



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

JOHN 20:1



## Bit by Bit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**L**ooking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John's Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday's Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It's noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus,

God has made all life new and destined for resurrection.

What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement's gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith. ●

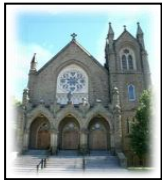
### Reflect

***What are the hints of resurrection surrounding me? Have I missed any?***

# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 20, 2025

## Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



**St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9**

**Phone:** (506) 857- 0425 **Email:** [sbhf@rogers.com](mailto:sbhf@rogers.com)

**Office hours for next week:**

**Tuesday - Thursday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM.**

**Office Closure: Monday, April 21, Easter Monday**

**Website:** [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)



**St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5**

**Phone:** (506) 536-1460 **Email:** [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca)

**Office hours:** Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM- 2 PM



**St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9**

**Phone:** (506) 538-2262 **Email:** [stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com](mailto:stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com)

**Office hours:** call office to verify

## The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

### St. Bernard's PMT

<b>Priest Administrator</b>	Fr. Damian Nwachukwu	<a href="mailto:sbhf@rogers.com">sbhf@rogers.com</a>
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<b>Adult Faith</b>	Andrew Wilson	

### St. Bernard's Parish Staff

<b>Pastoral Associate/ liturgy</b>	Darlene McGraw	<a href="mailto:darlenemcgraw@rogers.com">darlenemcgraw@rogers.com</a>
<b>Receptionist / Bookkeeper</b>	Giredine Aguidi	<a href="mailto:sbhf@rogers.com">sbhf@rogers.com</a>
<b>Catechetical Coordinator</b>	Lorella Dunnett	<a href="mailto:Lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com">Lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com</a>

### St. Vincent's Parish Staff

<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Lorraine Horyl
<b>Catechetical Coordinator</b>	Cathy Crinnion

### St. Clement's Parish Staff

<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Pam Van Egmond
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## St. Bernard's

**In case of  
Inclement  
Weather**



### St. Bernard's Church Inclement Weather Policy

At least 1 hour before scheduled event:

Mass cancellation & any other closures will always be noted on:

Parish Website: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)


Parish Phone Message: by calling 506 857 0425

Facebook: [facebook.com/gsmmoncton](https://facebook.com/gsmmoncton).

Call ahead or check website before heading out.

### Mark Your Calendar

<b>Carmelites</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month: 9:30 AM
<b>Prayer Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 7PM
<b>RCIA meeting dates</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month – 10:00 AM – 12 noon
<b>Baptism preparation</b>	To be determined
<b>Marriage Preparation</b>	Friday & Saturday, May 30 & 31, 2025 (for more details see announcement in bulletin).

SESSIONS	LEVEL 1-3		LEVEL 4-6	
	Sun. @ 9:30 AM	Tues. @ 6 PM	Sun. @ 12:15 PM	Wed. 6 PM
16	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confirmation Prep. In-person session</b> Session # 7<sup>th</sup> : April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.</p>				



### *St Bernard's Sacrament Celebrations*

Holy Communion: Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM

Confirmation: Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM



### Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel

All are welcome to attend parish mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on **Saturday, April 26 at 10am**. As Our Lady of Good Counsel is the patroness of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, members of the St. Bernard's CWL Council executive will be reaffirmed in their offices at this time. CWL members will hold their annual meeting in the hall following the mass.



### St. Bernard's Fire Lane:

**We ask that you do not park in the Fire Lane and keep this area clear.**

This space is dedicated for emergencies ONLY.



# EASTER CHANGES everything

The joyful celebration of our Lord's rising continues.  
Alleluia! Is our shout of joy, meaning praise to God!



**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.



May the promise of Easter fill you with renewed  
faith, hope, love & joy.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Nwachukwu and Fr. Jacinto

## A Special Journey



Is your spiritual life in need of renewal? Are you ready to embark on a spiritual journey? Look no further: we have the perfect experience for you! You are cordially invited to attend a 7 - week journey beginning **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025!**

Where? **Holy Family Church**, 52 Falkland Drive, Moncton

When? **7 - 9 pm**\_Cost: **\$15.00**. This is a life-changing experience that will increase your faith, bring joy to your heart, and fill you with a new understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life. This experience is enhanced with music, praise, scripture, and friendship. Do plan on embarking on this faith-filling journey with us.

Contact: **Donna Babineau 506-386-2072 or Roberta Brine 506-386-5175**

# 2025 Easter Flowers

## St. Bernard's

<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Ralph, Florence & Peter Fahey	The Family
Jack & Eileen McCourt	Bernie McCourt
Chuck Kinney	Jessie & Peter Kinney
Lester Rossiter	Melda & Family
Roger Berubé	Esther, Noreen & Lynn
Gloria Savoie	Terry & Linda Soulliere
Deceased family members	Jim & Dorine White
Minnie Burnett; Verna & George Perry	Ross & Sharon Burnett
John & Ann Boom	Betty & Casey Evers
Nick & Cory Evers	Casey & Betty Evers
Maureen Coyle	Madge Lund and Family
George & Zella O'Dell	Donna & Richard Shaw
Ann Breault; Louis & Florence McKinley; Ben & Olezine Arsenault	Robert & Helen McKinley
Gordon Montford; Philip Montford; Roger McCue	Lorraine Montford
Deceased family members	Ed & Sherry Pitre
Deceased members of Carter & Flanagan families	Roy & Dee Dee Carter
Deceased members of Cormier and Steele families	Norma Cormier
Jim Beek	Marie
Emery "Tim" Cormier	Arline

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### St. Bernard's

<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Earle & Evelyn Stevens; Laurie & Frances Cormier	Marty Cormier
Winifred Donahue; Timothy & Mary Donahue; James & Mary Cameron; James & Irene Donahue	James & Sharon Fahey
Carol Ann Bryant; Thomas & Edna Bryant; Joseph O'Connor	Neil Bryant
Deceased members of Power & Martin families	Gerry Power
Deceased members of O'Brien & Scott families	JoAnne & Michael Scott
Sid Wright	Mellie Wright
Pasquine Lobo; Eliza Dsouza	Alisha Dsouza
Tom & Mae Clark; Yvon & Fernand Arsenault	Linda & Moe
Roy C. Hopper	Juanita "Taddy" Hopper
Deceased family members	Linda R. Espiritu
Gail Stephen	Sherry Hanson
Mom & Dad	Claire Hachey
Wayne Charles Currier; Manuel de Matos	Grant & Madelaine Currier

### St. Clement's

As of May 4th, mass will be held at 11:00 on Sunday on a continuous basis.

## St. Vincent's

**FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's** – In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470. The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

Elementary group sessions @ 10am	Sunday April 27 <sup>th</sup> and May 4 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist during Mass	Sun May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 9am
Primary group (grades 1-3) – please contact Cathy to discuss	

**Call for new ALTAR SERVERS at St. Vincent's** – please contact Dennis Lambus at [dlambus22@gmail.com](mailto:dlambus22@gmail.com).

**BAPTISM** – St. Vincent's welcomes Sancho Delgado, son of Kristine & Joshua Delgado, who was baptized on Saturday, April 12, 2025. This special day brings you God's love as he enters your heart and blesses you with his good graces. *Congratulations on your baptism!*

**MASS CELEBRATION AT THE DREW NURSING HOME** – Mass will be celebrated with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home at 3:00 p.m. on the following dates: **Monday, May 5, 2025 and Monday, June 2, 2025. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**PARISH CALENDAR** – For up-to-date events happening at St. Vincent's, please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church and advise the Parish Office of upcoming events to add to the calendar.

**DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS** – We recently received a large gift of household furniture so we are putting a pause on accepting donations for the time being. **However, we are still in need of kitchen tables and chairs; double mattress, box spring, and frame; and like-new bedding for twin, double, or queen size mattresses.** Please call Lorraine at 506-536-1460 if you have any of these items to donate.

**MASS CANCELLATIONS** – In the event of a mass cancellation, please note that a group email will be sent out to all parishioners who have submitted an email address to the parish office as soon as possible. We ask that you call any parishioners who do not have email to alert them to the cancellation.

## 2025 Easter Flowers

### St. Vincent's

<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Parents Bill & Freda; Husband Ken; Daughter Bonnie	Deanna Crossman
Daughter Glenda	Bob & Irene LeClair
Deceased Family Members	Claudette Shea
Melanson Family; Dad & Mom; Brothers Leon and Ernest; Sisters Anne, Marguerite, Evelyn, and Marion	Kathy Estabrooks
Catherine & Stephen Horyl; Stephen, Jr. & Michael Horyl; Norman & Verna Etter	David & Lorraine Horyl



## The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



### *The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit Holy Week Schedule*

Holy Saturday	April 19	8:30 PM	St. Bernard's: (for the Pastoral Unit)
Easter Sunday	April 20	9:00 AM	St. Vincent's
Easter Sunday	April 20	11:00 AM	St. Clement's
Easter Sunday	April 20	11:00 AM	St. Bernard's



### WHAT GOD HAS JOINED: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage preparation is a requirement for marriage in the Catholic Church. It is recommended that couples complete this preparation 6 months prior to their marriage date. This course discusses the important aspects of your relationship before you begin your lifelong journey together.

**St. Bernard's will be facilitating a weekend marriage preparation program on the following dates:**

**7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**9:00 AM to approximately 4:00 PM**

**Couples are required to attend both days.** Cost of course & book inclusive: \$ 100.00 per couple.

You must pre-register to attend by emailing [darlenemcgraw@rogers.com](mailto:darlenemcgraw@rogers.com).

***Space is limited so please register early.***



### The Jubilee Year 2025 – a Holy Year of Hope

**The Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 2025, a time of spiritual renewal and grace, officially began on Christmas Eve 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica and continues until January 6, 2026.** Within the Jubilee Year, there will be various jubilees dedicated to specific groups. As part

of this initiative, The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit will be recognizing wedding anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. (5-year intervals). ***This celebration will take place at St. Bernard's, Sunday 11 AM Mass, May 18, 2025, followed by a reception in the parish hall.*** More details to follow. If you would like to have your marriage included in this celebration, please fill out the information below and submit to the parish office. Thank you.

<b>First &amp; last names of the married couple</b>	
<b>Date of actual marriage</b>	



***Best wishes from your Archbishop for the great feast of Easter 2025!***

Dear members of our clergy, dear religious men and women who work in our Archdiocese, all of you, dear parishioners, and all of you who are reading this message, I wish you a beautiful and profitable Holy Week and a Happy Easter! Easter is the day of Christ's resurrection from the dead. The day when the Lord Jesus defeated the author of death and gave us back the immortal life that our first parents had lost in the Garden of Eden.

That is why this day must not be a day of mourning and weeping, as the Holy Scriptures say, but a day of great joy, rejoicing and gladness in the Holy Spirit. For it is the Holy Spirit who communicates to us this supernatural joy and peace that chases away our fears, our anxieties and our fears about the future, or when we think of the trials, illness or death that are looming or will eventually loom on the horizon.

Yes, let us cast out right now the spirit of despair or doubt that seeks to divert our gaze from heaven, making us forget that Christ has conquered death once and for all. His resurrection is the pledge of our own resurrection, as the apostle Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians: «And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty, and your faith is empty. (...) If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain; you are still in your sins. » (I Corinthians 15:14, 17)

Happy Easter to each and every one of you! I joyfully and lovingly impart to you my apostolic blessing on this great Easter Day, and ask you to include me in your prayer intentions.



Mgr Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton

**EARTH DAY LITURGY**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day and to mark this occasion Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting an ecumenical prayer service beginning at 10:30 that morning. It is an opportunity for people from all denominations to come together and pray for Mother Earth as it is our common home. There is no need to register, just show up. All are welcome.

**ENLARGE YOUR TENT: HOW TO BE A WELCOMING CHURCH**

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity invites everyone to join a conversation on hospitality and welcome on **Wednesday, April 23rd**, 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish Hall (52 Falkland). *What does it mean to welcome someone? What is good hospitality?* Grounded in the Vatican synodal document **“Enlarge the Space in Your Tent,”** taken from Isaiah 54:2, we will pray, reflect on and discuss these themes.

Contact Mark to register at 386-6178 or [markmahoney@set@gmail.com](mailto:markmahoney@set@gmail.com).



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

**Agatha Woods**, aunt of Claire Hachey.

*And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.*



*Ecclesiastes 3*

*Under every season there is a time...  
A time to heal..*

### **St. Bernard's**

Patricia Devine	Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Deacon Ed West	Georgette Thomson
Charles Ouellet	Clarence Arsenault			

### **St. Clement's**

McGraw Family	Olga Bateman	Genie Coates	Ava Read	
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### **St. Vincent's**

Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood
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**As well as those who have died.**



**St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule**

**Prior to Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM**

**Saturdays: 10:00 AM; First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM.**

### **Mother's Day Tea**

Inclusion Advocacy of South East New Brunswick (formerly the Greater Moncton Association for Community Living) is holding a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 1-3pm in the parish hall at St. Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford St., Moncton. Proceeds will go toward programs and services to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Tickets are only being sold in advance at \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00 and are available by calling Claudia McCloskey 506 383 1532 or emailing [CONTACTUS@INCLUSIONADVOCACY.CA](mailto:CONTACTUS@INCLUSIONADVOCACY.CA).

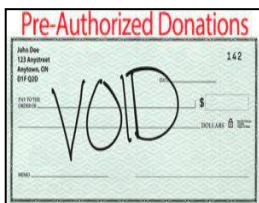
### **No Scent Policy**

**Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall. Thank you.**



Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Apr. 21	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Paul Tran	Anna Tran
Tues.	Apr. 22	9:30 AM	Late Doris Boudreau	St. Bernard's CWL
Wed.	Apr. 23	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Shirley Collette	Charlotte, Kate & Patrick
Thurs.	Apr. 24	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Eleanor Beck	The Family
Fri.	Apr. 25	9:30 AM	Special intention	Jacinto Family
Sat.	Apr. 26	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Ronnie Cavanaugh	Family
Sun.	Apr. 27	11:00 AM	For the People	
St. Clement's				
Sat.	Apr. 26	4:00 PM	In Thanksgiving	Joanne Carroll
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Apr. 27	9:00 AM	For the People	

<div>OFFERINGS</div>									
St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – April 12 & 13, 2025									
Envelopes	\$7368.62	Loose	\$1420.60	Karing Kitchen	\$107.95	Easter	\$135		
Easter Flowers	\$625	ReConnect	\$10	Share Lent	\$425				
Good Friday	\$100	Capital Fund	\$1041.23	Ash Wednesday	\$20				
New Year's Day	\$140	Special Collection	\$170						
St. Clement's offerings – April 12, 2025									
Envelopes	\$255	Caritas	\$141						
St. Vincent's offerings – April 13, 2025									
Envelopes	\$910	Loose	\$24.75	Maintenance	\$65	Donations	\$60		
Easter flowers	\$120								
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!									



**PADS** – If you would like to donate through the Pre-Authorized Debit system, kindly contact **Giredine Aguidi** at **506-857-0425** or send an email to **sbhf@rogers.com** to register for St. Bernard's PADS.



# Dear Padre,

*I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?*

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you "beef up" your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish's process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, *Journey of Faith*, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you. ●



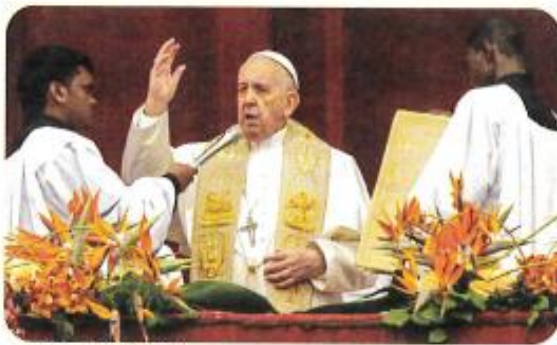
A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter /
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Sunday of Divine Mercy
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	Acts 5:12-16
						Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
						Jn 20:19-31

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We welcome the Easter message: "Peace be with you!" Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people's plea for peace.*

URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE, ROME, APRIL 17, 2022