



When Will We Be Satisfied?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1992, *Forbes* magazine published an issue titled “Why Do We Feel So Bad When We Have It So Good?” It featured articles by such luminaries as newsman Dan Rather, President George H. W. Bush, and author John Updike. Many of the writers reflected upon our passion for more and our hunger to live in affluence and how that fails to satisfy. In so many ways, we as a nation find ourselves seeking distractions from living with ourselves lest we be confronted by our ultimate loneliness. As a nation we are addicted to entertainment and smartphones, to drugs and pornography, to finding something new. We are confronted by rising suicide rates and a pervasive, deep-seated anger. Why are we not satisfied?

John the Baptist called the people of his day to repent, which is another way of asking them—and us—to look at life differently. Advent is really about getting in touch with our deep longing for more, a part of our human condition that ultimately is only satisfied by God. We have been created to long for more, a longing that feels like loneliness, a longing that seeks to be satisfied. In the end, we can only find a sense of peace in the midst of such longing by accepting that it can never be fully satisfied in this life. Like the spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous, accepting rather than fleeing from our human reality becomes a path to new life. ●

Reflect

How do you deal with loneliness and a longing for more out of life?

John [the] Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

MARK 1:4

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Phone: (506) 538-2262 **Email:** stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com
Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Dec. 11	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Patricia Lane	Family
Thur.	Dec. 14	9:30 AM	Special Intention for Rodney Ermen	Donna & Sam Ermen
Fri.	Dec. 15	9:30 AM	For the People	
Sat.	Dec. 16	4:00 PM	Late Andrew Perry	Family
Sun	Dec. 17	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sat.	Dec. 16	7:00 PM	Camille Legere	Sharon, Mandy, Rob, and Lucas
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Dec. 17	9:00 AM	Late Dina Arsenault	Arline Cormier
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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 – December 2 & 3, 2023

Envelopes	\$5610	Loose	\$904.00	People in need	\$15.00
All Soul's	\$15.00	Karing Kitchen	\$49.00	Christmas Offering	\$20.00
Special Offer	\$10.00	Capital Expenditures		\$2022.00	
Car Blessing	\$20.00	Reconnect		\$10.00	
Bldg. Fund	\$85.00	Needy Fund		\$10.00	
Syrian Relief	\$35.00	Indigenous		\$50.00	

St. Clement's – December 2, 2023

Envelopes	\$415.00	Loose Collection	\$20.00
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St. Vincent's – December 3, 2023

Envelopes	\$1615.00	Loose	\$35.00
Maintenance	\$135.00	Fuel	\$100.00
Christmas	\$25.00	Cost of Offering Env.	\$10.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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

St. Bernard's

Marjorie LeBlanc	Wife of (late) Roger, Mother of Monique, Marcia, Jeffrey, Marlene, Richard, and Barry
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And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



*Ecclesiastes 3... Under every season there is a time...
A time to heal.*

St. Bernard's

Norm Gallant	Al Gallant	Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube
Patricia Devine	Harold O' Blenis	Margaret Mandeville	Cecil Rigby
Nicolas Morales Smith	Michel Saulnier	Corry Evers	Ray Leger

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 all who care for them..



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

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The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Moncton invites everyone to join in our first ever **Simbang Gabi** in Moncton. **Simbang Gabi**, a Tagalog phrase that literally means "Evening Mass," is the Filipino traditional novena Masses offered for nine consecutive evenings before Christmas Eve. It is a spiritual journey for Filipinos, a time of reflection, devotion, and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Centred on the Eucharist, the nine Masses honour the Blessed Mother Mary, who carried Our Lord Jesus in her womb for nine months. How is it different from a daily Advent Mass? On Simbang Gabi Masses, the priest wears white festive

vestments, and the Gloria is sung. In Moncton, I will preside at **Simbang Gabi Masses at St. Bernard's Church from December 15th to the 23rd at 7:00 PM**. All Masses are in English. The Filipino choir will lead the hymns. We will keep the parish's regular daily and weekend Mass schedule, and we are only adding the nine evening Masses. We will be honoured if you join us in these celebrations. May this season of anticipation and reflection fill your days with peace, joy, and the warmth of love.

– Fr. Carlos Jacinto, **Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

Advent Resources: The first is a booklet of daily reflections titled **A Time for Holy Listening** by Janet Schaeffler, OP There are limited copies, so first come, first served. Please take a copy only if you intend to use it.

The second resource is a little book on the Holy Eucharist from Dynamic Catholic called **Beautiful Eucharist**. A very generous parishioner donated 120 copies which we will distribute as we did with previous books. You are invited to take a copy, read it, meditate on it, and when you are finished with it, return it to the back of the church for use by others.

THESE ARE AVAILABLE AT ST. BERNARD'S, ST. VINCENT'S, AND ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCHES



St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

Baptisms Preparation

Sun, Jan. 21: 1:30 PM

RCIA

Resumes in 2024



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Schedule

Sundays Year 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM / Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM: Dec 10

Tuesday Year 1-2-3 @ 6PM: Dec. 12

Wednesday Year 4-5-6 @ 6PM: Dec. 13

Confirmation In-Person Session: Dec. 10

Prayer Companion Program - Luke 11:1 – Lord Teach Us to Pray is a 20-week program designed to help you deepen your prayer life and grow in intimacy with the Lord through personal prayer and a weekly group sharing experience. The program will begin in January. For details, please contact Deb D'Ettore at 506 961 3526 or by email at d.ettoredeb07@gmail.com.



We are nearing the end of 2023!

It is a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you may have missed over the year. Together as a parish community we can meet St. Bernard's financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, and preauthorized payments. **All donations for 2023 must be received prior to December 31st to be included in 2023 taxation receipts. Thank you for your continued generosity!!**

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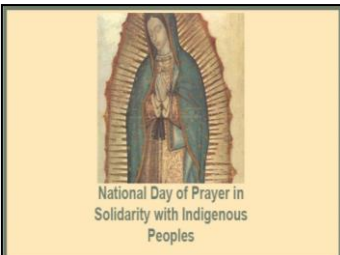


BE OUR MORNING · JOY
OUR · EVENING · REST

Join us for Evening Prayer

Advent Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. **We are encouraged to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer?** It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship. **All parishioners of our parish unit are invited and encouraged to gather for the Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) on Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church. December 14 & 21 @ 6:00 PM**



National Day of Prayer in
Solidarity with Indigenous
Peoples

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples – The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12, 2023) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity. An appropriate intention may be added to the Prayer of the Faithful during Mass and at Morning and Evening Prayer.



St. Bernard Music Ministry is joyfully accepting new voices to join in singing at 11AM Sunday Mass and 8pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you like to sing, please consider joining us! We need you! Please call Claire Hachey at 506-2277827

St. Clement's

Christmas Decoration - As Christmas approaches, we are again asking parishioners to help decorate our church for Christmas by donating flowering plants for the altar. Please call the office or let Pam know that you are planning to donate. Thank you.

St. Vincent's

AWAY IN THE MANGER AND SINGING AWAY IN THE MANGER – Parents of children and youth who wish to participate in the Bell Choir "Joy to the World" and/or singing "Away in the Manger" are asked to contact Karen Olscamp at 506-536-3050 or kolscamp@live.com for details as soon as possible.

WHITE GIFTS and FOOD BANK – Thank you to all who brought toys, clothes, etc. last Sunday to those in need in Sackville and the surrounding area. Also, thank you to all who gave so very generously to our local Food Bank during the past year.

Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and for First Reconciliation will take place in the winter and spring, and plans will be made in the new year with the families who are involved.

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:

Dec 10th @ 10am	Primary group – St. Vincent's Hall
December 17th @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's Hall



Advent Penitential Service for The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

(St. Bernard's, St. Vincent's, St. Clement's)

Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 2 PM at St. Bernard's Church

Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers

Once again, this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one, you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or mailed to the parish office. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin. **Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.**

Indicate parish:	St. Bernard's	St. Clement's	St. Vincent's
In Memory of:			
Donated by:			
Address:			
\$ Amount			
	Envelope # (if applicable)		



Trevor Drosbeck - 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com
Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com

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. **Our last two discussions will be held on Mondays at 2:00 pm via Zoom:** 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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD DURING ADVENT - Come join us in breaking open the Sunday readings of Advent. The Third Week of Advent will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary (after 9:30am mass) on Wednesday December 13th. Fourth week of Advent will be at St. Bernard's (after 9:30am mass) Thursday December 21st. Take this opportunity to reflect and grow in what God is telling you this Advent.

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 **January 11** at 10:30 am at the Dan Bohan Centre at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Dr., Riverview. We will have retired dietician Lynn Burdock join us. Jot down any questions you may have in the meantime. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.dioceses@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

BENEFIT CONCERT - "Music of the World" on Sunday, December 10, 2023, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH (11 rue St Andrews), Pointe Du Chêne. The Christmas concert will be followed by a potluck supper in the basement. All are welcome. Donations will be accepted at the door to support the church's mission projects. This musical afternoon will see artists from Canada, Nicaragua, Mexico, Poland, and the Philippines present pieces from their native countries. For information, contact 506-531-0252. Thank you for your support!

COP28 - Because Pope Francis thought the world climate conference in Dubai, was so important he planned to be there in person. When illness prevented it, he still made two presentations virtually. He said that "the destruction of the environment is an offence against God, a sin that is not only personal but greatly endangers all human beings". Also, that it is important to see ourselves as brothers and sisters in the one human family and we have a duty to protect our common home. See www.vatican.va for his presentations.





The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit Christmas & New Year's Schedule

St. Bernard's	Sun.	Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent: 11 AM
			Christmas Eve -The Nativity of the Lord: 5, 8 & 10 PM
	Mon.	Dec. 25	Christmas-The Nativity of the Lord: 11 AM
	Sat.	Dec. 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph: 4 PM
	Sun.	Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph: 11 AM
			The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: 4 PM
Mon.	Jan. 1	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: 11 AM	
St. Clement's	Mon.	Dec. 25	Christmas-The Nativity of the Lord 9:00 AM
	Sat.	Dec. 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph: 7 PM
	Sun.	Dec. 31	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: 7 PM
St. Vincent's	Mon.	Dec. 25	Christmas -The Nativity of the Lord 11 AM
	Sun.	Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph: 9 AM
	Mon.	Jan. 1	The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: 9 AM

Dear Padre,

Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15	December 15 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	December 16 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	December 17 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the Bible [conversion] means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one's way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what the Baptist was teaching.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 6, 2020