

Second Sunday of Lent February 28th 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday February 28th
11:00 am For the Parish Community

REVISED RETURN TO CHURCH GUIDELINES

Wednesday Mass 9:15 am

Thursday Mass 5:00 pm

Friday Mass 9:15 am

Saturday Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass 11:00 am

Friday 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Confessions: call Fr. Eslin at 819-576-6255

Masks must be worn in the church. Records of attendance is also mandatory.

Pastor's Message

“The goal isn't the cross »

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are being led by the word of God in a special way during this lent. In spite of the unpleasant impact of the Covid 19, we need to go beyond health consciousness towards an inner journey of our 'self' that's our 'soul' or still better said, our 'spiritual self'. The week-end message of the Gospel leads us to the reflection on the Transfiguration of our Lord. I forward two points of scholars to help us have a right basic understanding of the event.

- i. If we're not careful, we think of the transfiguration as just a bright light shined on Jesus. But this wasn't a light coming on Jesus from the outside. “The word *transfigured* describes a change on the outside that comes from the inside. It is the opposite of 'masquerade,' which is an outward change that does not come from within.” (Wiersbe)

- ii. This was not a *new* miracle, but the temporary pause of an ongoing miracle. The real miracle was that Jesus, most of the time, could *keep* from displaying His glory. “For Christ to be glorious was

almost a less matter than for him to restrain or hide his glory. It is forever his glory that he concealed his glory; and that, though he was rich, for our sakes he became poor.” (Spurgeon)

Jesus also dramatically showed that cross bearers would be glory receivers. The *goal* isn't the cross. The cross is the *path* to the goal, and the goal is the glory of God. We too need to go back into our past and find those glorious experiences we had feeling good and useful to others that they may re-energize our spirit to go forward to celebrate with the Risen Lord, the Lord of the universe.

God bless you all!
Fr. Eslin Pereira cmf.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Manuel De Sousa and his family on the death of his father Eurico De Sousa who passed away Wednesday morning February 24th.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2021 are at the back of the church to be picked up now that the church has reopened.

The tax receipts for 2020 have all been mailed.

If you contributed through Canada Helps, they email the donors to remind them they can download their tax receipt by using the “Receipt Download Tool”

Remember in your prayers all who are in need of our prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them, especially:



Mary Dawn Johnston, Andy Quan, Chris McEvoy, Joyce Lefebvre, Lisa Paquette, Deslyn Agard, Jacques & Isobel Arcand, Nicky LeBlanc, Yasmin Shivji, Anna Gaigg, Omar Ladouceur, Peter & Janet Perry, Sylvia LaFrance, Dennis McGrath, Jane & Bob Cameron, Patricia & Charles Jelley, Eddy Proulx, Terry Jolicoeur, Joseph Ritchie and Ken Trudel.

Please contact the parish office to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Pat Gagne (613-523-0769)

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Thank you for your generosity and support
Parishioners have been contributing by dropping envelopes at the church, by mail and through Canada Helps.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Information and registration information was sent to the schools in December. Registrations (with supporting documents) have been received from interested participants. When further information is received concerning the actual event, all those who have registered will be advised by email

COMMUNION 2021

Information about First Communion 2021 will be forwarded to the schools early this week. Registration for participants should be received by March 25th. When further information is received concerning the actual dates, all those who have registered will be advised by email.

LEAPIN' LEPRECHAUNS! DINNER

Our Lady of the Visitation Hall, 5338 Bank Street.
A delicious homemade Roast Pork dinner with potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert.

Sunday, March 14, 2021 Curbside pickup only 3:00 to 6:00 pm (All Covid 19 safety rules followed). Tickets must be purchased in advance: 613-822-2007 or events@olvottawa.ca
Adults: \$22.50; children (up to 10 years) \$10.00

'By My Side Program' for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Virtually via Zoom. A program of spiritual friendship and healing. The six-week sessions begin Sat., Mar. 27. Registrants will receive a private link to join prior to their first session. Women sessions: 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Men sessions: 12:00 - 2:00 PM. The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Further info & registration: www.bymyside.ca or on Facebook at: facebook.com/bymysideott or contact Mary Jane Manley at (613-294-1308). The cost is \$40.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - Caritas Canada's Share Lent 2021 Campaign

This year's campaign theme *Share Love, Share Lent* is focusing on Canadian Catholics discovering how the work of Development and Peace is anchored in

Catholic Social Teaching and how we can heed the Pope's call for solidarity and love for our neighbor.

The collection date is **Sunday, March 21st**. You can contribute through the church or donate online at devp.org/sharelent, by mailing a cheque to 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC H3G 1T7 or by phoning 1-888-234-8533.

Call for bibles, statues, and rosaries from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores: In partnership with the Ottawa Catholic School Board. If you have Catholic Bibles, religious statues, or rosaries to donate, the Ottawa SSVTP Thrift Stores, in partnership with the Ottawa Catholic School Board, are gathering religious items and making sure they find a new home in local English Catholic Schools. Simply drop off your donations during the weekdays, 9:00 am - 4:00pm at 1273 Wellington St. W. & 1620 Merivale Rd. Info: <https://saintvincentdepaul.ca/contact-us>

DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD OR INTERAC to make weekly, monthly, or one time donations:



Visit, saintbernardparish.com, click on Canada Helps to give. Canada Helps will instantly issue you a tax receipt and will forward your donation into our parish account.

CRA CHARITY NUMBER - Our parish is registered with CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This number is needed to setup payroll charity giving



Direct Your United Way Contributions to St. Bernard Parish: Did you know that you are able to direct your United Way contribution to St. Bernard Parish? Simply mark the appropriate section on the reverse of your form to direct your monies to **PAROISSE ST BERNARD**, 1720 St. Bernard Street, Gloucester, Ontario. K1T 1K8. You not only give to United Way but you help your church as well.

Charity Name: PAROISSE ST BERNARD
BN/Registration Number: 12896 7353 RR0020

*Fasting cleanses the soul,
raises the mind, subjects one's flesh
to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and
humble ... and kindles the true light
of chastity.*

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. St. Augustine