

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

September 5th, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday 11:00 am	September 5th † Fern Poulin by Louise Poulin
Thursday 6:30 pm	September 9th † Violet & Rita Kamar by Rafael Kamar
Friday 9:15 am	September 10th † Maria Kubat by Marianna Kubat
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 11th † Fern Poulin by Louise Poulin
Sunday 11:00 am	September 12th † Michael de Leon by the Leon Family

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, Deslyn Agard, Jacques & Isobel Arcand, Nicky LeBlanc, Yasmin Shivji, Anna Gaigg, Omar Ladouceur, Peter & Janet Perry, Sylvia LaFrance, Dennis McGrath, 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)

WEEKLY CHURCH GUIDELINES

Wednesday Mass 9:15 am
Thursday Mass 6:30 pm
Friday Mass 9:15 am
Friday Adoration: 6:30 pm
Saturday Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Sunday Mass 11:00 am
Confessions: call Fr. Eslin at 819-576-6255

Saturday & Sunday Masses can be viewed online through Facebook (saintbernardottawa)

Pastor's Message

"A Call to be open to all"

The message we hear in all three readings today is simply: **Ephphatha!** That is: Be opened! Be open to the goodness and graciousness of our God. Isaiah speaks words of hope to the Israelites in the desert, to those whose hearts are frightened: "Be strong, fear not" (Isa. 35:4). He encourages them to be open to the saving work of God, who will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. James speaks of welcome and hospitality, of openness to both the wealthy and the poor.

In Mark's gospel, we hear today the story of Jesus healing the deaf man with a speech impediment. Here is when Jesus speaks, "'Ephphatha'—that is, 'be opened'" (Mark 7:34). And indeed, his ears were opened and his speech impediment was removed.

How do God and the gospel open our eyes, ears, hearts? How are our lives transformed—indeed, made different?

The gospel calls us to see with eyes of love and acceptance. In our humanness, we tend to notice only differences: age, color, ethnic background, sexuality, socioeconomic status, physical and psychological wellbeing, politics. These differences bring judgment. With hearts opened by God, we see every person and our earth as our neighbors, deserving of respect and care. Paul speaks this theme clearly, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). What a transformation there would be if we lived what we see in the example of Christ.

God bless you all!
Fr. Eslin Pereira cmf.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE HOLY LAND

As the April 2nd collection in support of the Holy Land was not made, we ask that you use the Holy Land envelope at one of the collections in September.

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Celebrations of the Faithful Departed:

The celebrations will take place at Notre Dame Cemetery, 455 Montreal Rd., Ottawa (notredamecemetery.ca) on Sun., Sept. 12 at 2:30 p.m.; at .; at Nativity Cemetery, Cornwall on Sun., Sept. 26, 1:00 p.m.; and at Notre-Dame Cemetery, Cornwall (www.notre-damecemetery.com) on Sun., Sept. 26, 2:00 pm.

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

The following courses are being offered this fall by the Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program.

All programs will be delivered on Zoom.

In September they will have two 9-week Basic Courses in Pastoral care: one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

The Advanced course takes place in October and consists of 4 sessions;

For more information visit Ottawapastoralcare.com

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH - TAKE-OUT DINNERS

- OLV would like to share with you that they are continuing to have the SUNDAY curbside pickup TAKE-OUT DINNERS. Curbside pick-up Sundays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Don't be disappointed. Tickets selling fast. Prepaid orders! Tickets 613-822-2007 or email events@olvottawa.ca. Cost lower if you order multiple dinners. Adults \$22.50 and children 10 years and under \$10.00. Address for pick-up dinners, 5338 Bank Street, Gloucester, K1X 1H1.

Here are the dates:

September 12th - Schnitzel Take-Out Dinner

October 17th - Annual Harvest Beef Dinner

November 14th - Annual Turkey Dinner

December 5th - Tourtières

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Director for Miriam Centre: Full-time position, salary \$16/hour, 32.5 hours/week. Miriam Centre, a Christian ministry, is seeking a compassionate pro-life person whose primary responsibility will be to help pregnant women and their families. Must be fluently bilingual (oral and written), have good knowledge and experience in management and computer skills. For job posting see: <https://miriamcentre.ca/contact-us/>. Submit your resume to: Sr. Rita Lacelle, 107-1803 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans, ON K1C 6E7, or centremiriamcentre@gmail.com.

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI)

Haiti Appeal: CJI, along with other Jesuit international solidarity organizations, has launched an appeal for Haiti to support the response by Jesuits and Jesuit organizations in Haiti. The devastating impacts of the earthquake of Aug. 14 left over 2000 people killed and more than 12,000 injured and over 30,000 families rendered homeless. The Jesuits have a long history of working in the impacted areas and our partners know its people well and have developed a long-term plan of emergency relief and recovery. Info: 416-465-1824; cji@jesuits.ca; www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca.

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



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

A warm welcome to new parishioners. You are invited to fill out a parish registration form found on the table in the foyer or on our parish website: www.saintbernardparish.com.

Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass.
