



Wisdom à la Water Balloons

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

Reflect

**Think of a time when life was difficult.
What blessings or important lessons
did you receive as a result?**

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"Everything that the Father
has is mine; for this reason I
told you that [the Holy Spirit]
will take from what is mine
and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15

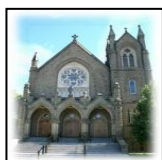


THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 15, 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.**



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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	June 21: 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).



Congratulations and God's blessing to:

Dallas Stephen Dougals Trites, child of: Andrew & Sarah

He became a member of the Roman Catholic Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Wishing him and his family a life filled with God's love and grace.

SHEPHERD'S MARKET

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:

Harold & Carolyn O'Brien

On their 60 Wedding Anniversary celebrated June 12, 2025

May God grant you many more happy years together!

Bursaries

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

CONGRATULATIONS – Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew Paynter, recipient of the 2025 St. Vincent's Education Grant of \$500. We wish him well as he pursues a degree in Engineering at Acadia University. Congratulations as well to all 2025 graduates! We wish them well in their future endeavors.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY! – *"Nothing could better express the pride and emotion a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is a wise heart."* – Pope Francis.

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.

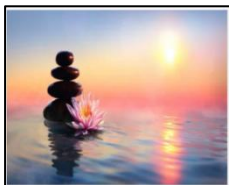


PARISH CALENDAR – For up-to-date events happening at St. Vincent's, please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church and advise the Parish Office of upcoming events to add to the calendar.

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 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!!**



Affordable Counselling Services

Arianna Gaudreault, a counselling intern from Yorkville University, is accepting new adolescent and adult clients at Touchstone Counselling Group. She offers support for: Anxiety and stress – Depression - Burnout and self-esteem - Life transitions.

Sessions are \$20 for the first 3, then \$60 thereafter, available in person or online.

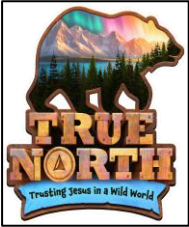
To refer or inquire: Call: 506-857-3007, Email: tchstone@gmail.com or go to <https://tchstone.ca/>.



OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

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

Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or 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 13th. **PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE REACHED THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS WE CAN ACCOMMODATE FOR THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, IF YOU STILL WISH TO REGISTER, WE WILL PLACE**

YOUR NAME ON A WAITING LIST AND LET YOU KNOW IF A SPOT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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 to register or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development → Vacation Bible School.

Gospel Study Group: June 19th and 20th: - 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 12:00noon and adoration. For information contact Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@gasmoncton.com. **For Corpus Christi Sunday click on the following links and read: John Paul II:** <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/holy-fathers-homily-for-corpus-christi-7879> and **St. Pope Paul vi** **Mysterium Fidei:** https://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_03091965_mysterium.html.

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!

40Hours Eucharistic Adoration at St. Augustine's Church

"Could you not watch with me one hour?" — Matthew 26:40. We invite you to a sacred time of adoration in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Begins: Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Mass

Concludes: Saturday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m. with Holy Mass.

Come and spend time with the Lord—whether for a few moments or a full hour. Let us keep Him company in love and reparation, lifting up our prayers for healing, peace, and spiritual renewal. All are welcome. Come. Watch. Pray.

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

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

Archbishop Emeritus James MacDonald, CSC, brother of Marie Renaud, Joan Beaton, and confrere of The Congregation of Holy Cross Fathers.

Dr. David Dodge, husband of Susan, father of Michael, Amy and Anna.

Corinne Allain, wife of late Clarence, mother of Clarence Jr., David and Peter.

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
Belinda Sarmiento	Sofio Conson	Jerome Escalona	Dorian C. Melanson	Angela Perry
Stephen Fowler	Charles Ouellet	Gigi Pena		

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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.



The Most Holy Trinity: Christ came into our world to give us a share in eternal life, that is, in the life of God. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone.... may have eternal life."

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.

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	June 16	9:30 AM	Late Greg Murphy	Fred & Blanche Begin
Tues.	June 17	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Manuel De Matos	Grant & Madelaine Currier
Wed.	June 18	9:30 AM	Special intention	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Thurs.	June 19	9:30 AM	Late Cornelia "Corry" Evers	Van der Pas & Ven der Meer families
Fri.	June 20	9:30 AM	Late Billy Patterson	Auralla & Joseph
Sat.	June 21	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Robert Fergusson	Chris, Heather & Katie
Sun.	June 22	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Philip Montford	Lorraine Montford

St. Clement's

Sun.	June 22	11:00 AM	Late Stephanie Carroll	Danielle Grant
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Sun.	June 22	9:00 AM	For the People	
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OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – June 7 & 8, 2025

Envelopes	\$2610.45	Loose	\$968.65	Karing Kitchen	\$36	Indigenous	\$50
Papal Charities	\$10	Capital Fund	\$375	Share Lent	\$50	Special Coll.	\$25
Donations w/receipt	\$5371.18						

St. Clement's offerings – June 8, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 330	Collection	\$5	Donations w/receipt	\$45	Cemetery	\$10
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St. Vincent's offerings – June 8, 2025

Envelopes	\$1135	Loose	\$41	St. Edward's Cemetery	\$100		
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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,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●



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



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

Monday

June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

June 18
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

June 22
The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17