Our Parish

November 19, 2023 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21



"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." MATTHEW 25:14

The Edges: Where God Works

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

hose who are willing to take great risks are often the ones who give birth to dreams of growth and new life. Often it is at the scary edge of life where such growth ultimately takes place. In 1776, those who sparked a revolution and risked their personal wealth founded a new nation. President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, when many were urging him not to do so, thus opening the door of freedom to those who found it locked. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela risked speaking out against apartheid, was imprisoned for twenty-seven years, and was eventually freed to become the leader of a new South Africa.

So often those who risk to make life new are those who are living at the growing edge of God's reign, instruments of God bringing creation to new life.

In the parable in this week's Gospel, three individuals are entrusted with a treasure of great worth. The third person backs away from any risk, burying it because he is stifled by fear. God's dynamic presence, on the other hand, grows when individuals risk doing the right thing in spite of the consequences, when they are willing to speak an unpopular truth, when they take a stand for those on the edges of society, when they break down the barriers of racism and oppression. In the end, we need to listen less to our fears and more to our dreams. It's where God does God's best work: at the edges.

Reflect

When have you risked bringing about new life?

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023			
Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit			
	St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, N <u>Phone</u> : (506) 857-0425 <u>Email</u> : sbhf@roger Office hours: Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 AM <i>Closed: Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, in lieu</i> of <u>Website</u> : www.stbernardschurch.ca	rs.com to 12 noon & 1-4 PM	
	St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, N <u>Phone</u> : (506) 536-1460 <u>Email</u> : stvince@nb <u>Office hours</u> : Monday & Thursday @ 10 A	net.nb.ca	
	St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, N <u>Phone</u> : (506) 538-2262 <u>Email</u> : stclement.s <u>Office hours</u> : call office to verify		

Mass times / Intentions:					
	St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Nov.20	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Viola Parsons	Cecile and Hector	
Thur.	Nov.23	9:30 AM	Special Intention Ken Ermen Donna and Sam Ermen		
Fri.	Nov.24	9:30 AM	Late Mick Coughran Family		
Sat.	Nov.25	4:00 PM	For the People		
Sun	Nov.26	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Peggy & Len Wickham Lorraine Montford		
St. Clement's					
Sat.	Nov.25	7:00 PM	Martin Van Egmond	Pam Van Egmond & Family	
St. Vincent's					
Sun.	Nov.26	9:00 AM	For the People		



St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule <u>Prior to weekday masses</u>: Monday, Thursday. & Friday: 8:30 – 9:20AM <u>First Friday of the month</u>: 8:00 – 9:00 AM <u>Saturdays</u>: 1:00 PM

OFFERINGS						
	St. Bernard's – November 11 & 12, 2023					
Envelopes	\$3,200	Loose	\$1,093	People in need	\$120	
All Soul's	\$24	Karing Kitchen	\$33	Evang. of people	e \$5	
Candles	\$301.90	Baptism Offer	\$50	Capital Exp.	\$335	
Christmas Bo	Christmas Boxes 100.00					
	St. Clement's – November 11, 2023					
Envelopes	\$360	Energy Needs	Energy Needs \$70 Candles \$22			
	St. Vincent's – November 9 & 12, 2023					
Envelopes	\$4,250	Loose	\$18	Ма	intenance	\$110
Evang. of people \$20			Canadian Church	\$20		
Online d	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 the family of:		
St. Bernard's		
Wayne Currier Father of Grant (Madelaine) Currier		
And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.		

Ecclesiastes 3 Prayer Request Under every season there is a timeA time to heal.

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

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



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425



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.



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 weekend masses at the main entrance of the church.

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar		
Baptisms	Sun. Nov. 26: 1:30 PM	
RCIA Start date to be announced soon		
Baptism Prep	Sun., Nov. 19: 1:00 - 3:30 PM – contact parish office to register	
Parish Potluck	Sun., Nov. 19 after 11 AM Mass- please see below	



Faith Formation Schedule

Sundays Year 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM / Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM: Nov 12, Nov. 26, Dec 10 Tuesday Year 1-2-3 @ 6PM: Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 Wednesday Year 4-5-6 @ 6PM: Nov. 15, Nov. 29, Dec. 13 Confirmation In-Person Session: Nov. 12 and Dec. 10



St. Bernard's fall potluck November 19th after the 11 o'clock Mass. We pray it will be an opportunity to share our food and our faith with new and old friends. Anyone wishing to bring a dish, be it an appetizer or finger food, a main, or a dessert, please speak with one of the parishioners from our Local Pastoral Council after Mass on Saturday or Sunday or contact the parish office for more details. There will be from various ministries on hand during the potluck should anyone be interested in

representatives from various ministries on hand during the potluck should anyone be interested in learning more about how to get involved in the life of the Church. We hope to see you all next Sunday.



Used postage stamps have been gathered by numerous churches since 1984 to support various mission initiatives. We are setting up a collection box for people who would like to donate their used stamps at St. Bernard's Church's main entrance. To raise money for their projects in developing nations, the New Brunswick Catholic Women's League is collaborating with The Saint John Diocesan Council for Development & Peace to collect

stamps from parishes that are involved across the province and send them to the Montreal office. To generate revenue for projects? Dealers purchase the stamps, who subsequently resell them to artists and stamp collectors. Consider snipping the stamp off an old envelope before discarding it.



Calling All Knitters Yarn is available at the Parish office for knitters who wish to make hats, mittens, etc. for the Advent Mitten Tree. Thank you to all the dedicated past and present knitters!



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.



On the 13th of September, I received a letter from Father Allison Carroll in which he informed me of his decision to retire from active ministry, after dedicating 45 years of his life to the service of the Archdiocese of Moncton. He was ordained a priest by the late Archbishop Donat Chiasson on October 8, 1978.I want to

express my profound gratitude to Father Carroll. I sincerely thank him for his entire ministry, his dedication, and service to the various English-speaking parishes within the Archdiocese of Moncton. I am also grateful for his active contribution to various diocesan committees and his service as Episcopal Vicar for the English sector. He has been an excellent collaborator. As Father Carroll enters this new chapter of his life, we wish him good health, a well deserved, peaceful, and fulfilling retirement. Archbishop Emeritus, Valéry Vienneau



Mass of thanksgiving in honour of Father Allison S. Carroll's Retirement

Fr. Carroll was ordained October 8, 1978. His years of ministry included: Curate at St-Augustine's (1977-1981), Pastor: Holy Rosary - St. Vincent's, Sackville (1981-1986) and pastor of St. Edward's in Dorchester (1983); Pastor: St. Michael's, Moncton (1986-1997), St. Jude's, Salisbury (1987-1997), St. Augustine's, Moncton (1997-2000), Moderator: St. Augustine's (2000-2006), Priest Moderator of St. Bernard's: (St. Bernard's, St. Vincent's, St. Bartholemew and St. Clement's 2005-2023); Moderator St. Augustine's Pastoral Unit (St.

Augustine's, St. Michael and St. Lawrence O'Toole (2012-2019) and Priest Moderator Our Lady of Mercy (Pointe-du-Chêne 2014 - 2019). To honor his years of service and for all that he has done for us and our Lord, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving in his honor, **Thursday, November 23, 2023, at St. Bernards Church, 7 PM.** All are invited to attend. For those who wish to extend greetings, there will be a basket at the entrance of the church to drop them off in. Thank you, Fr. Carroll for your care, love, and ministry to each of us. God bless you with His great peace, good health, and many happy years of retirement.

Together, let's support the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro in Honduras! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to the call from our partner ERIC–Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain: Justice, Reparations and protection, The cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits and the restoration of their national park. "It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. All the damage caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired." — Daniel Márquez, Guapinol defender and former political prisoner Let's ask the Honduran government to better protect environmental and human rights defenders and to act for justice. Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at <u>devp.org/act</u> or the entrance of St. Bernard's Church.

St. Clement's

Christmas Sweet Plate Fundraiser – St. Clements will once again be selling "Christmas sweet plates" loaded with goodies for Christmas. Plates are \$15.00 and orders are now being taken. Delivery of the plates will be Dec. 16th. Please call the office to order 506-538-2262.

St. Vincent's

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – December 3, 2023, has been designated White Gift Sunday at St. Vincent's. Unwrapped donations of new toys and books, pajamas for children of all ages, as well as new hats, mitts, and gloves for children of all ages are welcomed and will be distributed to families in need in Sackville and surrounding areas. Wrapping paper is also appreciated.

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 <u>ccrinnion@yahoo.ca</u> 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:

Nov 19, Dec 3 & 17, 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's Hall	
Mon. Dec. 4, 6PM - 1 st Eucharist prep parents of Grade 2 students	Holy Family Church 52 Falkland St, Moncton	

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, <u>lsitland@live.com</u>

CHOIR – If you enjoy singing and would like to offer your musical gifts to St. Vincent's, please contact Leonette Nelson at <u>rinelson@nbnet.nb.ca</u> or 506-536-0764.

FOOD BANK – If you are in a position to donate, please remember to contribute non-perishable items (including toilet paper, tissues, hand soap and dish soap, etc.) to the Food Bank basket which is located on the right side of the entrance to the church.



Trevor Droesbeck - 857-4879 or <u>trevord.diocese@gmail.com</u> Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or <u>karen.diocese@gmail.com</u>

Advent Retreat on Sat., Nov. 25 Craig Murphy will lead us on an Advent Retreat entitled "The Longing and the Short of It: An Advent Retreat, 9 – 12 pm. at Broadleaf Guest Ranch in Hopewell Hill, Albert County. There will be a registration fee of \$20 each. Please register with Karen at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP: next Theology on Tap, Mon., Dec. 18, 6:30 pm at Five Bridges Pub in Riverview. Guest speaker, Maurise Levesque who will share with us talk entitled "Dealing with Loss in Death and Life: Common Misconceptions about Grief." Register with Karen at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com **A Night in Bethlehem**: All families are invited to attend a special interactive event at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, December 8th at 6:00 pm. Families will be led through a journey like that of Mary and Joseph on the night Jesus was born. This is a collaborative effort between St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and the diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. Registration is required, so please contact Karen at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

Dear Padre,

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (Christus Dominus and Sacram Communionem).



In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (Paenitemini). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (Immensae Caritatis).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, Immensae Caritatis also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: "Use what God has given you and look at the poor." At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY November 20 Weekday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

Lk 18:35-43 TUESDAY

November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY

November 22 St. Cecilia, Virain and Martyr 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY November 23 Weekday 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day Sir 50:22-24 1 Cor 1:3-9

Lk 17:11-19 FRIDAY

52-59

Lk 19:45-48

November 24 St. Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest,

and Companions, Martyrs 1 Mc 4:36-37,

28

Lk 20:27-40 SUNDAY November 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the

SATURDAY

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1-13

November 25

Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15 - 171 Cor 15:20-26, Mt 25:31-46



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