



Bringing Outsiders In

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became "impure," and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

Reflect

Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

MARK 1:40



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Feb. 12	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Mary Phee
Wed.	Feb. 14	9:30 AM	Special Intention for Dan Fortin	Heather Fergusson
Wed.	Feb. 14	7:00 PM	Late Tony Dunn	Sam and Donna Ermen
Thur.	Feb. 15	9:30 AM	Late Pam Melanson	Bob LeBlanc and Family
Fri.	Feb. 16	9:30 AM	Special Mass Intention for Deacon Frank	Sam and Donna
Sat.	Feb. 17	4:00 PM	Charles Bertheleme	Paul and Jill Maillet
Sun	Feb. 18	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sat	Feb. 17	7:00 PM	Jeanne Natalizi	Doris Gunputrav and Family
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Sun	Feb. 18	9:00 AM	Late Sharon Lee Leger	Florence Hebert
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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 – Feb. 3 & 4, 2024

Envelopes	\$5726.00	Loose	\$1,044.65	Capital Exp.	\$2,392.05
Karing Kitchen	\$101.00	Easter	\$30.00	Needy	\$40.00
Reconnect	\$120.00	Donation	\$600.00	Ash Wednesday	\$15.00
Catechism	\$50.00	Syrian Relief	\$35.00	Indigenous	\$20.00
Hospital Champlains			\$15.00		

St. Clement's – Feb. 3, 2024 – **Mass Cancelled Due to Weather**

St. Vincent's – Feb 4, 2024

Envelopes	\$505.00	Loose	\$5.00		
Maintenance	\$50.00	Fuel	\$50.00	Stole Fees	\$102.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

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

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Sonia Worster	Grandmother of Erin (Peter) Leger
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Ecclesiastes 3...

Under every season there is a time, A time to heal.

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Norm Gallant	Al Gallant	Judy Chiasson	Roger Berube
Patricia Devine	Fr. Joseph Nguyen	Barb Bowes	Paul Doiron
Priscilla Tobin	Joseph Phee	Donna Bourque	Patricia Thomson
Teresa Vermette	Connie Wilden		

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

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Hank Hendrikson	Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase
Leone Campbell			

And all who care for them...

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

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



To save on the cost of mailing out income tax receipts your receipt will be available for pick up starting February 10, 2024, at the weekend liturgies, both before & after mass, at the main entrance to the church. They may also be picked up at the office during regular office hours. Any tax receipts that are not picked up until February 26, 2024, will be mailed accordingly. **Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous support to the Parish.**

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.



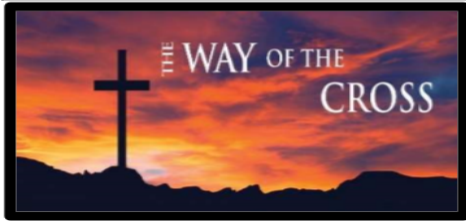
IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschurch.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 506-857-0425



Season of Lent – Lent is the yearly celebration by the church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God’s Word and more of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes. During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners.

The Way of The Cross

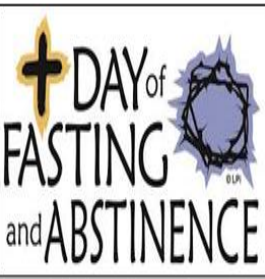
We will pray the Way of the Cross ***during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM.*** To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in different churches according to the following schedule:



February 16	Immaculate Heart
February 23	St. Augustine’s
March 1	St. Bernard’s
March 8	Immaculate Heart
March 15	St. Augustine’s
March 22	St. Bernard’s
March 29	Immaculate Heart



Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2024	
St. Bernard’s	9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
St. Clement’s	5:15 PM
St. Vincents	7:00 PM



Did you know...Ash Wednesday
Is it a day of fasting & of abstinence from meat?

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are hungry & to save money to give to the poor. The law of **abstinence** from meat binds those who are 14 & older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.

Ash Wednesday



Why do we wear ashes? Ashes symbolize sorrow and penitence. The early church ritualized this for those who had committed a serious or “capital” sin. These “penitents” would wear a penitential garment and have ashes sprinkled on them. Then they would be excluded from celebrating the Eucharist until the Easter Vigil. (Note that a person could be a penitent only once in a lifetime.) Although the order of penitents had declined, by 1091 all the faithful were encouraged to take on the practice of wearing ashes at the beginning of lent. Today we continue this practice as an expression of “our human condition as

affected by sin” (Ceremonial of Bishops, 253). We mourn for “our sin and ignorance” (Responsorial for Ash Wednesday) that has kept us from keeping to our baptismal promises. We are marked with ashes as a sign of our commitment to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel” (Mk 1:15).

Where do the ashes come from? The rubrics for Ash Wednesday say that “the ashes used today come from the branches blessed the preceding year for Passion Sunday.” Though there is no special rite for burning palm branches, many communities have made a tradition of preparing their own ashes during the weeks before Lent.

How long do I have to wear these ashes? There is no rubric that states that ashes need to be worn outside of the Ash Wednesday liturgy, though you’ll see many smudged foreheads at work and on the streets on that day. The wearing of ashes is meant to be a sign of our inward conversion, and, as the Gospel of the day warns, not a way to gain applause. However, this could be a way to quietly evangelize our places of work and to find support from unknown fellow Catholics.

Is it a sin to not get ashes on Ash Wednesday? Some people believe that it is a sin to miss receiving ashes on this day. Some even believe that one would not go to heaven if he or she were not marked with blessed ashes. Neither is true. (Ash Wednesday is not even a holy day of obligation!) This of course does not mean that we shouldn’t participate in this liturgy, nor does it mean that the symbol isn’t important. Wearing ashes must reflect our desire to act from our baptismal promises. Saying “we believe” requires us to live dead to sin. Wearing ashes demands that we live alive for Christ.

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Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Feb. 17 and Mar. 2: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	Sun, Feb. 25: 1:30 PM
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, Feb. 24



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

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

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

Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM:

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

Years Wednesday 4-5-6 @ 6PM:

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

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

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!



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.



Coffee and Chat:

Please join us after 11:00 AM mass on Sunday, February 18th for Coffee, Tea and some sweets.

Apple Juice for the children.

Compliments of Knights Council 1310

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Coming this Lent – Register at the back of the church for "I Believe" weekly during Lent we will gather in the Church kitchen and share our faith. Please indicate the best day for you Mon. or Thurs. pm.

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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:

February 11th and 25th @ 10am in Elementary group (grades 4+) – St. Vincent's Hall
February 18th and March 3rd @ 10am in Primary group (grades 1-3) – 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.



WELCOME NEWCOMERS! – Sackville and the Drew Nursing Home will be welcoming five more nurses from the Philippines on February 10, 2024! 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



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

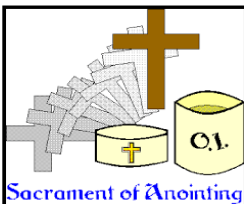
Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com

LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet five times over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films. **February 26th – The Notebook (2004); March 4th – Straight Story (1999); March 11th – Calvary (2014); March 18th – Monsoon Wedding (2001); and March 25th – Billy Elliot (2000).** All discussions take place on Zoom at 2:00 pm. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com to register. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, and DVDs will be made available for participants to borrow.

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.

ENLARGE YOUR TENT: A Symposium on Welcome and Hospitality the English Diocesan Adult Faith Commission invites you to an interactive discussion on Thursday, February 29th, 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish in Moncton (52 Falkland Street). Grounded in Isaiah 54:2, the tent image was used by Pope Francis to help inform our Synod conversations, and we will use it as a starting point for our conversation on the 29th. For more information and to register, contact Trevor at 857-4879, trevord.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.



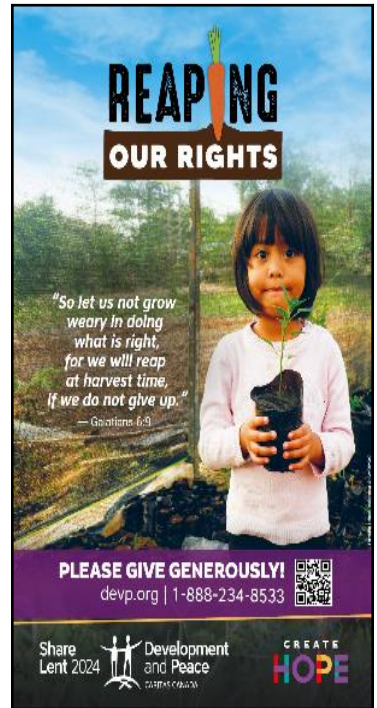
Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church (43 Botsford Street, Moncton) on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 pm. (Mass and Sacrament of the Sick) Who should celebrate this sacrament? Those who are elderly and whose frailty is becoming more pronounced; those adults and children who 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.**

This Lent let's work toward Reaping our Rights

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

- **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!
- **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine** and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.
- Meeting our solidarity visitors and **participating in the campaign launch webinar** on **February 17 at 1:30 p.m. ET**. For more information, contact the New-Brunswick regional Office of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada in Moncton, tel. 506 801-0440.



EVENING PRAYER



Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. Our priests, encourage us at the beginning of Lent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Lenten 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 & encouraged

to gather for Evening Prayer Thursday evenings at St. Bernard's Church at 6 PM - Feb. 15, Feb. 22, Feb. 29, Mar. 7, Mar. 14 and Mar. 21



Frequently Asked Questions about “Why Catholic Faith?” Journey registration:

1. Where do I get the book? Books will be given to the participants once we processed your registration. Registration forms are found at the entrance of the church. Once we receive your registration, we will contact you to arrange the pick-up of your book. We hope to give you your book one week before Session 1 starts.

2. How do I pay? There is a recommended fee of \$20 to cover the cost of the books. Payment is done anonymously. There is a blue box at the back of the church where you may deposit both the registration form and the payment. But, if that isn't within your budget, please don't let that keep you from registering. Your participation, your insights, and experience are what's most important. You may also pay for someone if you wish to share your blessings! The box is brought into the office every after Mass to ensure that the money and the registration are secured.

3. How many sessions are there in one book? There are twelve sessions in one book. The duration of each session is approximately 90 minutes. Each group will meet every two weeks.

4. Is this another catechism class? No. Rather than a "class," *Why Catholic?* is done through small faith-sharing groups. Eight people in one group. Each of us have insights and experiences about our faith. Often, we don't think about all the ways our faith connects with our everyday lives. These small group sessions will give us a chance to explore and share just how it does.

Some of the questions that will be explored include:

1. Creation, Scripture, and church teachings are all paths that lead us to God. Which of these most connects you with God?
2. How do you know God loves you?
3. When do you pray? Do you read and reflect on Scripture?
4. Who is your favorite person of faith in Scripture?
5. Was there a time in your life when it was hard for you to believe?
6. What is your favorite Scripture of Jesus.

Testimonies:

“Why Catholic?” not only strengthens our Catholic faith, but it also gives us the opportunity to learn the language of faith as we share faith with one another.” - *Mary Ann McLaughlin, Director, Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Boston (MA)*

"When the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* first came out, I was delighted since it is a comprehensive, up-to-date formulation of our beliefs and joys as Catholics. But I wondered how we might unpack its content for Catholics in the pews. ***Why Catholic?*** is a fine answer to my question. The material is arranged for use by small faith-sharing groups, thus enabling participants to better understand their faith and share it. The questions are thought provoking and interesting. I heartily recommend ***Why Catholic?***" - *Most. Rev. Michael Sheehan, Archbishop of Santa Fe (NM)*

“Why Catholic?” seeks to be an instrument for faith formation and a call to holiness. Saints in everyday life are the strength of the Church, which is always renewing itself in fidelity to the mission of Christ and in service to the needs of our society. I heartily commend this effort in making the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* more accessible to the faithful." - *Most Rev. John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Retired Archbishop of Newark (NJ)*

Dear Padre,

I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church.

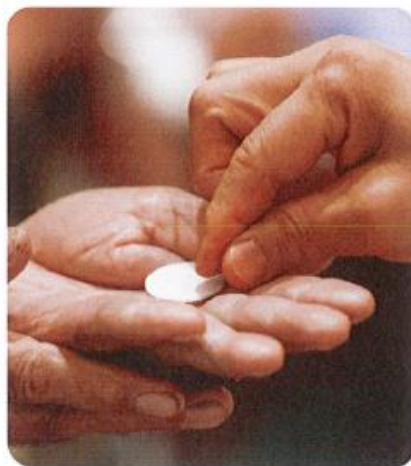


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 12 <i>Weekday</i>	February 13 <i>Weekday</i>	February 14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	February 15 <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	February 16 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	February 17 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	February 18 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13	Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25	Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32	Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Compassion means “to suffer-with-another.” Jesus’ heart manifests God’s paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean” (Mark 1:41-42). God’s mercy overcomes every barrier....

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