

Dear Padre,

Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son’s memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature’s way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. “Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened.”
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32–35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it’s just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don’t be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God’s hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5–18 Jn 14:21–26	April 30 Easter Weekday Acts 14:19–28 Jn 14:27–31a	May 1 Easter Weekday Acts 15:1–6 Jn 15:1–8	May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 15:7–21 Jn 15:9–11	May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	May 4 Easter Weekday Acts 16:1–10 Jn 15:18–21	May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 1 Jn 4:7–10 Jn 15:9–17



RICCARDO DE LUCA / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 9:26–31 / 1 John 3:18–24 / John 15:1–8



The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that “who” has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

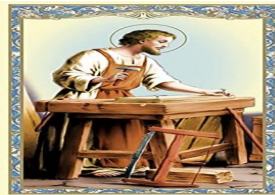
Reflect

How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?



[Jesus said,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

JOHN 15:1–2



SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER (MAY 1ST)

Although popular devotion to Joseph, husband of Mary, may have begun in the West as early as the 8th century, it was not until the 15th century that his name was entered in the Church calendar. Since that time, devotion to Joseph has been marked by growing enthusiasm. In 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed as second feast day in his honour: May 1st, which is also Labour Day in many countries. A carpenter, Joseph exemplifies working people who are dignified by their labour & who bring Christ into the workplace.



ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS C.W.L. MOTHER'S DAY TEA MAY 9TH 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM.
ADMISSION: FREE. TO BE HELD IN ST. MARY'S HALL. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE.

PROM COMMITTEE BINGO: MAY 11TH: MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS MEMORIAL MASS: MAY 26TH AT 10:30 A.M.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SUPPER: SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND: MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH SUPPER: JUNE 9TH: MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

PARISHES SHOULD LET US KNOW OF THEIR UPCOMING EVENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



The Parish of Saint Joseph (14064 Route 105, Tilley, NB) invites you to their \$0.25/card BINGO Today, Sunday, April 28 between 2 and 4 pm at their parish hall; canteen services available. A variety of prizes will be offered to be won, and a 50/50 ticket draw will also take place at the end of the event. Come support our parish fundraiser but mostly, come enjoy yourself with us, your friends and neighbours.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (PLASTER ROCK) SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON

On Monday, April 29th, at 12 Noon Sharp, we will be serving a spaghetti luncheon with Caesar salad, garlic bread and dessert with tea and coffee. Cost: \$10.00 per person
Auction 45 cards to follow.



MEMORIAL MASS CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 12, 2024: 10:30 a.m.

Parish of St. Joseph, 14064 Route 105, Tilley, N.B.

You are invited to join us for this special celebration as we remember and honour all of our deceased loved ones buried in our parish cemetery. Please help spread the word to people far and wide

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PLASTER ROCK AUCTION 45 CARD GAMES
MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. COST: \$5.00 WITH REFRESHMENTS

LAST CARD GAMES WILL BE ON MAY 27TH, 2024



ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS (44 MARIAN DRIVE PERTH ANDOVER) 50/50 BINGO
SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, 2024 CANTEEN OPEN AT 12:30 P.M.
HAMBURGERS/HOT DOGS ETC. BINGO STARTS: 1:00 P.M. CARDS: 25 CENTS. EACH.
COME HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON.

ST. ANN'S (TOBIQUE FIRST NATION) KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8405 BINGO
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE BINGO HALL DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M. EARLY BIRDS
START AT 6:30 P.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JAMIE AT 506-273-8253.

St. Mary of the Angels Cemetery Committee: Are asking parishioners (women & men) to help out on Monday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m. in our Church Cemetery. (Rain Date: May 11th.) We will be doing a major clean up and need extra hands. Please bring your rakes. For more info contact the office.

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: MOTHER'S DAY SURPRISE BASKET DRAW

TICKETS: \$2.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5.00 DRAW DATE: MAY 12TH, 2024
PROCEEDS TO HELP SUPPORT ST. MARY'S C.W.L. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA:

are collecting stamps for Development and Peace. We are asking each parish to collect used stamps and leave them in an envelope at your parish church and we will make arrangements to pick them up and deliver them to the C.W.L. These stamps will help in the work for Development & Peace. **THANK YOU**



Catholic Women's League:
Jackie Waye (President)
C.W.L. Contact 506- 273-2091.
Next meeting: May 2nd,
Social at 3:00 pm
Meeting at 3:30 pm
Now collecting stamps for
Development & Peace.
PLEASE SEE ABOVE



Knights of Columbus
Council 6414
GRAND KNIGHT:
WALTER MCDUGALL
NEXT MEETING: MAY 20TH: 7:00 P.M.
If you wish to join the
Knights of Columbus:
Contact James Fournier: 506-273-2637.

Knights of Columbus
Council 8405
GRAND KNIGHT:
JAMIE SAPPYER 506-273-8253
NEXT MEETING:
MONDAY: APRIL 22ND
AT 6:00 P.M.
WILL BE MEETING IN THE
CHURCH HALL



WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY PASTORAL UNIT

BULLETIN FOR APRIL 28TH, 2024

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EDMUNDSTON Bishop Claude Champagne o.m.i.
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FOR ALL SACRAMENTS: Please contact the office at 506-273-2913 or 506-479-1670.

E-TRANSFERS NOW AVAILABLE

For the parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels Parish, St. Patrick's Parish & St. Thomas Aquinas Parish: You are now able to make an e-mail transfer which will go directly into the parish bank account. All donations are tax receipted the same as a regular donation on Sunday.

For the parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels Parish: Send to: stmary@nb.sympatico.ca

For the parishioners of St. Patrick Parish: Send to: snbaker@xplornet.ca.

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish: stthomasaquinas48@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



April 27th/April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Mercy Mass—4:00 PM—Saturday, April 27th Fr. Gilbert
Mass for the People of Divine Mercy Pastoral Unit (pro populo)

St. Patrick Mass 9:00am—Sunday, April 28th Father Gilbert
+For Clarinda Toner by Mary Kate & Matt Beckwith
+For Delmer Embelton by Wife Marie.

St. Theresa Mass 9:00 AM—Sunday, April 28th Fr. Cecil
No Intentions.

St. Thomas Aq. Mass—10:15am Sunday, April 28th Fr. Cecil
No Intentions.

St. Mary's Mass—10:30am—Sunday, April 28th Father Gilbert
+For Edwina St. Peter by Rita and Family
+For Herman Fournier by Sis Lorraine and Lew
+For Betty Violette by Gil and Family.

St. Joseph Mass—10:30 am Sunday, April 28th Father Curtis
No Intentions.

Assumption (BB) LOTW—11:30am—Sunday, April 28th Anne Dickson
No Intentions.

St. Ann's Mass—12Noon—Sunday, April 28th Father Curtis
No Intentions.

May 4th/May 5th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Mercy Mass—4:00 PM—Saturday, May 4th Fr. Gilbert
Mass for the People of Divine Mercy Pastoral Unit (pro populo)

St. Patrick Mass 9:00am—Sunday, May 5th Father Curtis
+For Leo Toner by The Family of Rebecca & Ivan Savage
+For Cyril McCarthy by Peter & Jacinthe McCarthy.

St. Theresa Mass 9:00 AM—Sunday, May 5th Father Gilbert
No Intentions.

St. Thomas Aq. Mass—10:15am Sunday, May 5th Fr. Gilbert
No Intentions.

St. Mary's Mass—10:30am—Sunday, May 5th Father Curtis
+For Mom Elsie Fournier by Daughter Lorraine
+For Clayton Theriault by Sharon and Dave Eagan.

St. Joseph Mass—10:30 am Sunday, May 5th Father Cecil
No Intentions.

Assumption (BB) Mass—11:30am—Sunday, May 5th Fr. Gilbert
+For Ernest Babineau by Phil & Jeaninne Babineau.

St. Ann's Mass—12Noon—Sunday, May 5th Father Cecil
No Intentions.



UPCOMING WEEK DAY MASSES/DEVOTIONS

St. Ann's Tuesday April 30th: 6:00 P.M.

St. Mary of the Angels Thursday May 2nd: 11:00am



OUR LADY OF MERCY MEMORIAL WREATH:
If you wish to have a light shining for someone:
Please, contact Doreen Roach at 506-273-3020 for
more information. THANK YOU.



Please remember those who are in our hospitals, manors, nursing homes, villas and those who are homebound in our Pastoral Unit. Prayers are requested for the following:

Duane Campbell, Natalie Michaud, Hugh McLaughlin, Brandon Bartlett, Father Curtis Sappier, Ann Babineau, Andre Michaud, Leroy Durepos, Cecil & Agathe Morrissey, Helen McLaughlin, Patricia Levesque, Mary Ann Agnew, Geraldine Morin, Daniella Duguay, Philip Lang, Martha Burden, Mrs. Judy Theriault, Lyn Clark, Ruth Knox, Randy Pirie, Lawrence Allen, David Simpson, Celina Landry, Sandra Nicholas, Sister Doucet r.h.s.j., Roger Robinson, David Brown, Michael MacKay, Hilda Dionne, Richard Levesque Sr., Narcisse Ouellette, Noella & Winston Merritt, Margaret Wells, Frances LeBlanc, Charles Rossignol, Ella Deschenes, Michelle Dixon-Dee, Mark Ouellette, Judy Theriault, Eileen McLaughlin, Braelyn Rossignol, Geneva & Frank Pirie, John L. Fournier, Stephen Pangburn, and Father Lucien Levesque:

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP: PRAY FOR US.

ASSUMPTION BLUE BELL (3710, ROUTE 108)
(EVERY) FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC

Every Friday evening from 7:00 P.M.
until 10:00 P.M. with music by Keith and
His Country Friends.
Cost: \$5.00 per person. Canteen open.

St. Patrick's 2154 Route 130,
DSL-Grand Falls, E3Z1N3 Rummage Sale:

SATURDAYS IN APRIL & MAY
FROM 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
NEXT SALES: APRIL 27TH & MAY 4TH
CONTACT: 506-273-0419

Assumption Blue Bell Rummage Sale:

Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd,
10:00 am to 4:00 P.M.

Do not drop off any items before contacting
Denise at 506-553-6661 or Linda Rossignol:
506-553-9930. THANK YOU.