



The Thomas Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they're good people, but he would like them to have faith. It's been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can't argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about "Doubting Thomas" experienced Will's dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus' wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

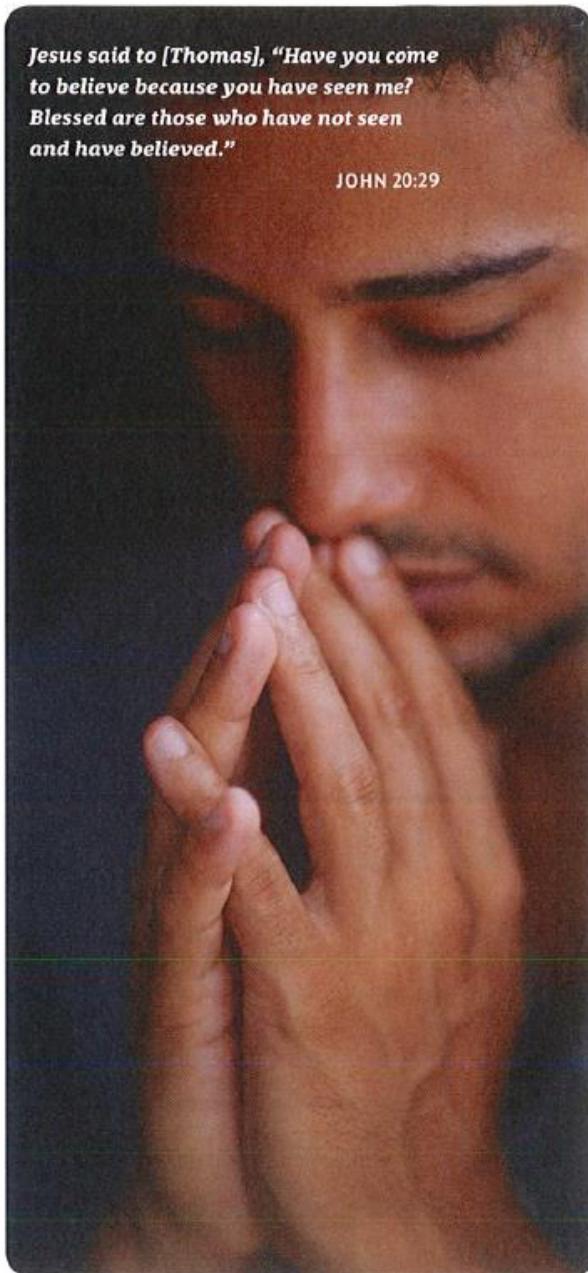
Sometimes that's true for us. We've heard the truth, but we haven't experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

Reflect

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	Apr. 8	9:30 AM	Late Helen and Ernie McCloskey	Claudia and Art
Thur.	Apr. 11	9:30 AM	Late Terrance "Perry" Bleakney	Pauline Bleakney
Fri.	Apr. 12	9:30 AM	Late Charles "Chuck" Kinney	Jessie Kinney
Sat.	Apr. 13	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Apr. 14	11:00 AM	Anniversary Late Jeannie Beaudet	Lorraine Montford

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Sat.	Apr. 13	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving	Joanne Carroll
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Sun.	Apr. 14	9:00 AM	Daughter Glenda	Bob and Irene LeClair
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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

St. Bernard's Offerings – Mar. 29, 30 and 31, 2024

Envelopes	\$6,120.00	Loose	\$2,357.05	Share Lent	\$305.00
Karing Kitchen	\$118.10	Reconnect	\$110.00	Good Friday	\$2,167.00
Easter	\$3,215.00	Ash Wednesday	\$35.00	Easter Flowers	\$355.00
Syrian Relief	\$35.00	Needy Fund	\$20.00	Indigenous	\$20.00
Capital Campaign			\$1,905.00		

St. Clement's Offerings – Mar. 29 and Mar. 31, 2024

Envelopes	\$850.00	Collection	\$100.00
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St. Vincent's Offerings– Mar. 24 and 31, 2024

Envelopes	\$1860.00	Loose	\$99.05	Share Lent	\$150.00
Easter	\$545.00	Maintenance	\$5.00	Easter Flowers	\$110.00
Holy Thursday	\$50.00	Good Friday	\$280.00		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



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

St. Bernard's

Edward Gauvin	Wife of Stella, Father of Linda Landry, Carol, Sandra and Susan
James "Jimmie" White	Brother of Rickey, Kathleen (Tim) Borlase
Murielle Mann	Cousin of Andrea, Mother of Marcel, Gisele Rowe (David) and Nicole Leaman
Ruth Duffey	Sister of Margaret (Peggy)
Eileen Crossman	Wife of (late) Norman, Mother of Kathy, Peggy, Tim, Shelly and Shawn, (late) David



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	Greg Murphy	Barb Bowes	Leona Cormier
Cecil Rigby	Paul Doiron	Terry Soulliere	Avard Christie
Patricia Delahunt Thomson	Deacon Frank Quinn	Jim MacDougall	Marcela Mallare

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

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

And all who care for them..

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Ministry Team		
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St. Clement's Parish Staff		
Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	



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



Easter season: For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.



EASTER SEASON
The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing.

Easter Flowers	
 <p>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.</p>	
In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Envelope #	
Amount \$	

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Mark Your Calendar

RCIA	Sat, Apr. 20 and May 4: 10 – 11:30 AM
Next Baptisms	To be determined
Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	Sat, Apr. 13 and Apr. 27



Children's Faith Formation Jan – May 2024

Years 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM / Years 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM: April 21, and May 5

Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM: April 9, April 23, and May 7

Years 4-5-6 @ 6PM: April 10, April 24, May 8



SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS

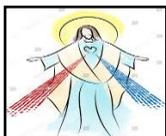
Holy Communion: Sunday April 14th @ 11 AM

Confirmation: Sunday April 28th @ 11 AM



St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League

On April 26, the feast of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Council, mass will be celebrated at 2pm in the church. Following the mass there will be light refreshments and a brief meeting in the hall. Any women of the parish interested in learning about the work of the Catholic Women's League are warmly welcomed.



Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 7

2:30 PM at St. Bernard's

Location: Main Church



Knights of Columbus, Council 1310, 84 Broadway St., Moncton:

Sunday breakfast: May 5, 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. We would like to thank our generous sponsors: **Maritime Pride Eggs of Amherst NS, Nana's Bakery of Moncton NB and Bimbo Bread**



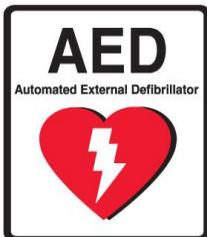
As not to leave anyone out, we would like to express a very appreciative **thank you** to all who participated in any way at the Triduum / Easter celebrations here at St. Bernard's! **We all play such a crucial part** in celebrating our Lord's Paschal Mystery!

Fr. Broderick and Fr. Jacinto

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Local Pastoral Council:

The LPC is an important element in the functioning of the parish and its pastoral life. **As a consultative body it is a privileged place of reflection and orientation of the pastoral activities of the local community.** Two of our current members, **Sam Ermen & Heather Morris**, have fulfilled their term / commitment to this council. On behalf of St. Bernard's, thank you for your service and time. We will be looking for two new candidates to fill these roles. As a **first step** parishioners are invited to pray over and discern who in our midst are best suited for this role. **second step:** we will call for nominations May 3/4, 2024, and the **third step** will be an **election to follow the weekend of June 1/2, 2024.** Please think about possible candidates, including yourself, and be prepared to submit nominations when called for. **To nominate a candidate**, simply send the name and telephone number of your nominee to the parish office either by dropping it in the collection, sending it by email or hard copy. Parish administration will contact each nominee to get his / her consent to have his / her name on the ballot. **Nominations will be received up to noon Friday, May 31.** **General Qualifications for Members of LPC:** Must be 18 years of age or older, be a Christian of "proven faith, good morals, and outstanding prudence.", be a registered member of the parish (or be willing to register), be reasonably familiar with the parish and its activities, be able to work in a group setting, be committed to personal growth.



In memory of Constable Francis Bertrand Deschênes, The Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund has donated the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to St. Bernard's Church. We thank his wife Savannah for choosing St. Bernard's Church as the recipient.

AED'S can make a life-saving difference to those in Cardiac emergencies. Soon, training for use of this AED will take here at St. Bernard's Parishioners, interested in taking this training are asked to contact the parish office to indicate their interest. (506-857-0425). Once the date for training has been set, they will be contacted.

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FEAST OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA – The Truth and Reconciliation Committee of All Saints Parish invites you to a mass of celebration of the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha on April 10, 2024, (a week before the actual feast day) at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Church, 63 Church Street in Amherst. Light refreshments will be served after mass.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – Thank you to everyone who has donated household items to date! The nurses greatly appreciated your help! More nurses from the Philippines will be arriving by the end of April! They need household goods to furnish their new accommodations. We are still looking for dishes and cookware/blankets/furniture/small appliances. Please call the Parish Office [506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca] if you have items in good condition that you wish to donate.

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!

~ Primary group (grades 1-3) ~ St. Vincent's Hall ~

*Wednesday April 3rd (6pm); then Sunday April 21st (10am)

~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall ~ April 14th and 28th (10am)

St. Clements's

A Capital Fundraising Campaign has begun to support the basement renovations, which are necessary to alleviate the water leakage and damage to the hall. A letter writing campaign asking for donations is being sent out.



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

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

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next Monday @ The Movies will be on **April 29th at 2:00 PM** when we will discuss the 2022 film *The Whale*, starring Brendan Fraser. Monday @ The Movies is a film discussion group which meets monthly on Zoom to discuss faith themes in popular films. Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

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.

Welcome to 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 **Thursday April 11th at 10:30 am** at Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. An avid gardener will be speaking to us about benefits of gardening. She will also instruct us on container gardening inside on a window ledge, our balcony, and our backyard. We ask that you bring your favorite pot to plant a little something in it. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com

A GREAT SYMPHONY OF PRAYER: THE OUR FATHER AS A PROGRAMME OF LIFE

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering an eight-part webinar series on prayer, facilitated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine's Seminary). There will be one four-part webinar series in the spring (information below) and one four-part webinar series in the fall (details TBA). The Jubilee Office in Rome has prepared a series of booklets on prayer, the themes of which will be taken up during the webinar series. This will enable the faithful one meaningful way to participate in the Year of Prayer, which was announced by Pope Francis on January 21st, 2024. Contact Trevor at 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com for information on how to register.

1. Tuesday, April 9 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Seeking God's Kingdom and Knowing God's Will
2. Tuesday, April 23 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Daily Bread and the Gift of Forgiveness
3. Tuesday, April 30 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Managing Trials and Resisting Evil



2024 Easter Flowers

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<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Maureen Coyle	Madge Lund and Family
Domenic De'Ettore and William Dresser	Joe and Deb De'Ettore

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Our Parents and our daughter Glenda	Bob & Irene LeClair
Mom & Dad, Leon, Ernest, Annie, Marguerite, and Marion	The Melanson Family
Bill & Mabel Vienneau	Karen & Mike Olscamp

St. Clement's

Late Mother and Father	Everard Brien
Camille Rudolph and Lorraine Legere, Allan and Betty Sharp	Jan Legere
Marty and Deceased Family Members	Pam Van Egmond
Late Mother and Father	Johanna Rommens
Ed and Peggy Kehoe, Murray Legere	Pat Legere
Boyne and Chris, Eileen and Alfred Doiron, Clarence and Ethel Murphy	Patsy Murphy
Deceased Family Members	Charlene Cullen

Dear Padre,

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come."

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God's divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●

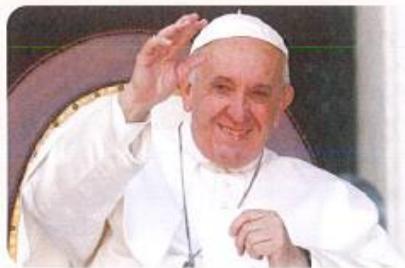


The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Is 7:10–14; 8:10	Acts 4:32–37	Acts 5:17–26	Acts 5:27–33	Acts 5:34–42	Acts 6:1–7	Acts 3:13–15, 17–19
Heb 10:4–10	Jn 3:7b–15	Jn 3:16–21	Jn 3:31–36	Jn 6:1–15	Jn 6:16–21	1 Jn 2:1–5a
Lk 1:26–38						Lk 24:35–48



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we rediscover the heart of Christ, the Lord's mercy.

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022