Our Parish

October 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)







Night Goggles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

t was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, "Can you name the wisdom in the others?" "There isn't any," came someone's swift reply. "But surely there is," the questioner persisted. "No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom." What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew "You're only OK if you think the way I do." It's a hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it's OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God's wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition.

Reflect

Are you able to find truth in an opinion with which you disagree?

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Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:							
	St. Bernard's						
Mon.	Oct. 23	9:30AM	Late Denis Deveau	Marcia King			
Thur.	Oct. 26	9:30 AM	Anniv. late Margaret Donovan	Dorothy Donovan			
Fri.	Oct. 27	9:30 AM	nniv. late Frank Kelly Ella Martin				
Sat.	Oct. 28	4:00 PM	For the people				
Sun	Oct. 29	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Gordon Montford Lorraine Montford				
	St. Clement's						
Sat.	Oct. 28	7:00 PM	For the people				
St. Vincent's							
Sun.	Oct. 29	9:00 AM	Tim Nye	Deb Nye			



St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

Prior to weekday masses: Monday, Thursday. & Friday: 8:30 – 9:20AM

Saturdays: 1:00 PM

First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM

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Envelopes	\$ 3,230	0.00	Loose		\$ 661.50		Evang. of people		\$ 20.00
Religious Ed.	. \$ 360.0	00	Karin	g Kitchen	\$ 40.00		Needs of Cdn Church		\$ 60.00
Capital Exper	nditure		\$ 360.	.00					
St. Bernard's - October 14/15, 2023									
Envelopes	\$ 2,590	0.00	Loose		\$ 892.25		Evang. of people		\$ 70.00
Religious Ed.	. \$20.00	0	Karin	g Kitchen	\$ 22	2.00	All Soul's		\$ 160.00
Capital Exper	nditure		\$ 100.00						
St. Clement's - October 7, 2023									
Envelopes			\$ 230.00		Envelope - Sep. 30			\$ 300.00	
Special offerings			\$ 40.00		Donations with receipt		\$ 445.00		
St. Clement's	cemetery		\$ 150.00						
			St.	Clement's	s – O	ctober	14, 2023		
Envelopes		\$ 535	Donation with receipt			\$ 35.00			
Special offeri	ing			\$ 5.00					
			St	. Vincent'	s – 0	ctober	8, 2023		
Envelopes	\$ 1,205.00	Loc	ose \$ 43.65				Maintenance \$ 70		00
Needs of Cdn church \$40.00			0.00						
St. Vincent's - October 15, 2023									
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Past online donations for St. Bernard's and St. Vincent's will be reported in near future.									
	The	ank y	ou for	your gen	erou	s and o	continued supports	!!!	



The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit is on Facebook! Like and follow our Facebook Page for updates and faith-sharing. There are three ways to locate our Facebook Page: In the Facebook search bar, type Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit of the Archdiocese of Moncton; or in your Google or Safari search bar, type facebook.com/gsmoncton; or simply scan this QR Code.

Knights of Columbus, Council 1310's, 84 Broadway St., Moncton: Sunday breakfast: November 5, 2023: Come join us for our Sunday Morning Breakfast and enjoy an awesome meal for a great price while supporting local charities! Our breakfast menu includes scrambled or boiled eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pan

fries, pancakes, baked beans, toast, coffee, tea and juice. This event runs from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, cost \$12/adults & \$5/children. We hope to see you there!!! All are welcome to attend.



A time to mourn... sincere sympathies to the family of:

Gerald Benoit Father of Nathalie Bertin

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	Patricia Devine	Norm Gallant				
Al Gallant							
	St. Clement's						
Vina McGraw	Gerard McGraw	Ophelia McGraw	Shadra McGraw				
Arabella McGraw	Carol Murphy	Hudson Sweeney	Pam Gagnon				
Margaret Shriver	Corrine Allen						
St. Vincent's							
Lowell Brine	Vince Wood	Mary & Art Chase	Leone Campbell				
And for all who care for them.							

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St. Clement's Parish Staff						
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond					

St. Bernard's



QR Code for St. Bernard's parish registration

Mark Your Calendar				
Baptism Prep	Sun., Nov. 19: 1:00 - 3:30 PM – contact parish office to register			
Baptisms	Sun. Oct. 29: 1:30 PM			
Parish Potluck	Sun., Nov. 19 after 11 AM Mass– details to be announced			
RCIA	Start date to be announced soon			



A warm welcome to Genenva Rivera, as she joins St. Bernard's team as receptionist / bookkeeper. Geneva is originally from the Philippines and came here to Moncton to study Accounting and Payroll Administration at NBCC. She is a mother of 3 and is happily married for 16 years. She loves to travel with her family and chat with her friends back home. She feels privileged to be here at St. Bernard Church because she says there is fulfillment working in Christian community. We wish her all the best in this new role.



RAFFLE .

St. Bernard's Gift Basket Raffle: Please support this fundraiser for the parish Capital Campaign. Funds will be used to aid with repairs, upgrades, and renovations to the

church. The basket has a value of \$500.00, including gift cards and items for people of all ages. Draw date- Dec.12/23. Tickets available @ parish office during office hours. Tickets will also be available at the parish potluck on Nov.19/23.

St. Clement's

Food Bank Donations: A box will be placed at the entrance to the church for food donations for the Pedvac food bank. A donation a week by parishioners would be ideal.

Samaritan's Purse Canada: There are shoeboxes available at the back of the church for those who wish to fill a box for a Christmas gift for a child. Boxes will need to be returned by Nov. 11th.

Spiritual Book Library - has been set up at the entry to the church. If you have any books to donate - please leave them on the shelf. Feel free to loan them.

St. Vincent's

PRAYING THE ROSARY – We invite you to join us in the Chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary for the intentions of our Pope and our parish/parishioners. All are welcome!

FAITH FORMATION – In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for the program, now until mid-May, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470. Adults of the parish, no previous experience is necessary for you to share your time with our Faith Formation families, as a helper or as a catechist!

The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

October 22 nd @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall		
October 29 th @ 10am	Primary group – St. Vincent's hall		
November 5 th @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall		
November 12 th @ 10am	Primary group – St. Vincent's hall		
November 19 th @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall		

We would like to update our little classroom, to create a brighter and updated environment for the students. We need some help in a variety of areas; people to help design a plan, people to help clean out the room, and people to help with the renovations. If you could help with any of these, please contact the parish office (stvince@nbnet.nb.ca), or Cathy Crinnion (ccrinnion@yahoo.ca), or Lynn Sitland (lsitland@live.com).

NEW FAMILIES – Twenty nurses from the Philippines have been hired to work at the Drew and will be arriving over a period of weeks to Sackville and to St. Vincent's Parish. If you would like to join a committee to make plans for welcoming these families to our community, please contact the Parish Office (506-536-1560/stvince@nbnet.nb.ca). We will pass on more information as we receive it.

FOOD BANK – If you are in a position to do so, please remember to contribute non-perishable items to the Food Bank basket, which is located on the right side of the entrance to the church. There are many individuals & families in need in our local area.

Monday, Oct 23: Fr. Petar Ljubičić of Medjugorje will give **a talk on the theme "A TIME OF GRACE,"** at St. Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB. Rosary at 5:30 pm, Holy Mass at 6 pm, followed by Talk. **Free Admission - Love Offering.** For more information contact: 1-506-866-7179 or 1-506-857-2295.



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ADVENT @ **THE MOVIES** We are excited to announce that again this year we will meet four times prior to Christmas to discuss Advent themes found in some of our favourite popular films. All discussions will be held on Mondays at 2:00 pm via Zoom. Monday, November 27th at 2:00 pm we will be discussing the 2019 film 1917; December 4th: Citizen Kane; December 11th: Frozen; and December 18th: The Polar Express. Mondays @ The Movies is a film discussion group designed to spark conversation about issues of faith and spirituality found in popular films. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com if you are interested.

We are excited to announce a return to our THEOLOGY ON TAP series of guest speakers. Our first guest will be Dr. Andrew Wilson who will give a presentation entitled Scared Sacred: Halloween as Christian Carnival. The session will take place on Monday, October 23, 2023 at Five Bridges (121 Pine Glen Road, Riverview) from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Please contact Karen at karen.diocese@gmail.com or 387-4198. You may also register online by going to www.diomoncton.ca \rightarrow Pastoral Offices \rightarrow Adult Faith Development \rightarrow Formation Opportunities, and then click on the Theology on Tap Poster.

HAS SCIENCE KILLED GOD? You are invited to a presentation and discussion about faith and reason in the modern world! October 26th from 7 - 9 p.m. at Holy Family Church (52 Falkland St. Moncton) Our guest speaker will be Eugene Aucoin, a retired human resources director and university professor who has spoken across Canada and around the world about nurturing human potential. *Can faith in God and modern reasoning be reconciled? Eugene's* book, Has Science Killed God? looks at three powerful ideas that will reignite your faith! (See: www.eugene-aucoin.com)

Welcome to Seniors Connect, a safe space for Seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on November 9th at 10:30am in the Dan Bohan Family Centre (Immaculate Heart of Mary Hall), 5 Fatima Dr. Riverview. We will be chatting with the RCMP about Freud Prevention. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.dioceses@gmail.com



Laudato Si' (2015): In Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home, Pope Francis urges society to move away from the myth of constant, relentless progress, at the expense of

the earth's resources. Instead, Pope Francis says we need to recognize that 'everything is connected' and we must hear both 'the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.' Laudato Si' calls for all people to exchange ideas about how best to tackle the global issues we face.



Laudate Deum (2023): Pope Francis states that the title of this follow up letter is "Praise God" because "when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst

enemies." By this he means that the more we seek to increase power for its own sake, the less we use our power to protect life. Power should be used to create a better world for all and Laudate Deum is an urgent plea for us all to take action before it is too late.

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they



may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws, Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1-7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation.

Fr. Byron Miller, 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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Simon and	Thirtieth Sunday
Rom 4:20-25	Rom 5:12, 15b,	Rom 6:12-18	Rom 6:19-23	Rom 7:18-25a	Jude, Apostles	in Ordinary Time
Lk 12:13-21	17-19, 20b-21	Lk 12:39-48	Lk 12:49-53	Lk 12:54-59	Eph 2:19-22	Ex 22:20-26
	Lk 12:35-38				Lk 6:12-16	1 Thes 1:5c-10
						Mt 22:34-40



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

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