



Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, "Peace be with you," that's the sort of peace he's talking about and wishing for them.

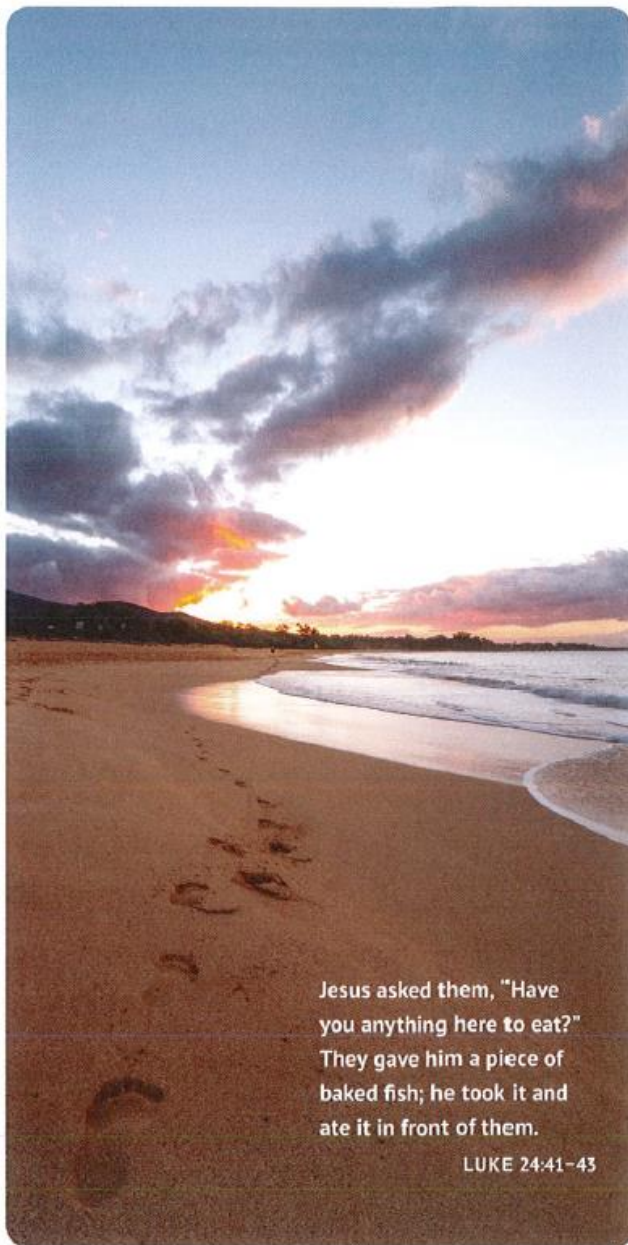
Such peace doesn't seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God's love over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it's genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that's God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it's not easy to know if that's God's peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you're at peace when everything else around you is not, that's when you know it's the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

Reflect

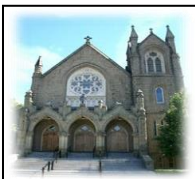
Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?



Jesus asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41-43

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	Apr. 15	9:30 AM	Late Jeanne Melanson	Jessie Kinney
Thur.	Apr. 18	9:30 AM	Late Ed Muise	Joann McLaughlin
Fri.	Apr. 19	9:30 AM	Late Rosaire Barrieau	Family
Sat.	Apr. 20	4:00 PM	Anniversary Late Bob Bassett	Norma Sanders
Sun.	Apr. 21	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sat.	Apr. 20	7:00 PM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
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Sun.	Apr. 21	9:00 AM	Michael Horyl	David and Lorraine Horyl
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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 – April 6 and 7, 2024

Envelopes	\$3,397.00	Loose	\$903.55	Share Lent	\$115.00
Karing Kitchen	\$130.00	New Year's Day	\$5.00	Good Friday	\$105.00
Easter	\$635.00	Ash Wednesday	\$35.00	Why Catholic?	\$1,115.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00	Capital Campaign	\$947.00		

St. Clement's Offerings – April 6, 2024

Envelopes	\$325.00	Collection	\$110.00	Holy Thursday	\$20.00
Good Friday	\$20.00	Pedvac Reimburse	\$155.00	Donation	\$100.00

St. Vincent's Offerings – April 7, 2024

Envelopes	\$1,080.00	Loose	\$47.00	Good Friday	\$15.00
Easter	\$255.00	Maintenance	\$80.00	Easter Flowers	\$100.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



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

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Patricia Delahunt Thomson | Sister of George Delahunt and Mary Helena Delahunt



*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
Deacon Frank Quinn	Paul Doiron	Marcela Mallare	Avard Christie
Jim MacDougall			

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

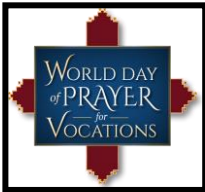
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Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell
Evelyn Ayer	Teresa Vermette	Barbara Bowes	Bertha DesBarres
Deacon Frank Quinn			

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	



World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 30

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and call many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

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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.

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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. 27 and May 11



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 23, and May 7
Years 4-5-6 @ 6PM: April 24, May 8



SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS

Confirmation: Sunday April 28th @ 11 AM



St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League

Members of the Catholic Women's League will be participating in the parish mass at 9:30 AM on Friday, April 26 for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Following mass, we will have our annual meeting with installation of the new officers and refreshments in the parish hall. Any ladies who are interested in Joining the CWL or have questions can contact Donna Shaw at 506- 382 -0503.



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**

Mr. Frank Quinn, a seminarian deacon studying at the London Seminary suffered a heart attack on Friday March the 26th. He was supposed to be ordained to the priesthood at the Moncton Cathedral on May the 3rd. To permit him a prompt convalescence, his ordination to the priesthood will be postponed to a later date. We pray to the Lord that his health will be imminent so that he will fulfil his project to serve Christ's Church as a priest.

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PRAYERS – 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. Also meeting at this time is a group of faithful who pray the Rosary in the Chapel.

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@nbnet.nb.ca. A donation of \$15 is requested for each mass intention.

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!

~ Elementary group (grades 4+) ~ St. Vincent's Hall ~ April 14th* (Parish Rectory) and 28th (10am)
~ Primary group (grades 1-3) ~ St. Vincent's Hall ~ April 21st and May 5th (10am)

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.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER:



IN MEMORY OF: Vange & Levi & Lee Estabrooks
DONATED BY: Florence Gaudet

World Water Day 2024

Are you working on your poster?

Bring in by **April 14th**
and we will be
drawing for
a prize!!





Trevor Droesbeck 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 23 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Daily Bread and the Gift of Forgiveness
2. Tuesday, April 30 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Managing Trials and Resisting Evil

2024 Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference

Calling all youths (Ages 14-18)

In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at **Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax, NS on July 5-7, 2024**, to be illuminated in the light of Christ.

Steubenville Conferences are an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville. The conferences serve nearly 50,000 high school youth and their leaders at 25 different conferences across North America every summer. The conferences seek to invite teens into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church, empowering them to live as his disciples. These conferences are high energy events featuring inspiring talks, dynamic worship, and profound encounters with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and sacrament of reconciliation.

Come and join us! The registration fee will be covered by the archdiocese, parishes, and donors.

It means the residence accommodations, five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), talks, and sessions are all covered. You just have to show up!

If you are interested or someone you know is interested, please contact Fr. Carlos Jacinto at fathercarlosj@gmail.com or call the St. Bernard's Parish Office 506-857-0425 (Monday-Friday: 9am-12nn; 1pm-4pm)



Dear Padre,

What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

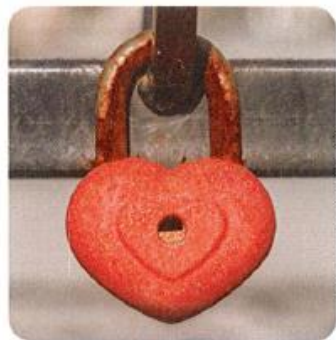
“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 4:8–12
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	1 Jn 3:1–2 ✎ Jn 10:11–18



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration. How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021

GIOVANNI CARDILLO / SHUTTERSTOCK