



A Haunting Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“What are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

**[Eli] said to Samuel,
“Go to sleep, and if you are
called, reply, ‘Speak, LORD,
for your servant is listening.’”**

1 SAMUEL 3:9

Reflect

*When you pray,
what are you looking for?*



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Jan. 15	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Ella Goguen	Jim Goguen and Family
Thur.	Jan. 18	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Allan Meredith	Family
Fri.	Jan. 19	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Ella Goguen	Jim Goguen and Family
Sat.	Jan. 20	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun	Jan. 21	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Daniel Dionne	Helen and Family

St. Clement's

Sat	Jan. 20	7:00 PM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
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St. Vincent's

Sun	Jan. 21	9:00 AM	David Collins	Cathy Crinnion
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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 – Jan 6 and 7, 2024

Envelopes	\$6,530.00	Loose	\$572.25	Reconnect	\$10.00
Share Lent	\$20.00	Christmas Offer	\$220.00	Capital Exp.	\$2,447.00
Needy Fund	\$25.00	New Year's Day	\$1,045.00	Ash Wednesday	\$20.00
Karing Kitchen	\$140.40	Syrian Relief	\$245.00		

St. Clement's – Jan. 6, 2024

Envelopes	\$212.00	Collection	\$55.00
Donation	\$100.00	Missals & Candles	\$28.00

St. Vincent's – Jan. 7, 2024

Envelopes	\$815.00	Loose	\$20.00	Maintenance	\$125.00
Offering	\$50.00	Christmas Offer	\$65.00	New Year's	\$60.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



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

St. Bernard's

Nicolas Morales Smith	Child of Daniel Morales (Carmen Smith), Nephew of Maria Miller (Scott)
Ronald Lake	Husband of Beverley



*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	Terry LeBlanc	Michael Black	Carolyn LeBlanc
Patricia Thomson	Victor Williams	Sauna Chalifoux	Leonardo 'Boy' Generale
Paul Doiron			

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McGraw Family	Carol Murphy	Ken Murphy	Hudson Sweeney
Baby Owen			

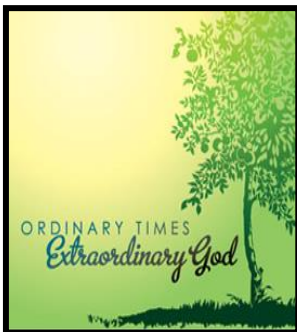
St. Vincent's

Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell	Tim Nye	Hank Hendrikson
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And for all who care for them.

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Ordinary Time

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the Risen Lord.

WEEK of PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2024

"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27)

weekofprayer.ca

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – JANUARY 18-25, 2021

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has been a long-standing practice by several communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, to include two Sundays. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be on, as Christ desires.

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
Catholic Women's League	Sun, Feb. 4: Rosary at 1:30 PM, Meeting 2-4 PM
Prayer Group	Sat, Jan. 13, and Jan. 27

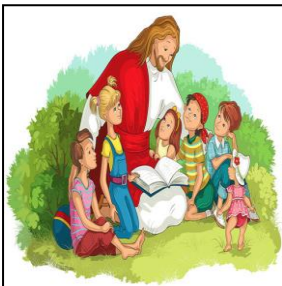


IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 857-0425



Sunday of the Word of God: January 21, 2024

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us his treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." - *Pope Francis, Aperuit illis, 2*



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

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

Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21, and May 5

Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM:

Jan.16, Jan. 31, Feb. 13, Feb.27, March 12, March 26, April 9, April 23, and May 7

Years Wednesday 4-5-6 @ 6PM:

Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8

Year 7 Confirmation next in person Sessions Sunday @ 2 PM:

Jan. 28th, Feb. 11, March 10, April 7



Please - No Scent Policy

Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall. Thank you.



The Karing Kitchen offers basic, nutritional meals to all who come, five days a week, 52 weeks a year. They depend on private donations of both cash and foodstuffs to keep their doors open. They would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Without your help there can be no Karing Kitchen. They welcome your support.



The Christmas Season came to an end with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Monday, January 8, 2024. **Thank you** to all those who have remembered us, through the many cards, good wishes, prayers, treats, & gifts. God's blessings to all. **Fr. Charlie, Fr. Carlos & staff.**



YMCA ReConnect Moncton 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, baskets 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.



Knights of Columbus, Council 1310's, 84 Broadway St., Moncton: Sunday breakfast: February 4th, 2024: 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.

St. Vincent's



SOCIAL GATHERING – You are warmly invited to attend our social gathering today after mass in St. Vincent's chapel. Coffee, tea, sweets, and sandwiches will be offered. To quote the poet Yeats: "There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met."

PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES – are offered to the family of Eugene Marks, who passed away at the Sackville Memorial Hospital on January 5, 2024. May he rest in the arms of our loving God.

CHALICE – John Blakely has recently reported that in the fall of 2023, \$750 was forwarded to Chalice. This amount was sent to support the work of Chalice in Kenya (as shown in the photos and narrative on the wall by the collection box in the entrance to St. Vincent's). This past week \$123.60 was deposited to our Chalice account bringing the current balance to \$423.24, which will be forwarded to Chalice later. We appreciate John's dedication to this ministry and thank him for his many years of support!



WELCOME NEWCOMERS! – Our welcoming committee is asking if you have good used bedding/blankets/furniture/small appliances that you are no longer using, our new families who are trying to set up apartments in Sackville need these items. Please call the Parish Office if you have items in good condition that you wish to donate. Please leave a message if you call at a time when there is no one in the office. 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca

FOOD BANK– There are many in our local area who are struggling to feed their families. The parishioners of St. Vincent's have been very generous in the past. We encourage our faithful to continue donating to this worthy cause. The food basket is located on the right side of the entrance to the church. Donated goods are transported weekly to the Sackville Food Bank by volunteers from our parish.



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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

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next film discussion will take place via Zoom on January 29th at 2:00 pm, when we will talk about faith themes from Five People You Meet in Heaven (2004). 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 LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

Theology on Tap Our next Theology on Tap will take place on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 pm at Mai Asian Restaurant on Mountain Road. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Carlos Jacinto who will speak to us about vocation and discernment. Please register with Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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Accompanying Priest: Fr. Carlos Jacinto
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Dear Padre,

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

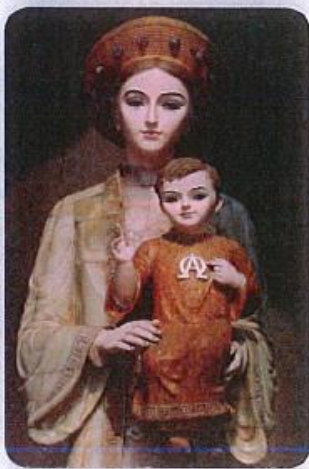
The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



PICTURE OF APOSTLE ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST BY PIETRO SOLIMANO, SPAIN, 16TH CENTURY

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



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May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JANUARY 17, 2021

MONDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-25

Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13

Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37,

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Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21

Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19,

23-27

Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY

January 21

Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Jan 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

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