



## Why Doesn't God Do Something?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, "I am now grown up." Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not "Why doesn't God do something?" but rather "Why do we not do something?" To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

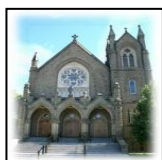
### Reflect

*In what ways do I act like an adult?  
How is the world a better place because of me?*

[Jesus said.] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8



**Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**
**New Website: [gsmoncton.ca](http://gsmoncton.ca)**

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<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

### 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).

### **First Friday Devotion on June 6, 2025 at St. Bernard's Church**

8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 9:00 AM – Benediction - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 9:30 AM – Holy Mass



### **High School Graduation Blessing**

With much hard work and dedication, high school graduation is just around the corner! We will celebrate our students who are graduating with a graduation blessing. If your child is graduating from high school this year, please join us on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> at our 11 Am mass. Blessings, Lorella



**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!

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

### **Parish Contributions through the pre-authorized payment system:**

***For those who contribute through pre-authorized payments*** – if you wish, when entering the church, you may pick up a ***"Contribution through the pre-authorized payment system" laminated card.*** At collection time, simply drop into the collection basket.

This is a convenient and easy way to make parish contributions automatically. ***A simple and easy way to contribute to St. Bernard's is pre-Authorized Payments (PAP).*** PAP giving allows your "intention to be generous" to be realized. It is safe, reliable, easy to keep track of, and easy to set-up. ***You can choose the frequency of your gift*** - weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly; whatever works best for you. Once set up it may be stopped at anytime if necessary. If you would like more information or to set up a PAD, please contact the parish office @ 506-857-0425.

### **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 for your understanding!***

**SCENT  
FREE  
ZONE**



## St. Vincent's

### **FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's**

In-person catechism sessions (on Sundays following Mass) 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).



### **AMBULANCE FIRE LANE**

Please do not park in the fire/ambulance lane which is located in front of the post office boxes. In the near future, new parking lines will be painted into the parking lot.

### **Call for new ALTAR SERVERS at St. Vincent's**

Please contact Dennis Lambus at [dlambus22@gmail.com](mailto:dlambus22@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca).

### **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](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca)) and John will be available to answer questions. **We offer John a multitude of thanks for his many years of dedication to this volunteer position.**

### **MASS CELEBRATION AT THE DREW NURSING HOME**

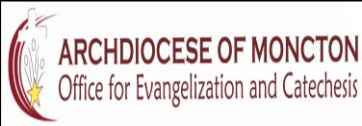
Mass will be celebrated with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home in Sackville at 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, June 2, 2025**. **Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate mass with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home.**

### **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](mailto: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.



## OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

Trevor Droesbeck - 857-4879 or [adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca)

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca)

### Annual collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your great generosity during last year's collection, which allowed our Archdiocese of Moncton to raise 13,272 \$. A big thank you to all the faithful who contributed and the people who organized fundraising activities.

The Catholic Bishops of Canada have committed to raising \$30 million within five years. The funds are managed by a national board of directors composed of leaders, half of whom are Indigenous. This Board is responsible for implementing measures to ensure the proper functioning and transparency of the administration of the collected funds.

I am pleased to inform you that the funds collected in our parishes last year will be used for local projects in collaboration with our four local Mi'gmaq communities: Elsipogtog First Nation, Bouctouche MicMac, Fort Folly First Nation, and Indian Island First Nation.

Special envelopes will be distributed to parishes for this year's collection, which will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. I invite you to continue to support this fund. Thank you.

**Archbishop Guy Desrochers**

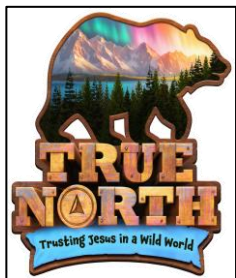


**DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE** is a discussion series designed to engage Christians in conversations around death and dying. As a pastoral priority of Archbishop Desrochers, each parish in the diocese will be hosting the series at various times. All are welcome to register for any of the sessions taking place. The next English session will be held on **Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm 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.ca](mailto:adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca) 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](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca).



### TRUE NORTH VBS: Finding Jesus in a Wild World!

This year's VBS (for ages 3 up to the end of sixth grade) is scheduled to take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Riverview June 23, 24, 25, 26 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Registration deadline is June 13<sup>th</sup>. **THERE IS LIMITED SPACE LEFT SO REGISTER EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT!** A \$40 refundable deposit (\$60 for 2+ children) will be required to secure a spot for your child/ren.

Our VBS welcomes all children regardless of parish or religious affiliation. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca) to register or online at [www.diocesemoncton.ca](http://www.diocesemoncton.ca) → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development → Vacation Bible School.

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

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

**Rhoda Taylor**, sister of Lylla Roach.

**Frank Albert**, father of Catherine, step-father of Emma (Joe).

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

*Prayer*  
Request

*Ecclesiastes 3*

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

**St. Bernard's**

Patricia Devine	Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Cormier Family	Conrad Coughlan
Paul Cassidy	Susan Clement	Belinda Sarmiento	Sofio Conson	Jerome Escalona
Dorian C. Melanson	Angela Perry			

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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	Kathy Mattatall
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**As well as those who have died.**

**SHEPHERD'S  
MARKET**

**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](mailto:maria@dyadrealty.com) to sign up as a vendor. Let's come together and make this a joyful parish event!**

**World Communications Day, June 1**

Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the

materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to the spiritual growth.

## Mass times / Intentions:

### St. Bernard's

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Melvina Christie	Phyllis Christie
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Roger Berubé	Georgette & Guy Carrier
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Larry Byron	St. Bernard's CWL
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>June 5</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Scott Powers	Jeannine Powers
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>June 6</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Special intention	Jacinto Family
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	For the People	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Ola LeBlanc	Hector & Cecile Caissie

### St. Clement's

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For the Benefactors	
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### St. Vincent's

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Special intention	JoAnn McLaughlin
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## OFFERINGS

### St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – May 24 & 25, 2025

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$2812</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$704.70</b>	<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	<b>\$109.25</b>
<b>Papal Charities</b>	<b>\$659.25</b>	<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$30</b>		

### St. Clement's offerings – May 25, 2025

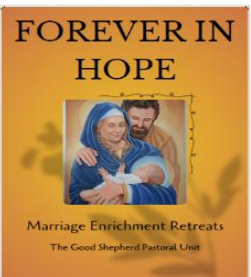
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 220</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 23.75</b>	<b>Donations w/receipt</b>	<b>\$ 45</b>
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**St. Vincent's offerings– May 25, 2025** will be reported into next week's Bulletin

***Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!***



Scams and frauds skyrocket this time of the year. It's crucial to remain vigilant and protect us against potential fraud. **We would like to remind everyone that if you receive suspicious emails or text messages claiming to be Fr. Damian, Fr. Carlos, or any of our parish staff, please be cautious and bring this to our attention.**



**FOREVER IN HOPE Marriage Enrichment Retreats**, is inviting married couples to our "**Communication**" retreat on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church Hall. Registration will be open until June 20<sup>th</sup>. Early Registration \$65 per couple, after June 13<sup>th</sup> \$75 per couple, e-transfer to: [marriagesofhope@gmail.com](mailto:marriagesofhope@gmail.com). For more information contact: Joe D'Ettore at 506 588 5958. **JOIN US!!**



# Dear Padre,

## What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

Christ’s multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus’ miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church’s credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va).) ●



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives?... Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 29, 2022

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

### Monday

June 2  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 19:1–8  
Jn 16:29–33

### Tuesday

June 3  
St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Acts 20:17–27  
Jn 17:1–11a

### Wednesday

June 4  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:28–38  
Jn 17:11b–19

### Thursday

June 5  
St. Boniface, Bishop  
and Martyr  
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11  
Jn 17:20–26

### Friday

June 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 25:13b–21  
Jn 21:15–19

### Saturday

June 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31  
Jn 21:20–25

### Sunday

June 8  
Pentecost  
Acts 2:1–11  
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13  
or Rom 8:8–17  
Jn 20:19–23 or  
Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26