



Learning How to Die

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus “offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears” to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

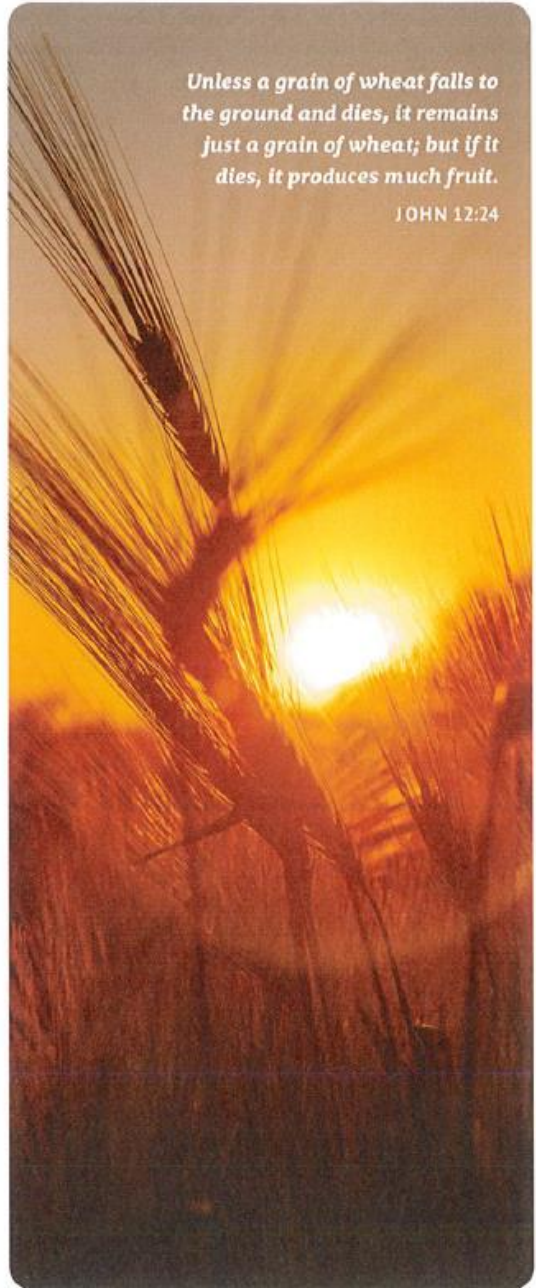
Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say “yes” to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

Reflect

Can you accept the little deaths along the way as preparation for the final passing from this life?

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

JOHN 12:24



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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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.	Mar. 18	9:30 AM	Anniversary Late James Guimond	Wife Thora
Thur.	Mar. 21	9:30 AM	For the People	
Fri.	Mar. 22	9:30 AM	Late Teresa Boom	Betty Evers
Sat.	Mar. 23	4:00 PM	Anniversary Late Susan Fortin	Family
Sun	Mar. 24	11:00 AM	Anniversary Late Zella O'Dell	Donna and Rick Shaw

St. Clement's

Sat	Mar. 23	7:00 PM	For the People	
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St. Vincent's

Sun	Mar. 24	9:00 AM	For the People	
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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 – Mar. 9 and 10, 2024

Envelopes	\$6,901.67	Loose	\$645.40	Share Lent	\$40.00
Karing Kitchen	\$100.10	Capital Expenditures	\$1,663.33	Reconnect	\$170.00
Needy Fund	\$10.00	New Year's Day	\$45.00	Good Friday	\$135.00
Easter	\$105.00	Easter Flowers	\$300.00		

St. Clement's – Mar. 9, 2024

Envelopes	\$280.00	Rental	\$770.00
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St. Vincent's – Mar. 10, 2024

Envelopes	\$2,580.00	Loose	\$9.50
Maintenance	\$35.00	Fuel	\$45.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

In Sympathy

*A time to mourn. Sincere sympathies to all who mourn.
the loss of a loved one.*

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	Francesca Ysabelle Magnabijon	Lynda Laverty	Leona Cormier
Cecil Rigby	Paul Doiron	Barb Bowes	

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Carol Murphy	Ken Murphy	Hudson Sweeney
Baby Owen	Emma Cormier	Adrienne Fagan	Angelia

St. Vincent's

Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell
Evelyn Ayer	Teresa Vermette	Barbara Bowes	Bertha DesBarres

And all who care for them...



Next Sunday, March 24 is Palm Sunday

We celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday is also referred to as "Passion Sunday." It marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross

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



The Good Shepherd Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday	March 26	Chrism Mass	Our Lady of Assumption Cathedral	10:00 AM
Thursday	March 28	Holy Thursday	St. Bernard's – Thursday of the Lord's Supper <i>(for The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit)</i>	7:00 PM
Friday	March 29	Good Friday	Children's liturgy	10:00 AM
Friday	March 29	Good Friday	St. Clement's - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	1:30 PM
Friday	March 29	Good Friday	St. Bernard's – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3:00 PM
Friday	March 29	Good Friday	St. Vincent's - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3:00 PM
Saturday	March 30	Holy Saturday	St. Bernard's <i>(for The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit)</i>	8:30 PM
Sunday	March 31	Easter Sunday	St. Vincent's – The Resurrection of the Lord	9:00 AM
Sunday	March 31	Easter Sunday	St. Clement's – The Resurrection of the Lord	11:00 AM
Sunday	March 31	Easter Sunday	St. Bernard's – The Resurrection of the Lord	11:00 AM

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Apr. 6 and Apr. 20: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	To be determined
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, Mar. 30, and Apr. 13



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024
Years 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM /Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM:
 March 24, April 7, April 21, and May 7
Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM: March 26, April 9, April 23, and May 7
Years 4-5-6 @ 6PM: March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8
Year 7 Confirmation next in person Sessions Sunday @ 2 PM: April 7



EVENING PRAYER
 Our last evening prayer will be held on Mar. 21 at 6pm at St. Bernard's Church.
All parishioners of our parish unit are invited & encouraged.



SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS
 Reconciliation: Saturday March 16th @ 3PM
 Holy Communion: Sunday April 14th @ 11 AM
 Confirmation: Sunday April 28th @ 11 AM



THE GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL UNIT
LENTE PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Sunday, March 17, 2024, 2:00 PM at St. Bernard's



Coffee and Chat:
 Please join us after 11:00 AM mass on Sunday, March 23rd for Coffee, Tea, and some sweets. Apple Juice for the children.
Compliments of Knights Council 1310



Easter Flowers
 If you would like to donate funds for Easter 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 dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter 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:			
Envelope #			
Amount \$			

St. Clement's

Easter Flowers If you wish to donate a plant in memory of your loved one for Easter, please bring the plant by **March 29th**.

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. A group of faithful also prays the Rosary at this time in the Chapel. You are also warmly invited to join them currently.

MASS INTENTIONS – If you wish to reserve a mass time for a family member or friend, please contact the Parish Office at 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnnet.nb.ca. A donation of \$15 is requested for each mass intention.

CHALICE – John Blakely has reported \$800 was recently forwarded to Chalice in support of the St. Peter Claver School in Luhombero, Tanzania. John would like to thank all the people who give donations, both large and small, to this worthy cause. "God Bless You!"

Comments from Chalice Canada, 101-26 Union Street, Bedford NS, B4A 2B5: "In all of Africa, Luhombero is the most impoverished community that Chalice is working in." "It is a very remote location with poor roads and very minimal commerce or medical support." "... Chalice (Canada) now has 150 children sponsored in the Luhombero area ..." For more information, please visit <https://www.helpuluhombero.org/>.



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:

March 17th and April 7th (10am) ~ Primary group (grades 1-3) ~ St. Vincent's Hall
***Note that the first session in April will not be on the 7th, but will be rescheduled**
March 24th and April 14th (10am) ~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall

St. Vincent's will celebrate the Sacraments of 1st Eucharist and 1st Reconciliation this spring, and preparatory resources have been shared with the families. If your child is ready for one of these Sacraments and you haven't yet talked with the Faith Formation Coordinator, please speak with Cathy as soon as possible.



DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – More nurses from the Philippines will be arriving soon! They need household goods to furnish their new accommodations. We are still looking for bedding/blankets/furniture/small appliances. Please call the Parish Office [506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnnet.nb.ca] if you have items in good condition that you wish to donate.



HOUSING – The five most recent nurse arrivals from the Philippines are looking for a 3-to-5-bedroom house within walking distance to the Drew Nursing Home on East Main Street in Sackville. They are currently residing in one of the cottages at the Drew which has four apartments but will need to vacate within the next month or so to make room for the next batch of arrivals. If you know of a house or large apartment, please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnnet.nb.ca

LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet regularly over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films. **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.

R.C.I.A. FORMATION WITH CATHERINE ECKER We will be offering a series of four virtual formation sessions (Via Zoom) on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), facilitated by Catherine Ecker. Catherine joins us from the Archdiocese of Toronto, Ontario where she currently serves as the Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist at St. Mary's Parish. She is also a lead Canadian expert in Christian Initiation and has co-authored the Alive in the Spirit! confirmation preparation program for young people. Sessions will take place on **April 22nd, April 29th, May 6th,** and May 13th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Trevor at 857-4879 or email trevord.diocese@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next Theology on Tap will take place on **Monday, April 22nd** (Earth Day), when we will be joined by Sr. Denise Lirette, fj who will give a presentation entitled "My Faith Journey: From Sky God to God Consciousness at the Heart of the Cosmos." The event will take place at Mai Asian Restaurant (1909 Mountain Road, Moncton) at 6:30 pm. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com.



World Water Day March 22nd

The Laudato Si' Committee invites youth from across the diocese to 'take the plunge' with us to learn more about **World Water Day!**

Packages of water information and activities have started to be distributed at participating Catechism gatherings and packages will also be distributed at Masses this weekend! We'll have some at the Good Shepherd and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish offices, too!

Please plan to participate!
We have so much to learn about the sacredness and importance of God's perfect creation, WATER!

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



March 22	St. Bernard's
March 29	Holy Family

WAY OF THE CROSS 2024 – Please note the Way of the Cross on March 29th will take place at Holy Family Church in Moncton and NOT Immaculate Heart of Mary Church as originally published in your bulletin.

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF MONCTON FOR SHARE LENT 2024

Re: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada Share Lent Campaign 2024 Celebration of *Solidarity Sunday*, March 17, 2024, 5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since February 14, Ash Wednesday, we have been in Lent, a liturgical season that prepares us to commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each year, the Church proposes a series of fasting, prayer and sharing gestures that offer us the opportunity to draw closer to God, to Jesus, and to our brothers and sisters in need at home and abroad.

If these three gestures are inseparable to live our Lent to the full, I'd like to underline the importance of sharing, in particular the Share Lent of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. In Africa, South America, Asia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, Development and Peace supports partners who accompany local communities whose members are actors in their own development. The organization also responds to requests for humanitarian aid during natural and man-made disasters.

This year, Development and Peace invites us to show solidarity with peasants around the world, and to mobilize for the recognition, protection and guarantee of their rights to land, water, seeds, biodiversity, food sovereignty, a healthy environment, and decent livelihoods. Under the theme *Create Hope - Reaping our Rights*, three partners are highlighted. They work in Bolivia, Indonesia and Nigeria respectively. They face a number of challenges, caused in particular by climate change and the excessive exploitation of extractive resources.

That's why, on March 17, the 5th Sunday of Lent, also known as Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday, I encourage you to carry our brothers and sisters affected by poverty in your thoughts and hearts. On this nationwide Sunday, the bishops encourage the members of the Christian communities of their dioceses to pray for peace, to bear witness to the work of Development and Peace, and to make a donation in the Share Lent collection or online at www.de\p.on.!/fr.

Sincerely yours in Jesus our Redeemer,



† Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.

Archbishop of Moncton

Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
Lenten Weekday	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Dn 13:1-9, 15- 17, 19-30, 33- 62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42	Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin? Since 1964, the Redemptorists' <i>Scrupulous Anonymous</i> free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org .						



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

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