



[Jesus said to the crowd,]  
"Strive to enter through  
the narrow door, for many,  
I tell you, will attempt  
to enter but will not be  
strong enough."

LUKE 13:24

## The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ome people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one's own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

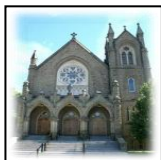
but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God's presence, to life with God. You've heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn't a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It's pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

### Reflect

**What is the "narrow gate" before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?**

**Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

**New Website: [gsmoncton.ca](http://gsmoncton.ca)**



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

**Phone:** (506) 857- 0425 **Email:** [sbhf@rogers.com](mailto: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](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca)

**Office hours:** Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM- 2 PM



**St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9**

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**The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

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<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Pam Van Egmond
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**St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule**

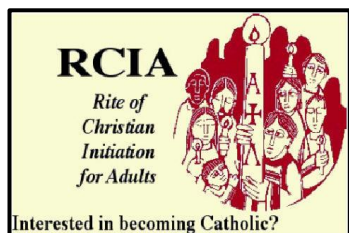
**Prior to Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM**

**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>	2nd & 4th Saturday of each month: 10 AM to 12 noon – beginning September 27th
<b>Baptism preparation</b>	To be determined



**Do you believe? About Jesus? About the Sacraments?  
About Salvation? Interested in becoming Catholic?**

**Then please feel welcome to join the St. Bernard's RCIA team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children) here at St. Bernard's on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 noon, beginning Saturday, September 27, 2025.**

The RCIA team here at St. Bernard's exists to welcome individuals who are wondering about the Roman Catholic Church and to help them in their search for spiritual guidance and a sense of church community. We also welcome those Catholics who haven't yet completed their preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist and wish to do so. Whether adult or child inquirer, candidate or catechumen, the team provides the elements for preparation including prayer, reflection on the Sunday liturgy of the Word, education about our faith and mutual support during the ups and downs of our individual journeys of faith.

If you or someone you know is thinking of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please invite him or her to contact St. Bernard's Pastoral Associate, Darlene McGraw at 857-0425 or [darlenemcgraw@rogers.com](mailto:darlenemcgraw@rogers.com) for more information on RCIA.



### FAMILY FAITH CATECHISM

**Welcome to new and returning families as we embark and continue in our faith journey!**

All families whose children are baptized and entering grade one or older and want to grow their relationship with Jesus, are welcome to join our parish family to learn about our faith.

• All families must be registered with our parish. [www.gsmoncton.ca](http://www.gsmoncton.ca) -> **I'm New ->Registration for new parishioners**

- All children are accompanied by a parent.
- All Sessions are bi-weekly.
- Sun. or Tues. (Level 1-2-3), Sun. or Wed. (Level 4-5-6), Sunday Confirmation (year 7).
- Fee: \$30/child or \$50/more than one child. All supplies included.

**New families can register in person** on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM-3:30 PM, returning families, keep an eye on your inbox!

Our Start date: Sunday, Sept. 21, Tuesday, Sept. 23, or Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me @ 506-857-0425 or [lorella\\_st.bernards@hotmail.com](mailto:lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com).



## St. Vincent's

**FAITH FORMATION** for families with children in grades 1-9: Our startup meeting will take place after Mass on **September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am** downstairs in the Hall. A welcome session for children, accompanied by parent(s) (or adult friend/caregiver), we will discuss with parents the format of the Faith Formation program and the plans for upcoming sacramental preparations. Contact Cathy with any questions (or if you cannot attend on the 7<sup>th</sup>) at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca). **Helpers are in great need for this program**, and there are a variety of roles for parishioners to support the faith growth of our parish children and young families!

**LECTOR'S WORKSHOP**: For new lectors and those wanting a refresher, there will be a short workshop at the church on Saturday **September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**.

**LAY MINISTERS' BLESSING**: At Mass on **September 14<sup>th</sup>**, lay ministers serving in all ministries will receive a blessing (for all volunteers other than the elected officers/Local Parish Council).

**PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE re: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**: There has been a request for a monthly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Vincent's, an opportunity for parishioners to pray in the presence of Jesus Christ. Is there general interest in this? When would be the best time to schedule this (once per month)? **Parishioners can indicate their interest on the questionnaire in the church vestibule or by sending an email with preferred day and time to [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca)**.



**Marie Wood is turning 90!!** You are invited to join Marie and her family on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at St. Anne's Anglican Church, 65 British Settlement Road, Westcock, NB, from 2 – 4 p.m. to celebrate this milestone! *Best wishes only!*

**MASS AT DREW NURSING HOME** – Mass will be celebrated at the Drew Nursing Home on **Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, at 3 p.m.** All are welcome to join the Drew residents at this 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 repaving problem spots as well as repainting the parking spaces in our parking lot in the near future.

**DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS** – Thank you to all who have donated household items for the use of the Filipino newcomers in the past year. Three more nurses have arrived from the Philippines! 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.

**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.

This year's ***Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower*** catechist formation will take place on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** at Immaculate Heart of Mary church from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm (brunch provided). We will be joined by Dr. Carol Kuzmochka, Director and Research Lead for the Centre for Religious Education and Catechesis (Saint Paul University), who will give an interactive presentation entitled “*Where Faith and Life Meet: Perspectives and Practices for Adult Faith Education/Accompaniment that Transforms.*” All are invited to attend but this session would be of particular interest to anyone serving as a catechist or who works with other adults through baptismal preparation, R.C.I.A., marriage preparation, etc. Register through the diocesan website at [www.diocesemoncton.ca](http://www.diocesemoncton.ca) → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. You may also register by calling 857-4879 or emailing [adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca).

**Gospel Study Group: August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>:**

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](mailto:charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com).  
For 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time click on the following links and read:  
St. Basil: <https://www.lectionarycentral.com/trinity17/Basil.html>.  
St. John Chrysostom: <https://www.lectionarycentral.com/trinity17/ChrysosHum.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](http://riverviewartscentre.ca) or call **506-852-7189** to get your tickets today!

**Magnetic Hill Prayer Garden:** A reminder that The Magnetic Hill Prayer Garden Association will be celebrating the 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, or 506-962-1665. *Meanwhile, on Monday, August 25, 2025, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., we are asking for help at the Prayer Garden in gardening, clean-up, organizing and getting things ready for the Thursday celebration. Please come! Thank you!*



**News Flash ...** Recently, the Sackville Food Bank opened their ***new thrift store*** located at 18 Lorne Street with business hours Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Proceeds go to the Sackville Food Bank. If you have items to donate, the store is open for donations only on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

	<p><i>A time to mourn... sincere sympathies to the family of:</i></p>
<p><b>Stephen A. White</b>, father of Anne and grandfather of Simon.</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	Alma Melanson
St. Clement's					
McGraw Family		Garry Johnson	Pamela Gagnon	Sharon Wall	Janice Allen
Baby Oliver					
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](http://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](http://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

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Aug. 25</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Linda Otero Loza	Linda Rowe-Fitch
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Aug. 26</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Thanksgiving	Arlene Cerezo & Family
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Aug. 27</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Gordon Fraser	Alice Houlahan
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Pierre Léon Léger	Therese Dowd
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Aug. 29</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Fr. Ulysse LeBlanc	Hector & Cecile Caissie
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Aug. 30</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. Late Andrew Perry	Family
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For The People	

### St. Clement's

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Holy Souls	Joanne Carroll
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### St. Vincent's

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Thanksgiving for blessings received	Jane Cabaluna and Ariane Saldua
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## OFFERINGS

### St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – August 16 & 17, 2025

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$5948.37</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$1036.95</b>	<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>Syrian Fund</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$1420.33</b>	<b>Special Collection</b>	<b>\$170</b>				

### St. Clement's offerings – August 17, 2025

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$380</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>Donations w/receipt</b>	<b>\$70</b>	
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### St. Vincent's offerings – August 17, 2025

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$940</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$134.30</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$20</b>	
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***Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!***



### Great news!!! - For your information:

As a result of ongoing faithful contributions from St. Bernard's parishioners, we are pleased to inform you that the installation of 4 mini splits has been completed.

We will have air conditioning during the hot months and save on overall heating costs during the cold months.

**Since air conditioning is new to us here at St. Bernard's, please be patient as we adjust temperatures for the comfort level of all.**  
**Thank you!**



# Dear Padre,

***My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.***

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●



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



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.” Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!***

**ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 21, 2022**

### Monday

August 25

*Weekday*

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

### Tuesday

August 26

*Weekday*

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mt 23:23–26

### Wednesday

August 27

*St. Monica*

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

### Thursday

August 28

*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

### Friday

August 29

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

### Saturday

August 30

*Weekday*

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

### Sunday

August 31

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a

Lk 14:1, 7–14