November 5, 2023

#### Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 / 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 / Matthew 23:1-12



# A Church on the Way

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

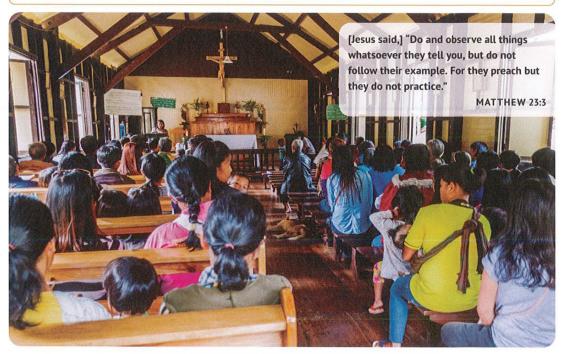
n July 2013, as part of a visit to Brazil, Pope Francis met with the Latin American conference of bishops. Speaking informally, bishop to bishops, he said, "At times we lose people because they don't understand what we are saying, because we have forgotten the language of simplicity and import an intellectualism foreign to our people."

I thought about how his words could be applied in my parish, so one Sunday I asked the people in the pews what they looked for from the Church. I was impressed and touched by their answers: wisdom to make their way through life; where and how to find God; a desire to be treated like adults; compassion for themselves and for others; guidance to reach out to the needy in society; a link between faith and life; a place to find some peace and quiet; wisdom for the political process. It was a list by which we who lead need to examine our consciences.

The charge from Pope Francis is to be a Church that speaks to people where they are with the words of everyday life. We look for wisdom that enables us to become our best selves. And that is what healthy religion is about: to guide rather than to control; to inspire rather than to shame; to participate fully rather than to simply "pray, pay, and obey." •

#### Reflect-

What have you found in the Church and what more do you long for?



## **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 5, 2023** 

# **Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**



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Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:							
St. Bernard's							
Mon.	Nov. 6	9:30AM	Deceased Family Members Frank Quinn				
Thur.	Nov. 9	7:00 PM	Anniv. Late Arthur Collette Cecile and Hector				
Fri.	Nov.10	9:30 AM	Late Estelle Goguen Therese Dowd & Family				
Sat.	Nov.11	4:00 PM	For the People				
Sun	Nov.12	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Lloyd McCue	Family			
St. Clement's							
Sat.	Nov.11	7:00 PM	Anna Vautour	Kenneth and Carol Murphy			
St. Vincent's							
Sun.	Nov.12	9:00 AM	Teresa Duffy				



St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

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

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

Saturdays: 1:00 PM

OFFERINGS						
St. Bernard's – October 28 & 29, 2023						
Envelopes	8,335.00	Loose	733.00	People in need	120.00	
All Soul's	505.00	Karing Kitchen	59.00	Evang. of people	90.00	
Candles	133.15	Indigenous	500.00	Reconnect	10.00	
Donation	200.00	Building Fund	1500.00	Capital Expenditure	1155.00	
St. Clement's – October 28, 2023						
Envelopes		560.00				
St. Vincent's – October 29, 2023						
Envelopes		1010.00		Loose	55.00	
Online donations for St. Bernard's and St. Vincent's will be reported in near future.						
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!						

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					
Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube	Patricia Devine	Norm Gallant		
Al Gallant	John Buckingham				
	5	St. Clement's			
Vina McGraw	Gerard McGraw	Ophelia McGraw	Shadra McGraw		
Arabella McGraw	Carol Murphy	Hudson Sweeney	Coreen Allen		
Baby Owen					
St. Vincent's					
Lowell Brine	Vince Wood	Mary & Art Chase	Leone Campbell		
Tim Nye					
And for all who care for them.					



Daylight Saving Time Clocks Fall Back one hour.

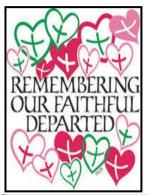
Do not forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, November 4<sup>th.</sup>

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



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.



# **The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

St. Bernard's, St. Clement's, & St. Vincent's

## Mass of the Deceased

All parishioners in our pastoral unit are invited and encouraged to attend the Mass of the Deceased on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 PM. It is an important time to come together as a Pastoral unit to remember & honor the memory of all those who have died in the

past year. Also, to show support and care to all of those who have lost a loved one.

## St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar				
Baptisms	Sun. Nov. 26: 1:30 PM			
RCIA Start date to be announced soon				
Mass of the deceased Mass, Wednesday, Nov. 8 @ 7 PM				
Baptism Prep	Sun., Nov. 19: 1:00 - 3:30 PM – contact parish office to register			
Parish Potluck	Sun., Nov. 19 after 11 AM Mass– details to be announced			
Mass of Thanksgiving	Re: Father Allison S. Carroll – Thursday, Nov. 23 -			



#### 2023 - 2024 - Sunday Missals

We will have a limited number of Sunday Missals at the cost of \$ 8.00 each. You may purchase a copy at the Parish office during regular office hours Monday to Friday, 9-12 or when attending masses at the main entrance of the church.



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.

Included in basket - Lap quilt, children's books, games, blue tooth speaker, candy, tools, kitchen items. Gift cards: Sobey's, Cheers, Dollarama, Shoppers, Walmart, NBLC, Staples, Irving, Lawton's, Swiss Chalet, MacArthur's



Book of the Faithful Departed: During the month of November, we remember and pray for deceased loved ones. The Church encourages us to continue this tradition by entering the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book Of The Faithful Departed. Please note: If loved ones' names were previously entered in the book their names are still in the book and they will be remembered during our

liturgies. No need to write their names in again. The book of the Faithful Departed will be placed at the entrance of the church for the whole month of November. Anyone is welcome to enter names of deceased family members or friends who have died during the past year.



The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, making us sons and daughters of God and members of the Body of Christ. We welcome into St. Bernard's parish community the following children who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Luca Thomas Ulysse Carrier, child of James & Stephanie Mikayla Antonia Thiyendri Silva, child of Jayamuni & Chanika God bless them and their families in their continual journey of faith.

## St. Clement's

**SHOE BOXES** – are available for one more week, to be returned by Nov. 11th. These boxes are to be distributed to children at Christmas. \$10.00 required for shipping. Please also indicate the age of the child the items are most suitable for.

**FOOD DONATION BOX** – is at the entrance of the church. Consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be given to the Foodbank program at Pedvac.

BLESSED BY GOD FOR 100 YEARS: ANNA VAUTOUR- Anna Vautour and Emile were residents of Port Elgin and attended St. Clement's Parish for many years. They raised 10 children in the area. SO LET US SAY LOUDLY AND GRATEFULLY TO ANNA ON HER SPECIAL BIRTHDAY: "WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE CONTRIBUTION THAT YOU AND YOUR INCREDIBLE FAMILY HAVE MADE TO ST. CLEMENT'S AND A MASS IS DEVOTED TO YOU. HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY ANNA AND GOD BLESS YOU ON THIS SPECIAL DAY."

Let's Stand for the Land in solidarity for the earth - sign a Development and Peace-Caritas Canada letter: Every November 11, we mark Remembrance Day, commemorating the end of the First World War in 1918. It's also a time to think about those that fought for our freedom and that of all peoples in our common home. For Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Create Hope: Stand for the Land campaign, our partner ERIC—Radio Progreso has asked that we support the defenders of human rights and the environment in Honduras. Next weekend, we will be invited to sign a letter addressed to the Honduran ambassador to Canada, in support of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector, who have been fighting since 2015 to preserve their water and the Carlos Escaleras national park from mining. To find out more: <a href="https://www.devp.org/campaign">www.devp.org/campaign</a> "Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and rights to water denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillaging of resources." — Leonel George. Member of the Committee for the Defense of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at <a href="https://devp.org/act">devp.org/act</a>



Given the deeply troubling and worsening situation in the Holy Land, Development & Peace Caritas Canada felt compelled to share with you what Development and Peace — Caritas Canada and some of our allies and partners are feeling, thinking, and doing. Last week, **Development and Peace** — Caritas Canada issued a press release, in which they announced: an allocation of \$150,000 to Caritas Jerusalem, that they have joined the Humanitarian Coalition's Gaza Humanitarian Emergency appeal, donations to which will be matched dollar for dollar (until Nov.

12) by the Government of Canada, called for an immediate ceasefire, as even Pope Francis has done, and invited Canadians to give generously to help families affected by the conflict (for more information or to make a donation select *Gaza Humanitarian Emergency* in the drop-down menu at <a href="https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/">https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/</a>. They are now also urging the Government of Canada to call for a ceasefire to protect women, men, and children in Gaza. You, too, can help us by writing to your MP and making this demand

# St. Vincent's

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLICATION OF BANNS OF MARRIAGE** – There is a promise of marriage between ANDREW ALLAN LEBLANC and DARLENE DAWN CARTER on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Sackville, NB.

**CALLING ALL READERS** – We will soon be returning to having two Lectors at each Sunday Mass. We would love to have more people to join us in this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Sitland, <a href="mailto:lsitland@live.com">lsitland@live.com</a>. There will be a Lectors meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel at 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:

November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's Hall		
November 12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 10am	Primary group – St. Vincent's Hall		
Special sacramental prep session: Monday December 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist prep for parents of Grade 2 students at Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St, Moncton		

**NEW FAMILIES** – Two families from the Philippines arrived on October 31, 2023. They are part of a group of 20 nurses who have been hired to work at the Drew Nursing Home. St. Vincent's warmly welcomes them to Sackville and to our parish! The first meeting of our newly formed Welcoming Committee took place after mass on Sunday, October 29th. Many "welcoming" ideas were shared and discussed! If you would like to join our committee to make plans for welcoming these families to our community, please contact the Parish Office (506-536-1560 / stvince@nbnet.nb.ca) or Lynn Sitland (902-740-2041 or lsitland@live.com). 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 and families in need in our local area.

**HOLY ROSARY-ST. VINCENT'S CEMETERY** – With the winter season approaching, the Cemetery Committee asks that all floral arrangements in the cemetery be removed before November 15, 2023.



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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 4<sup>th</sup>: Citizen Kane; December 11<sup>th</sup>: Frozen; and December 18<sup>th</sup>: 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.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Fraud Prevention. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email <a href="mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com">karen.diocese@gmail.com</a>

**Advent Retreat** SAVE THE DATE On Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Craig Murphy will lead us on an Advent Retreat from 9 am – 12 pm. More information to be announced.

COP28 – What's that? An important conference will be held in Dubai from November 30th to December 12th. It is called the CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES or COP28. The number 28 means that it's the 28th time the conference has been held. COP28 is the collective outcome of global efforts to support energy transition and net zero carbon by 2050. There is a renewed sense of urgency on climate change action in the Middle East and UAE, with the net-zero carbon target being prioritized through policies and actions regionally. (Sr Denise Lirette)

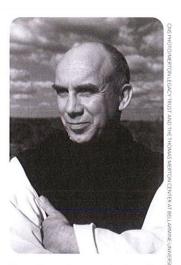
Let us pray, 'Dear God, as we give thanks for the beauty and wonder of creation, we pray for unity of purpose at COP28. We pray for courage and compassion to transform the hearts of those who will be participating in this important meeting, that they may place people and our planet before power and profits. Amen.

# Dear Padre,

I would like to do more spiritual reading, but everything I've tried is either over my head or too sweet and pious for me. Do you have suggestions for any down-to-earth authors?

You might try reading shorter works. More is not necessarily better. Consider several publications available at Liguori.org. In My Own Words is a series of books that gathers excerpts from different authors: Dorothy Day, Sr. Thea Bowman, Pope St. John Paul II, and others. Also consider the Wisdom series for Advent and Christmas or Lent and Easter. These include the writings of ancients and a few more current authors like Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, and Thomas Merton. Daybreaks for Advent and Lent are booklets of short meditations for each day of each season. Catholic Update, a four-page newsletter from Liquori, features indepth articles on contemporary topics written by expert authors.

C. S. Lewis was a prolific and popular Christian author. His Mere Christianity is practical and informative. A Grief Observed is a beautiful meditation for those who have lost someone dear to them, as is Henri Nouwen's In Memoriam. Merton's New Seeds of Contemplation has inspired readers since it was first published in 1949.



Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most influential Catholic authors of the 1900s

Finally, the best place to start might be the Gospel of Mark—not to study or analyze. Rather, read it just to get to know Jesus a little better.

#### The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

DAYbreaks Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections and prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 6	November 7	November 8	November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Dedication of	St. Leo the	St. Martin of	Thirty-second
Rom 11:29-36	Rom 12:5-16ab	Rom 13:8-10	Lateran Basilica	Great, Pope and	Tours, Bishop	Sunday in
Lk 14:12-14	Lk 14:15-24	Lk 14:25-33	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,	Doctor of the	Rom 16:3-9, 16,	Ordinary Time
			12; 1 Cor 3:9c-	Church	22-27	Wis 6:12-16
			11, 16-17	Rom 15:14-21	Lk 16:9-15	1 Thes 4:13-18
			Jn 2:13-22	Lk 16:1-8		or 4:13-14
						Mt 25:1-13



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

People today are attracted by things that are faster and faster: rapid Internet connections, speedy cars and planes, instant relationships. But at the same time we see a desperate need for calmness, I would even say slowness. Is the Church still able to move slowly: to take the time to listen, to have the patience to mend and reassemble?

MEETING WITH BISHOPS OF BRAZIL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, JULY 27, 2013



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