



Family Gifts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any “have-tos” whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one’s home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father’s gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents’ acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love” (Colossians 3:12-14). ●

Reflect

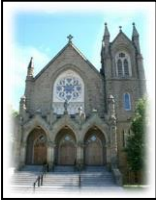
What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?



The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom; and the favor of
God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9

Phone: (506) 857-0425 **Email:** sbhf@rogers.com

Office hours:

Closed: New Year's Day (Jan 1, 2024)

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 noon & 1-4 PM

Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca



St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5

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Office hours: Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM- 2 PM



St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9

Phone: (506) 538-2262 **Email:** stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com

Office hours: call office to verify

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Jan. 1	11:00 AM	For the People	
Thur.	Jan. 4	9:30 AM	Late Audrey Melanson	Phyllis Christie
Fri.	Jan. 5	9:30 AM	Late Mr. and Mrs. Israel Pitre and Ben Daigle	Phyllis Christie
Sat.	Jan. 6	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Patrick Lawlor	Linda and Jason
Sun	Jan. 7	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late George O'Dell	Donna and Rick

St. Clement's

Sat	Jan. 6	7:00 PM	For the People	
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St. Vincent's

Mon.	Jan. 1	9:00 AM		
Sun	Jan. 7	9:00 AM	For the People	



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 23, 24 and 25, 2023

Envelopes	\$5,818.00	Loose	\$3,856.90	Syrian Fund	\$50.00
All Soul's	\$20.00	Karing Kitchen	\$202.25	Christmas Flowers	\$205.00
People in Need	\$20.00	Christmas Offer	\$6,525.00	Capital Expenditures	\$760.00
Donation	\$7,605.00	CWL Christmas	\$405.00	Evang. of the People	\$20.00
Basket Raffle (Building Fund)	\$1,723.00	Simbang Gabi (9 Days)	\$5,007.35		

St. Clement's – revenue will be reported on next bulletin

St. Vincent's – revenue will be reported on next bulletin

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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

St. Bernard's

Alma Barrieau	Mother of David, Grandmother of Rian and Michaela
Earl O'Blenis	Husband of Carol, Brother of Harold (Carolyn) O'Blenis



*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	Margaret Manderville	Cecil Rigby	Nicolas Morales Smith
Gordie Gallie	Michel Saulnier	Corry Evers	Ray Leger
Harold O'Blenis	Paul Doiron	Michael Black	Jim White
Victor Williams	Carolyn LeBlanc	Terry LeBlanc	Patricia Thomson

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	Art Chase	Leone Campbell	Tim Nye
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And for all who care for them.

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Ministry Team		
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Parish Secretary	Lorraine Horyl	
Catechetical Coordinator	Cathy Crinnion	
St. Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	



World Day of Peace – January 1 the World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise. At the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.” Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.



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!!**



"Scams and frauds skyrocket this time of the year. It's crucial to remain vigilant and protect us against potential fraud. Unfortunately, this festive time can attract the attention of scammers seeking to take advantage of our goodwill and increased online activity. **We would like to remind everyone that if you receive suspicious emails or text messages claiming to be Fr. Charlie, Fr. Carlos, or any of our parish staff, please be cautious and bring this our attention. Call our parish offices to verify any suspicious email. We wish you a joyful and secure Advent Season!!**"

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Jan. 20 and 27: 10 AM
Baptisms Preparation	Sun, Jan. 21: 1:30 PM
Next Baptisms	Sun, Jan. 28: 1:30 PM
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM

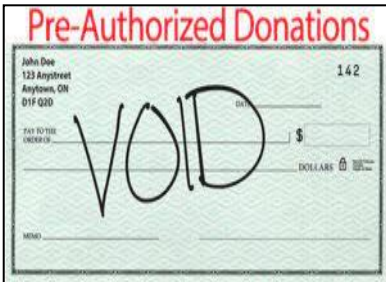


IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425

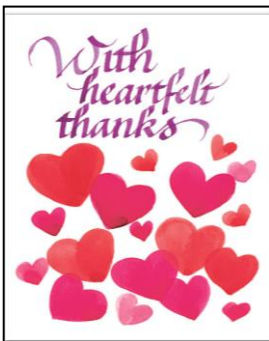


Friday Devotion-Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: January 5, 2024 @ St. Bernard's

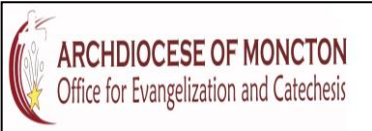
8:00 AM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 AM	Benediction
	Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 AM	Holy Mass



PADS – (pre-authorized donations) If you would like to continue to donate to Capital Expenditure, you may also do this through the Pre-Authorized Debit system. Kindly contact **Geneva Rivera at 857-0425 or send an email to sbhf@rogers.com** to register for St. Bernard's PADS. * Some have previously indicated and pledged to donate to the church either weekly, 1st or 15th of the month; we will contact you to confirm if your intention and debit schedule is still the same.



On behalf of St. Bernard's Church - a heartfelt thank you to all for their donation of time and effort during the Christmas season. (Re: decorating of the church, music ministry, all who served in the various ministries, and to all who attended the Masses). The care, time, and energy you have given reflects your love for God, the church and fellow parishioners. Thank you and God bless all.



Trevor Droesbeck 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com

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.diocese@gmail.com



YMCA ReConnect provides short-term and long-term assistance through outreach to youth and adults who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. YMCA Re-Connect is looking for donations of new or gently used sweaters, sweatpants, socks, hand / foot warmers and warm blankets. If you can donate any of these items to St. Bernard's Church, containers will be set up at the entrance of the church to receive these donations. We will ensure donations get to Re-Connect. Thank you in advance for your kindness.



The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit New Year's Schedule

St. Bernard's	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	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	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

2023 Christmas Flower



<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Gloria Savoie	Jerry, Linda, Jason, Todd, and Jamie Soulliere
Sid Wright	Mellie Wright
Pasquine Lobo	Anonymous
Concepcion Arce	Germain Esparza
Members of the Chase Family	Brenda

HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...



2023 Christmas Flower - St. Clement's



<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Boyne Murphy	Patsy Murphy Eileen and Alfred Doiron Clarence and Ethel Murphy
Lester and Edna Brien	Everard Brien
Brian Edwards	Vivienne Edwards
Camille Legere	Jan Legere Lorraine and Rudoph Legere Betty and Allen Sharp
Murray Legere	Patricia Legere Ed and Poppy Kehoe
Deceased loved ones	Charlene Cullen
All the Van <u>Egmonds</u>	Pam Van Egmond Joe and Ada Gagnon

Dear Padre,

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●



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Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 1 <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34	January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42	January 5 <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 3:11–21 Jn 1:43–51	January 6 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 5:5–13 Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38 or 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38	January 7 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12

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HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS ANNE AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (DETAIL), ANDREA MANTEGNA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... [I]f you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace.... And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 27, 2020