of the Diocese of Pembroke for only three years. That day, in his divine providence, the Lord was mysteriously preparing me for this turning point in my life. Here is an excerpt taken from the beginning of the first reading of the day, on June 26: "The Lord said to Abram: 'Leave your country, your kindred and your father's house, and go to the land which I will show you. '" I welcomed this news in faith, with gratitude, and I confess to you, with a little sadness in my heart, because I suddenly imagined all the consequences of this new, unforeseen move: leaving my fellow priests and deacons whom I have come to know and appreciate better over the years, as well as the faithful and friends whom I have met during diocesan activities or during social events and with whom I have forged new bonds of friendship, moving far away from my elderly mother (who lost her autonomy six months ago and who lives less than two hours from my residence) and from my brothers and parents who live very close to her, to leave the diocese in the middle of our efforts and initiatives with a view to solidly implanting the new Evangelization Project that we have undertaken together since my arrival, etc. And the icing on the cake is that in the past five years, by the time I settle in among you in New Brunswick, I will be on my sixth move in such a short time. All of this may seem like a long complaint to you or like a difficulty for me to accept this new change and challenge that is entering my life. It is anything but that, I assure you.

I just want to present myself to you as I am, with my strengths and poverty, with my all-too-human frailties and the gifts that the Lord has granted me and that I want to share

with those whom the Lord places on my path. Evangelization is close to my heart, as you will have the opportunity to realize over the years. It is not only because Pope Francis, in all his exhortations, constantly speaks of the need for every pastor and for every Christian to collaborate in this task of evangelization that Christ entrusts to his entire Church. It is largely because of my own conversion, experienced at the age of 24, that I have since been inhabited by the urgency of evangelizing those who are outside the Church, those who have lost their faith as I had lost it during my adolescence, and those who have strayed from religious practice for all kinds of reasons. I gave my "yes" without hesitation to Archbishop Jurković when he informed me of the decision taken by the Holy Father. Having lived thirty-five years in the Redemptorist community, I have learned to trust the decisions of my superiors when asked to relocate or take on new challenges. I had the chance to travel the highways of your beautiful region several times when I exercised my ministry as a preacher or when I celebrated "Evenings of Saint Anne" in several churches to make Jesus' grandmother known and loved. And these trips have already allowed me to get to know some priests, men and women religious and lay people living in your archdiocese, with which I have just been entrusted. I look forward to meeting you and having the opportunity to get to know you over the years. But above all, I look forward to working with you, hand in hand, heart to heart, in the great work of evangelization that the Lord entrusts to us, each according to his or her own vocation and according to the talents and riches that God has bestowed on each of us for the building-up of his Church. The next few months will serve to prepare me for my installation in the Archdiocese. I will soon give you more details about the day and time of my official installation in Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral in Moncton. Until then, let us pray for one another. I look forward to meeting you soon and celebrating this ecclesial event together with you. Receive my blessing† Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

† Guy Desrochers, C.S.R.

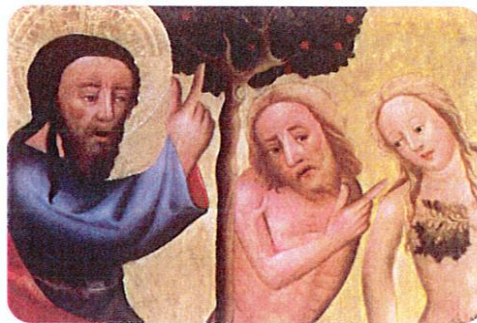
+Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. Archbishop-designate of Moncton, Administrator of the Diocese of Pembroke

Dear Padre,

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●



Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, PhD

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY

July 24
Weekday
Ex 14:5–18
Mt 12:38–42

TUESDAY

July 25
St. James,
Apostle
2 Cor 4:7–15
Mt 20:20–28

WEDNESDAY

July 26
Sts. Joachim and
Anne, Parents
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1–5, 9–15
Mt 13:1–9

THURSDAY

July 27
Weekday
Ex 19:1–2,
9–11, 16–20b
Mt 13:10–17

FRIDAY

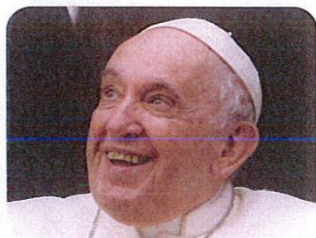
July 28
Weekday
Ex 20:1–17
Mt 13:18–23

SATURDAY

July 29
Sts. Martha,
Mary, and
Lazarus
Ex 24:3–8
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

SUNDAY

July 30
Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12
Rom 8:28–30
Mt 13:44–52 or
Mt 13:44–46



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020