

For as often as you eat this
bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of
the Lord until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

Reflect

*Reflect on your experiences of loss
and abundance, loneliness and acts of
kindness, and struggles and grace.*

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 22, 2025

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

New Website: gsmoncton.ca



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Office hours for next week:

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

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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	Will resume in the fall
Baptism preparation	To be determined



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.



CANCELLED

St. Bernard's Shepherd's Market, that was scheduled for Sunday June 22 is cancelled. Postponed to a later date to be determined.



There is a promise of marriage between:

James Montgomery & Elena D'Ettore

Saturday, June 28, 2025 @ 11:00 AM at St. Bernard's



Congratulations and God's blessings to:

Tom & Connie Lavigne

*On the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
celebrated June 14, 2025*

♥ *May God grant you many more happy years together!* ♥



St. Bernard's Church is offering a \$1000 bursary to a student graduating from High School in June 2025, who is a parishioner, and is pursuing post-secondary studies. Letter of application, including your future plans, to arrive no later than Friday, July 4, 2025, may be emailed to: sbhf@rogers.com.



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!

St. Vincent's

MASS AT DREW NURSING HOME

Mass will be celebrated at the Drew Nursing Home at 3 PM on Monday, July 7, 2025. All are welcome to join the residents in the celebration.

PARKING

Please note that the two parking spaces by the mailboxes are reserved as a fire and/or ambulance lane, and as such, we ask you not to park here during mass and social times at St. Vincent's to allow emergency vehicles access to the church building. As an added note, please be advised that plans are in the works for repainting the parking spaces in our parking lot in the near future.

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. We are awaiting the arrival of four or 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

With the rising cost of groceries, there are many individuals and families in the Sackville area who are struggling to put nutritious food on their tables. 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. ***Thank you!!***



Immaculate Heart of Mary is having a fundraiser **Yard Sale** at the
Dan Bohan Center on
Saturday July 26th from 8:00am till Noon
Lots of goodies for everyone. See you there!



New Brunswick volunteer recruitment

We are currently looking for kind and compassionate individuals who can offer just 1-2 hours a week to spend time with people living with sight loss. We believe your community may include people who would be a wonderful fit for this opportunity, and we would greatly appreciate any support you can provide in spreading the word. For more information, please contact CNIB NB (506) 871-0657.



OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

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

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

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

I am pleased to inform you that the funds collected locally from our parishes last year (13,272\$) will be used in funding 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. In addition, we hope to encourage initiatives in the following areas: 1) healing and reconciliation, 2) revitalization of culture and language, 3) education and early childhood development, and 4) promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture.

I know that no process can erase the pain of survivors and those who experience intergenerational trauma. However, by staying attentive, cultivating trusting relationships, and working collaboratively on joint projects, we hope to learn to journey together on the path of truth and healing.

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

Mgr Guy Desrochers
Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES

Our next film discussion will take place on Monday, July 7th at 10:00 am via Zoom. The subject of our discussion will be the 1997 film *Contact* (based on the novel by Carl Sagan), starring Jodie Foster and Matthew McConaughey. Monday @ The Movies is a discussion group that seeks to address themes of faith in popular films.

Everyone is welcome to join our discussion, please contact Trevor at 857-4879 for more information or email adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca.

THE QUEEN OF PEACE

On September 19, 2024, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the assent of Pope Francis, grants approval for devotion link to Medjugorje. The Holy See recognizes the abundant spiritual fruits received at the Sanctuary in Medjugorje: healing, conversion, messages of peace. "We can see a nucleus of messages in which Our Lady does not place herself at the center but shows herself to be fully directed toward our union with God."

The Vatican has not yet made any declaration regarding the supernatural nature of the Marian apparitions, as reports of these apparitions are still ongoing. Once the apparitions cease, the Vatican will be able to begin its investigations.

A special bilingual Mass will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, to commemorate the Queen of Peace. 5:00 p.m. – Rosary and Confessions_6:00 p.m. – Bilingual Holy Mass_7:00 p.m.– Eucharistic Adoration.

Let us gather in prayer to ask for peace in our hearts, in our families, and in the world. All are welcome!

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

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

Walter "Wally" Best, husband of Mary Kelly.

Maria Hara Escalona, grandmother of Lorna Imelda (Stephen) Lising.

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	Irene Cucalon
Dorian C. Melanson	Angela Perry	Stephen Fowler	Charles Ouellet	Gigi Pena

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Olga Bateman	Genie Coates	Claudette Elliott	Garry Johnson
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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.

FOREVER IN
HOPE



Marriage Enrichment Retreats
The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

Is your spouse a mind-reader? No? Thought so.

Join us at St. Bernard's Marriage Enrichment Retreat — because "I'm fine" never means "I'm fine," and "Do whatever you want" is definitely a trap.

Theme: COMMUNICATION

Learning to hear what's really being said.

Whether you've been married for 30 years or just said "yes" last week, this

is for YOU.

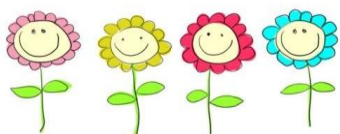
Date: Saturday, July 5th, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Fee: \$75 per couple (covers lunch and retreat materials).

For more information, contact Joe D'Ettore at 506 588 5958.



*May God's blessings be with you.
Have a great week.*

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	June 23	9:30 AM	For the People	
Tues.	June 24	9:30 AM	Special intention	Danny & Cindy Tupas
Wed.	June 25	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Roger Berubé	Esther, Noreen & Lynn
Thurs.	June 26	9:30 AM	Late Theresa Parent	Norma & Tony Zuorro
Fri.	June 27	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Gert & George McCarthy and Donna MacQuarrie	Fran Robichaud
Sat.	June 28	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	June 29	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Caleb Dunnett	Mom & Dad

St. Clement's

Sun.	June 29	11:00 AM	Thanksgiving	Joanne Carroll
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	June 29	9:00 AM	John Gates	Yoshie & Steve Gates
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OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – June 14 & 15, 2025

Envelopes	\$7310.82	Loose	\$872.60	Karing Kitchen	\$102	ReConnect	\$10
Papal Charities	\$5	Capital Fund	\$1003.33	Special Coll.	\$170		

St. Clement's offerings – June 15, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 270	Collection	\$ 45	Donations w/receipt	\$40	Cemetery	\$20
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St. Vincent's offerings – June 15, 2025

Envelopes	\$985	Loose	\$58.45	HR-SV Cemetery	\$440	Memorial Donation	\$10
Maintenance	\$10						

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



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.

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the 'body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, "This presence is called 'real'" (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding "documented proof," this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is "seen" through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: "Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord" ("Look Beyond," Darryl Ducote). ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ's attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24
The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1–12,
17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1–12, 15–
16 or 16:6b–12,
15–16
Mt 7:21–29

Friday

June 27
The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16
Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29
Sts. Peter and
Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8,
17–18
Mt 16:13–19

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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