

## The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

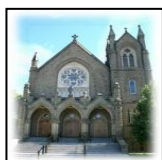
**T**wenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, "It is the Lord!" For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

### Reflect

*Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER****May 4, 2025****Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit****New Website: <https://gsmoncton.ca>****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:****Monday - Thursday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM. **Fridays: closed.******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**

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<b>Adult Faith</b>	Andrew Wilson	

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**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 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.**

## St. Bernard's



### 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 New Website: <https://gsmoncton.ca>

Parish Phone Message: by calling 506 857 0425

Facebook: facebook.com/gsmoncton.

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).



### SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS:

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

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

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### 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:**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>7:00 to 9:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>9:00 AM to approximately 4:00 PM</b>

**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.**



### Knights of Columbus, Council 1310, 84 Broadway St., Moncton

Monthly Breakfast: **May 4, 2025** from 8:30AM - 12:30PM. \$12 for Adults, \$5 for children. Menu includes: bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, pan fries, baked beans, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and juice. *All are welcome!*



## St. Clement's

Please note change in day and time for week-end mass Sunday's 11:00 every week.

## St. Vincent's

**FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's** – May 4<sup>th</sup> is our final session for the 2024-25 year. To all of the children, their family members, the program volunteers, the parish priests, and all who support Faith Formation for the youth in the parish – Thank You for a terrific year of fellowship and faith growth! In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass and will resume after Labour Day. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact Cathy Crinnion at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca) or 536-4470.

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

**Wedding Anniversaries during the Holy Year of Hope** – The Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 2025 is a time of spiritual renewal and grace. 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 for those who were married in years ending in -0 or -5.** If you would like to have your marriage recognized in this celebration, please fill out the information on the pages provided at the back of St. Vincent's Church, or email/call Cathy Crinnion at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca) or 536-4470.

**PRAYERS** – The parishioners of St. Vincent's remember in their prayers the victims of the Lapu-Lapu Festival tragedy which took place in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Saturday, April 26, 2025. As well, we offer our prayers for God's peace, comfort, and strength to our local Filipino-Canadian families as they mourn this senseless act of violence.

**MASS CELEBRATION AT THE DREW NURSING HOME** – Mass will be celebrated with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home in Sackville at 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, June 2, 2025.** Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate mass with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home.

**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** – Thank you to all who have donated household items for the use of the Filipino newcomers in the past year. As we recently received a large gift of household furniture, we are currently **putting a pause on accepting donations for the time being.** However, if you have the following items to donate: **kitchen table and chairs; double mattress, box spring, and frame; or like-new bedding for twin, double, or queen size mattresses,** please be in touch with Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca).



## OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

Trevor Driesbeck - 857-4879 or [adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca)  
Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca)

### MONDAY @ THE MOVIES

Our next film discussion will be on **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** and the subject will be the 2000 film *Angela's Ashes*, based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Frank McCourt. The discussion will take place via Zoom. Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca)

### SENIORS CONNECT

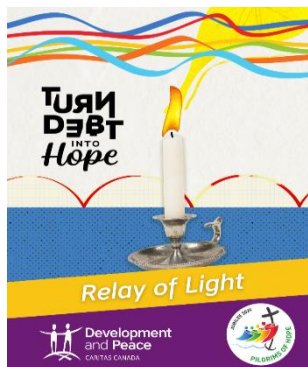
Our next Senior's Connect gathering will be on **Thursday, May 15, at 10:30 am**, at Holy Family Parish Hall. Don your dancing shoes (not running shoes or sandals, something with a relatively smooth sole) because we will be LINE DANCING! YAHOO!! Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca).



**DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE** is a discussion series designed to engage Christians in conversations around death and dying. As a pastoral priority of Archbishop Desrochers, each parish in the diocese will be hosting the series at various times. All are welcome to register for any of the sessions taking place. The next English sessions will be held on **Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm with the same session being repeated on Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm, both to be held at St. Augustine's in Moncton.** Registration is necessary and can be done online through the diocesan website or by scanning the QR code. You may also register by contacting Trevor at [adultfaith@diocesemoncton.com](mailto:adultfaith@diocesemoncton.com) or by calling 857-4879. *Dying with Christ, Living with Hope* was created by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada.


### ATTENTION ALL


**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is just around the corner, and we are looking for **CARDBOARD**. We would like to begin preparations, so we are looking for large pieces of Cardboard 5ft and over. Any kind of boxes from large appliances would be great. We would also take any kind of artificial Christmas trees that you are no longer using. Pick up is available just email [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca) or call Karen



### Let's celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Laudato Si'* with a Relay of Light!


Caritas Internationalis invites you to join a worldwide **Relay of Light on May 24 at noon** (your local time). This symbolic gesture is part of the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign. Each lit candle will represent the hope of essential change inspired by the principles of the Jubilee. The act of lighting others' candles in the relay will signify the collective journey of the Caritas family and the global community towards spiritual and social transformation. On Visit [devp.org/relay](http://devp.org/relay) to learn more.

	<p><i>A time to mourn.</i></p> <p><i>Sincere sympathies to all who mourn</i></p> <p><i>the loss of a loved one.</i></p>
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	<p><i>Ecclesiastes 3</i></p> <p><i>Under every season there is a time...</i></p> <p><i>A time to heal...</i></p>
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St. Bernard's				
Patricia Devine	Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Deacon Ed West	Georgette Thomson
Charles Ouellet	Clarence Arsenault	Bernie Paquet	Jeanne Wood	
St. Clement's				
McGraw Family	Olga Bateman	Genie Coates	Ava Read	
St. Vincent's				
Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood
As well as those who have died.				

MOTHER'S DAY TEA
<p>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 <a href="mailto:CONTACTUS@INCLUSIONADVOCACY.CA">CONTACTUS@INCLUSIONADVOCACY.CA</a>.</p>

	<p><b>The Jubilee Year 2025 – a Holy Year of Hope</b></p> <p>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). <i>This celebration will take place at St. Bernard's, Sunday 11 AM Mass, May 18, 2025, followed by a reception in the parish hall.</i> 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.</p>
First & last names of the married couple	
Date of actual marriage	

Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	May 5	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Maria Nguyen	Anna Tran
Tues.	May 6	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Joann LeBlanc	Family
Wed.	May 7	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Loretta McCarron	Francis & Debbie McCarron
Thurs.	May 8	9:30 AM	Late Lowell Brine	Family
Fri.	May 9	9:30 AM	Deceased family members	Conrad Coughlan
Sat.	May 10	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	May 11	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Tom Queena	His wife Jean Queena
St. Clement's				
Sun.	May 11	11:00 AM	Roger Collette	Pam Van Egmond
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	May 11	9:00 AM	Special Intention	JoAnn McLaughlin

<div>OFFERINGS</div>									
St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – April 26 & 27, 2025									
Envelopes	\$3461		Loose	\$1651.65		Karing Kitchen	\$5	Easter	\$580
Needy Fund	\$25	ReConnect		\$50	Share Lent		\$20	Thanksgiving	\$225
Capital Fund	\$110		Donations		\$50				
St. Clement's offerings – April 26, 2025									
Envelopes	\$ 225		Collection		\$70				
St. Vincent's offerings – April 27, 2025									
Envelopes	\$1845	Loose	\$76.70	Easter	\$50	Canada Helps		\$93.25	
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!									



As our parishioner, can log-in for free! Just follow these instructions:

1. Subscribe for free by typing in your browser: [www.Signup.Formed.Org](http://www.Signup.Formed.Org).
2. Enter "Moncton" to find **The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**.
3. Enter your name and email address. You're In! Download the FORMED app! FORMED is available on Roku, Apple TV, Android, and iOS. You can also sign up for Daily Reflections by visiting: [daily.formed.org](http://daily.formed.org).



## Dear Padre,

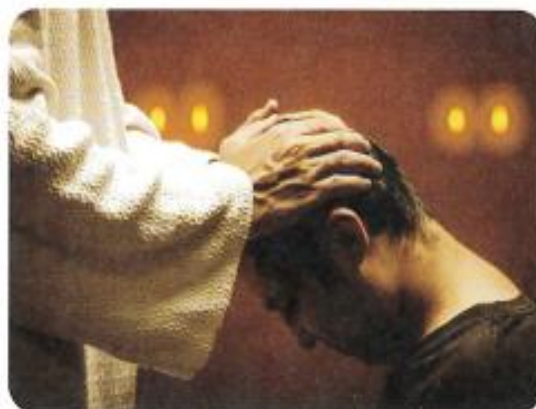
***I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?***

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection.

It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**



JESUS CERVANTES / SHUTTERSTOCK

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
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 13:14, 43-52
In 6:22-29	In 6:30-35	In 6:35-40	In 6:44-51	In 6:52-59	In 6:60-69	Rv 7:9, 14b-17
						In 10:27-30



SARAJUTPICS / SHUTTERSTOCK

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.***

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022