



Life Is a Game of Golf

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf.

A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke's Gospel) or when you find yourself in an "alien land," a place in life you've never been before. ●

Reflect

What surprising places has God led me?

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be."

LUKE 12:34



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:****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**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****St. Bernard's PMT**

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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.



Congratulations and God's blessings to:

MacCauley Zachary Lacanilao, child of: Myrone & Natalia

He became a member of the Roman Catholic Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

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



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!



We are happy to have you join us!

Are you new to the parish or have you been part of our community for awhile but have just never registered?

There are registration forms available at the entrances to the church, at your parish office, on our web site (gsmoncton.ca) or just give us a call and we'll mail you one. Fill in the information, return the form to the office and you will be formally registered. This will help us to better serve your individual needs!



Moncton K of C Council 1310 - 84 Broadway St., Moncton: A Catholic organization, with 300 plus members. Interested in Joining? Contact Norman Gallant, Grand Knight at 506 853-7333. Bingos: Thurs. & Sun. 6:30 PM - Sunday Brunch 1st Sun. of each month.

St. Vincent's

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

The registration form is now available for the upcoming cycle of preparations for Confirmation candidates in 2025-26 (grades 7-9). Paper copies are in the church vestibule and a digital version is available as well. Please contact Cathy Crinnion with any questions at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca. Forms are due by the end of August (please discuss sponsorship during the summer with your child's preferred sponsor).

FAITH FORMATION: a parent-coached program for children in grades 1-6

Sessions with parents and their children will resume after Labor Day. Catechists facilitate the sessions twice per month for each age group (gr.1-3 and gr.4+) after Sunday Masses in the church hall. These sessions provide a foundation for sacramental preparations. Contact Cathy Crinnion to inquire at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca.

ROSARY – You are invited to join a group of faithful parishioners who gather to pray the rosary in St. Vincent's chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 am.

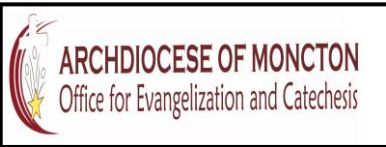
SUMMER HOURS – Please note that office hours during the months of July and August will vary from week to week. If you need to be in touch with the office, please send an email to stvince@nbnet.nb.ca. Emails will be checked regularly while I am in the office and also while I am away. You may also leave a voice mail message at 506-536-1460 as this will be checked regularly as well. For emergencies, please call St. Bernard's at 506-857-0425.

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 in September 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. 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!!



OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS
Trevor Droesbeck - 857-4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca
Karen LeBlanc – 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

A Commemorative Service for patients deceased at the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital during 2024 will be held on Sunday, August 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the Sainte-Anne Church (7611 Route 134, Sainte-Anne-de-Kent). Family members and friends are welcome. To remember the deceased is to pray for them and with them, to hope and believe that they have entered the life of God.

Gospel Study Group: August 14th and 15th:

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@qasmoncton.com.

For 20 Sunday in Ordinary time click on the following links and read:

St. Cyril of Alexandria

SERMON 94 https://www.tertullian.org/fathers/cyril_on_luke_09_sermons_89_98.htm

Pope Francis

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2016/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20160814.html



🎵 Fr. Ray Kelly Concert! 🎵


Fr. Ray Kelly, the singing priest from Ireland and Britain's Got Talent Semi-Finalist, is back for his second Canadian concert! **Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 7PM at the Riverview Arts Centre, 400 Whitepine Road, Riverview NB.** Don't miss this inspiring evening of music while supporting our parishes. Proceeds will benefit St.

Bernard's, St. Vincent's, and St. Clement's.

Tickets are now available! Visit riverviewartscentre.ca or call **506-852-7189** to get your tickets today!

The Magnetic Hill Prayer Garden Association is pleased to announce the holding of a multilingual international praying of the rosary for Peace, to be held at 6 PM on August 28, 2025 at the Prayer Garden located at Front Mountain Road, Moncton New Brunswick. All persons from various nations and cultures from around the world are invited to attend at the Prayer Garden to recite the rosary in their own language and according to their own customs. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served following the celebration.

For more information, call [506-871-3912](tel:506-871-3912), or 506-962-1665

	<p><i>A time to mourn... sincere sympathies to the family of:</i></p>
<p>Anne M. Donovan, sister of Mary Ellen McDougall, Jim Wolstenholme, and Paul Wolstenholme, (late) Peter and (late) Brian.</p>	
<p>Patricia (Butler) Daigle, wife of David mother of Laurie, Chris and Julie.</p>	
<p>Medard Maillet, husband of Yvonne (Goguen), father of Annette, Louise, Jeannine, Claudette, Ron and Denis.</p>	

	<p><i>Ecclesiastes 3</i> <i>Under every season there is a time... A time to heal...</i></p>
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St. Bernard's					
Patricia Devine		Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Rudy Singh	Paul Fortin
Lylla Roach	Floencia Santos		Paul Cassidy	Alfred Duncan	
St. Clement's					
McGraw Family		Garry Johnson	Pamela Gagnon	Sharon Wall	Janice Allen
St. Vincent's					
Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood	Kathy Mattatall
And those who have died.					



Are you looking for movies that uplift and inspire? Films that draw you and your family closer to God? Stories you can enjoy together—without worrying about inappropriate content? Did you know that The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit has recently subscribed to Formed? FORMED is a premier online platform with over 4,000 Catholic movies, cartoons, faith formation videos, audio dramas, and eBooks. 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.
2. Enter “**Moncton**” to find **The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**.
3. Enter your name and email address. You're In!

Tip: 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.

We pray that these resources will draw you and your family closer to our Lord and the Good News of our Faith.

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Aug. 11	9:30 AM	Late Esther Fearon	Family
Tues.	Aug. 12	9:30 AM	Late Roger Berubé	St. Bernard's CWL
Wed.	Aug. 13	9:30 AM	Late Alice Carroll Polardy	Gloria Nowlan
Thurs.	Aug. 14	9:30 AM	Special intention	IHM Prayer Group
Fri.	Aug. 15	9:30 AM	Late Mildred "Millie" LeBlanc	Rheal & Donna Doiron
Sat.	Aug. 16	4:00 PM	Late Paul Louis Cormier	K of C 1310
Sun.	Aug. 17	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sun.	Aug. 17	11:00 AM	Camille Legere	Jan Legere
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Aug. 17	9:00 AM	Deceased members of Jackson & Blakely Families	Mary & John Blakely
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OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – August 2 & 3, 2025

Envelopes	\$4783.60	Loose	\$976.45	Karing Kitchen	\$70	Capital Fund	\$1960
Special coll.	\$30	ReConnect	\$110	Syrian Fund	\$35	Indigenous R.F.	\$40

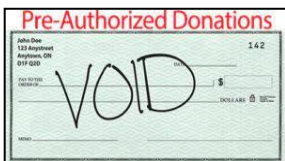
St. Clement's offerings – August 3, 2025

Envelopes	\$1020	Collection	\$70	Donations w/receipt	\$170	
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St. Vincent's offerings – August 3, 2025

Envelopes	\$1660	Loose	\$127	Indigenous R.F.	\$5	Maintenance	\$85
Initial Offering	\$5						

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



PADS – If you would like to donate through the Pre-Authorized Debit system, kindly contact **Giredine Aguidi** at **506-857-0425** or send an email to **sbhf@rogers.com** to register for St. Bernard's PADS.



May God's blessings be with you.

Have a great week.

Dear Padre,

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●



MARTINA J. SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

And at the end of our life, [the Lord] will call us to account for the goods he has entrusted to us.... We have received so much: life, faith, family, relationships, work, but also the places where we live, our city, creation.... [A]re we guardians of all that has been given to us?

ANGELUS, ROME,
AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCCA - UPOATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 31:1–8
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 13
Weekday
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Saturday

August 16
Weekday
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

August 17
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10
Heb 12:1–4
Lk 12:49–53