



The Other Side of Love

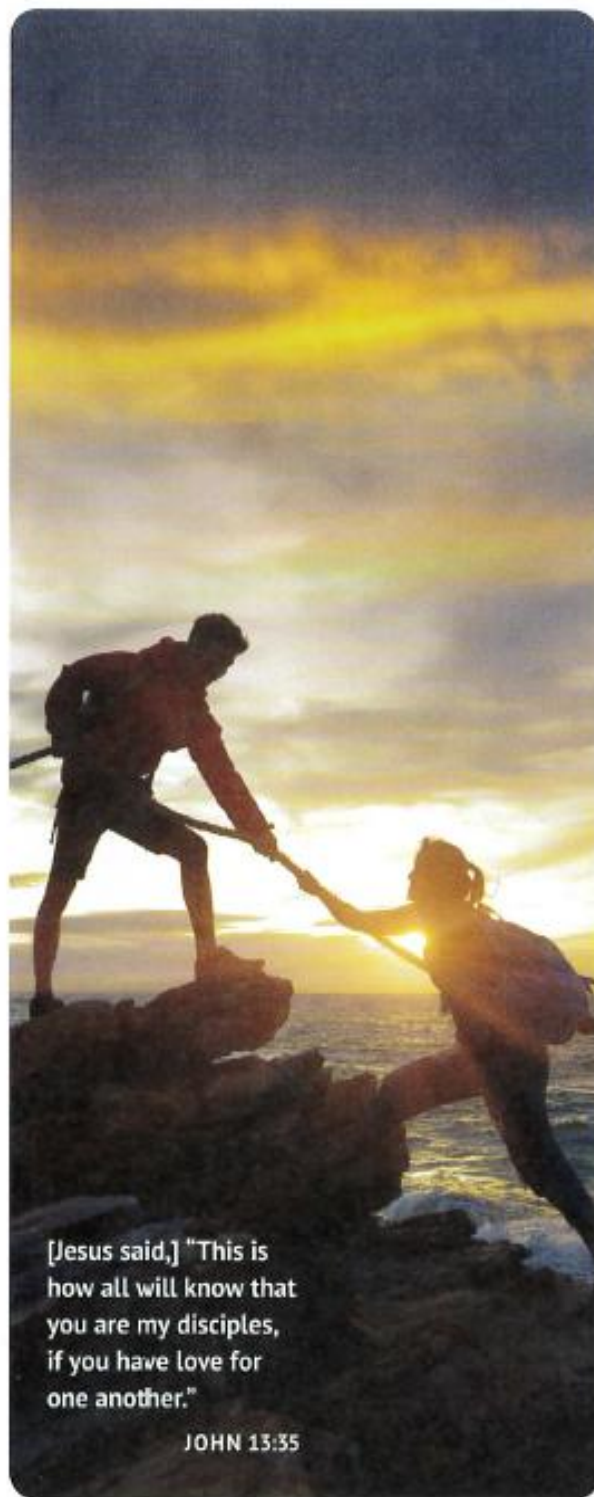
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love.

While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new. ●

Reflect

*What is my definition of love?
How do I live it?*



[Jesus said,] "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

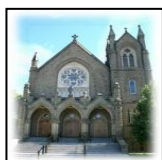
JOHN 13:35

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

New Website: gsmoncton.ca



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

Phone: (506) 857- 0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com

Office hours for next week:

CLOSED on Monday, May 19, 2025 – Victoria Day

Tuesday - 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

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

Office hours: call office to verify

The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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St. Clement's Parish Staff

Parish Secretary	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

Mark Your Calendar

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



Mgr. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to the following St. Bernard's youth on Sunday, May 11, 2025.
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

*Abigail Bacich
Olivia Bacich
Markus Bernard
Connor Black
Arabella Bonifacio
Alexis Castrillo
Ryiana Jude*

*Pablo Mahecha-Rojas
Alexandre Manalo
Lucia Hung
Marcela Hung
Zoe Nipay
Margaux Rico
Monic Rico*

*Meabh Scully
Padraig Scully
Autumn Silk
Criszen Sy
Daniel Unukpo
David Unukpo*

"Everything is possible for him who believes". (Mark 9:23). May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and grant you strength to do God's will each step along life's way.



On Sunday, May 11, 2025, Mgr. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to the following RCIA candidates, completing their Sacraments of Initiation into the Roman Catholic Faith.

Brent Crosthwaite

Scott Miller

Eric Coates

May the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, & fear of the Lord, strengthen and empower them to live a life of faith. (Isaiah 11:1-2) Congratulations to each of you!



Congratulations to the following children of St. Bernard's who received the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday, May 10th, 2025

Jaden Boudreau and Jaxon Boudreau.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." John 6:54

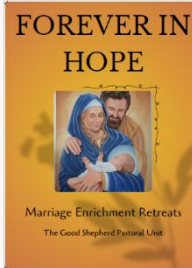
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Victoria Day – May 19

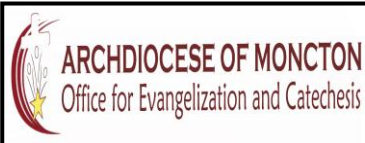
The birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria (+1901) has been celebrated as a holiday in Canada West (now Ontario) since 1845; it became a National Holiday in 1901 and in 1952 was established on the Monday preceding May 25.

Have a Blessed Long weekend everyone! 😊



FOREVER IN HOPE Marriage Enrichment Retreats, is inviting married couples to our “**Communication**” retreat on Saturday, July 5th, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church Hall. Registration will be open until June 20th. Early Registration \$65 per couple, after June 13th \$75 per couple, e-transfer to: marriagesofhope@gmail.com.

For more information contact: Joe D'Ettore at 506 588 5958. **JOIN US!!**



OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

Trevor Driesbeck - 857-4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

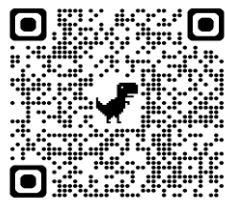
GOSPEL STUDY GROUP RESUMES: MAY 22ND AND 23RD

Weekly in person or Zoom, Thursdays at St. Lawrence O'Toole 6:00pm followed by adoration at 7:00pm AND Fridays at St. Augustine's 11:00am, followed by Mass at 12:00 noon and adoration.

For information contact Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com.

For 6th Sunday of Easter click on the following links and read: St. Basil Chapters 9-12

<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/3203.htm>.



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 Monday, May 26th from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

at St. Bernard's Church and Saturday May 31st from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm with the same session being repeated on Monday June 2nd 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 or by calling 857-4879. Dying with Christ, Living with Hope was created by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES

Our next film discussion will be on Monday, June 2nd at 10:00 am, when we will be discussing the 1991 film Fried Green Tomatoes. The discussion will take place via Zoom. Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

St. Vincent's

FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's – For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca.

Call for new ALTAR SERVERS at St. Vincent's – please contact Dennis Lambus at dlambus22@gmail.com.

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.

St. Vincent PARISH EDUCATION GRANT – The aim is to provide financial support to a graduating student of St. Vincent Parish who resides in the Tantramar Region and will begin post-secondary school studies in the upcoming academic year. Value is \$500 CAD.

Please submit a letter of application which includes the following information:

(1) Your connection to St. Vincent Parish; (2) Your intended program of study; (3) Connections between your formal educational journey and your faith journey; and (4) Plans for your future. Submissions must be received **on or before June 1, 2025**: on paper at St. Vincent's Parish, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB E4L 2Y5 /or/ by email to stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

Wedding Anniversaries during the Holy Year of Hope – 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 on June 1st, please add your information on the pages provided at the back of St. Vincent's Church **by May 25th**, or email/call Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470.

CHALICE – After many years of looking after our Chalice donations (small wooden box on the left as you enter the church), John Blakely has indicated that he wishes to "retire"! We are looking for someone to volunteer to look after the administration of the Chalice Fund. A job description is available from the Parish Office (506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca) and John will be available to answer questions. **We offer John many thanks for his many years of dedication to this volunteer position.**

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.**

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – Thank you to all who have donated household items for the use of the Filipino newcomers in the past year. We are awaiting the arrival of five additional nurses from the Philippines. Upon their arrival, they will need a variety of household items (furniture, dishes, small appliances, bedding, etc) for their apartments. A notice will be posted in the bulletin at that time. For the time being, we are putting a pause on accepting donations. Please be in touch with Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca for further information as it is available.

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK – If you are able, please contribute non-perishable food and/or toiletry items to our local Food Bank. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance to the church.



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

Dianne Allain, wife (late) Eric, mother of Stephen, Susan, Clair, and Nancy.

Leticia Advento, mother of Paolo Advento and Aprilyn de Guzman.

Lyle Jeannine Deware, wife of Brian, mother of Natalie, Tanya, & Jillian, sister-in-law of Jim (Louise).

Hannah Lennon, daughter of Kevin & Karen, mother of Vayda, sister of Linday, Christina, & Christopher.

Ted Palardy, son of Alice, and nephew of Jessie Kinney.

Stephen Williams, Cousin of Angelique Williams and Nephew of Yvonne Williams.

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	Jeanne Wood	Conrad Coughlan
Bernie Paquet	Susan Clement	Paul Cassidy		

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McGraw Family	Olga Bateman	Genie Coates	Ava Read	Claudette Elliott
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Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood
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As well as those who have died.



Shepherd's Market! Join us on Sunday, June 22nd, right after Mass in the Church Hall for St. Bernard's very first Parish Tradeshow!

This special event is inspired by idea of "shopping local" within our parish. Come support fellow parishioners showcasing their businesses and services — and don't miss the \$500 gift card draw! We're looking for 25 vendors — \$50 donation per vendor, with all proceeds supporting the parish.

Please contact Maria Miller at (506) 961-2255 or maria@dyadrealty.com to sign up as a vendor. Let's come together and make this a joyful parish event!



St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League meeting and auction will take place on Sunday, June 8th in the parish hall. Rosary at 1:30pm, followed by our meeting. Refreshments (provided by members) and auction will take place from 2-4pm. Members are asked to Bring an auction item (such as crafts, baking, rhubarb, 'trinkets and treasures', etc.) and enjoy the fun!

Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	May 19	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Michael Woods	Evelyn Woods
Tues.	May 20	9:30 AM	Late Raymond Leger	Jacques Goguen
Wed.	May 21	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Jeffrey Ermen	Mom, Dad & Family
Thurs.	May 22	9:30 AM	Late Cornelia "Corry" Evers	Van der Meer families
Fri.	May 23	9:30 AM	Late Emery "Tim" Cormier	Arline Cormier
Sat.	May 24	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	May 25	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Elise Caissie	Hector & Cecile Caissie
St. Clement's				
Sun.	May 25	11:00 AM	Late Ted Carroll	Danielle Grant
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	May 25	9:00 AM	For the People	

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – May 10 & 11, 2025

Envelopes	\$4295.10	Loose	\$1071.35	Karing Kitchen	\$70	Easter	\$30
Syrian Relief	\$50	Good Fri.	\$25	Capital Fund	\$420	Divine Mercy	\$30
Papal Charities	\$100						

St. Clement's offerings – May 11, 2025

Envelopes	\$355	Collection	\$50	Donations w/receipt	\$45		
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St. Vincent's offerings– May 11, 2025

Envelopes	\$1180	Loose	\$15	Maintenance	\$50	Papal Charities	\$5
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China - May 24

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.



Hello there! Next weekend after Mass! May 25th

Come and say Hello! to fellow parishioners. Meet in the parish hall after Mass for conversation, beverages, and snacks. See you there!!

Dear Padre,

I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world.... He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022

Monday

May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

Friday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

May 25
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29