



Love Takes Work

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If you believed your own natural death was imminent, would that affect the decisions you make? When St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, that was his expectation—that the Lord's return was going to take place quickly, that the Second Coming was just about to occur and could happen at any time.

While St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that it is better to be unmarried than married, the purpose of this advice is to keep life simple and focused on what is important. Don't make any long-term commitments like buying a field, or starting a business, or even getting married. Be ready and prepared because the end of the world could literally be tomorrow. "I should like

you to be free of anxieties," he wrote. Much later, St. Paul realized the end was not going to happen as soon as originally expected.

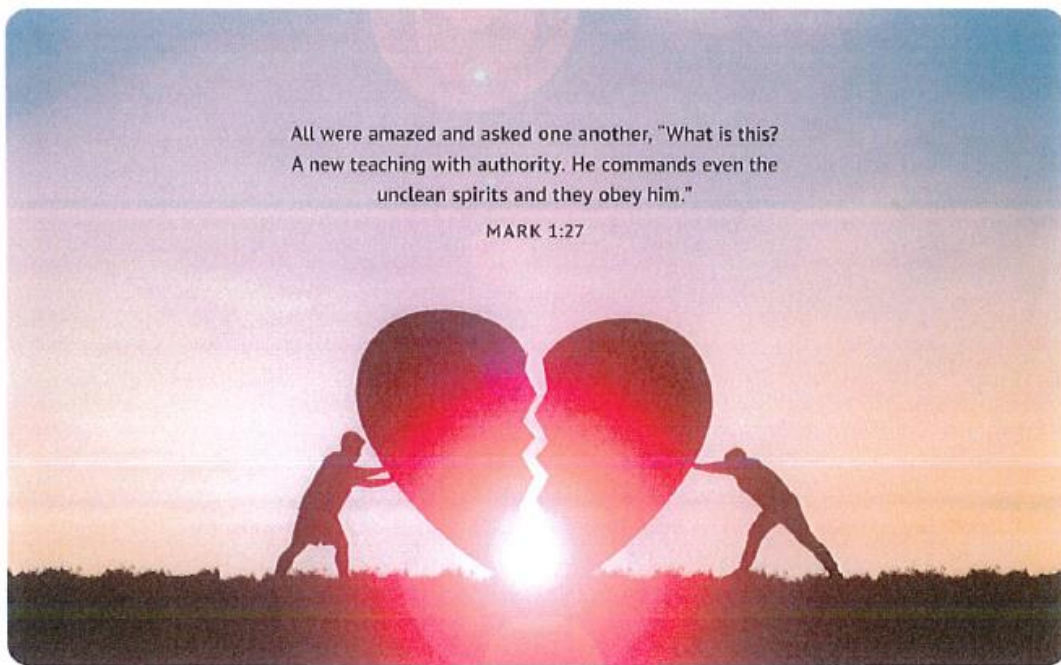
Saint Paul was not against marriage. He would be the first to say that, ideally, marriage can and often does reveal the depths of human love, but he would also say that it takes work; it doesn't happen all by itself. Just as readily, St. Paul would also note that, ideally, celibacy can and often does reveal the breadth of love given in service to others, whether the celibate person is lay, a priest, or a religious. It can seem, however, that the unclean spirit that Jesus cast out continues to roam human lives. All of us struggle to live out love as best we can, wherever we find ourselves in life. ●

Reflect

What in your life gets in the way of loving as well as you would wish?

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

MARK 1:27



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Jan. 29	9:30 AM	Late Joann LeBlanc	St. Bernard's CWL
Thur.	Feb. 01	9:30 AM	Late James Albert Wood	George & Sophie Murphy
Fri.	Feb. 02	9:30 AM	Special Intention	
Sat.	Feb. 03	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Lucy & Joseph Melanson	Linda & Guy Chiasson
Sun	Feb. 04	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sat	Feb. 03	7:00 PM	Cheryl Doucette	Joanne Carroll
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St. Vincent's

Sun	Feb. 04	9:00 AM	Late Paul	Binh Nguyen
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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 20 and 21, 2024

Envelopes	\$3,570.00	Loose	\$781.75	Capital Exp.	\$190.00
Karing Kitchen	\$81.50	Reconnect	\$40.00	New Year	\$110.00

St. Clement's – Jan. 20, 2024

Envelopes	\$790.00	Collection	\$5.00
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St. Vincent's – Jan. 21, 2024

Envelopes	\$4198.00	Loose	\$5.80	Maintenance	\$35.00
New Year's Offering	\$35.00	Cost of Offering Envelopes	\$20.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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

St. Bernard's

Patricia Soulliere	Sister of Terry (Linda) Soulliere
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Prayer Request

*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	Fr. Joseph Nguyen	Barb Bowes	Alma Melanson
Paul Doiron	Leonardo 'Boy' Generale		

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Carol Murphy	Ken Murphy	Hudson Sweeney
Baby Owen	Emma Cormier		

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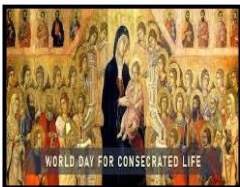
Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell	Tim Nye	Hank Hendrikson
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And all who re for them...



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WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – FEBRUARY 2, 2024 The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle and fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” (Saint John Paul II, 1997)



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.



REMINDER TO BRING IN LAST YEAR'S PALM

A basket is set up at the main entrance of the church to receive last year's palms. It would be helpful if your palm were cut into small lengths, as that saves much time for those who will be burning them to make this year's ashes.

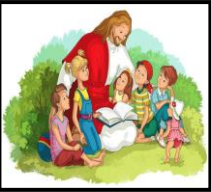
St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Feb. 3 and Feb. 17: 10 AM
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, Feb. 10



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 @ 506-857-0425



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

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

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

Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM:

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

Years Wednesday 4-5-6 @ 6PM:

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



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!



First Friday Devotion & Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
at St. Bernard's Church on February 2, 2024 *Please bring candles for blessing.

8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 AM – Benediction - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 AM – Blessing of Candles - Holy Mass (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)



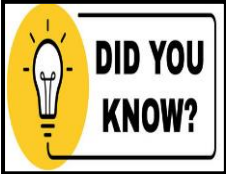
COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is approaching!

Lent begins Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer.

Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent normally come from the palm branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



Tax receipts are issued to those who financially contribute to the church by donating through pre-authorized payments or church envelopes. These tax receipts can be used as a deduction when filing your income tax each year. If you would like more information on setting up pre-authorized payments or if you would like to begin receiving parish envelopes, please contact the parish office.



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.

St. Vincent's

PRAYERS – A reminder that St. Vincent's church building is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for those who wish to have a personal and quiet time of prayer. You are also warmly invited to join the group of faithful who pray the Rosary in the Chapel currently.

FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's – 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 upcoming Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

January 21st and February 4th @ 10am in Primary group – St. Vincent's Hall
February 4th and 18th @ 10am in Elementary group – St. Vincent's Hall

Sacramental preparations (guided sessions for children and their parents) will be scheduled soon for: 1st Eucharist (students in Grade 2 or 3) and 1st Reconciliation (students in Grade 3 and beyond who have already received the Eucharist)

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.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE
May 16 - 26, 2024
Cost CA \$3570 (taxes included)

*A deposit of \$700.00 guarantees you a spot. Balance due **March 16, 2024***

Payment by e-transfer, bank transfer or cheque - CAD \$3570.00

Accompanying Priest: Fr. Carlos Jacinto

Pilgrimage Coordinator: Hector Caissie

For more information contact... Tel: 506-857-2295 / Email: hectorcaissie@gmail.com



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 **February 8th** at 10:30 am at the Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. We will have Barrister and Solicitor Cyril Sutherland talking to us about Wills, Power of Attorney, Appointment of Committee; all in relation to the new legislation recently enacted by the Provincial Government January 1, 2024. Jot down any questions you may have in the meantime. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.dioceses@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 at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com if you are interested.

Cosmic Walk the Laudato Si' Committee invites you to join in the telling of a special story—a story of Mother Earth, of humans, of gazelles, of mountains; it's the story of you and me! Birth, death, and resurrection. Our Christian story is our cosmic story! We will tell this amazing story are two different times on Thursday, February 8th at the Dan Bohan Centre, at 2:00 pm and again at 6:00 pm. Register with Karen at 506-387-4198, karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca - Pastoral Offices Adult Faith Formation Opportunities.

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.



Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church (43 Botsford Street, Moncton) on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 pm. (Mass and Sacrament of the Sick) Who should celebrate this sacrament? Those

who are elderly and whose frailty is becoming more pronounced; those adults and children who are suffering from a major illness; illness comes in many different forms - physical, mental, psychological, emotional, and spiritual; those who are facing or recovering from surgery or serious medical tests; those suffering from a serious accident; those who suffer from chronic illness such as arthritis or diabetes. those who care for the

sick, especially those who are closely bound in love with them. The English churches of the Archdiocese of Moncton work together to offer this communal celebration. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this celebration. **It is important that those who are sick and those around them understand the significance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as a sacrament of healing.**

Dear Padre,

**Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship?
Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the
teachings of Christ.**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: "The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked" (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus' preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13–53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says "the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God's saving love" (CCC 122). ●



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MONDAY

January 29

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13–14,
30; 16:5–13
Mk 5:1–20

TUESDAY

January 30

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9–10,
14b, 24–25a,
30–19:3
Mk 5:21–23

WEDNESDAY

January 31

St. John Bosco,
Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9–17
Mk 6:1–6

THURSDAY

February 1

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1–4,
10–12
Mk 6:7–13

FRIDAY

February 2

Presentation of
the Lord

Mal 3:1–4
Heb 2:14–18
Lk 2:22–40 or
2:22–32

SATURDAY

February 3

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4–13
Mk 6:30–34

SUNDAY

February 4

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1–4, 6–7
1 Cor 9:16–19,
22–23
Mk 1:29–39



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Do we listen to Jesus' words, which are authoritative?
Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout
the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And
then...let us ask Jesus: "Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of
God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!"**

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