



**"In the same way,  
every one of you  
who does not  
renounce all his  
possessions cannot  
be my disciple."**

**LUKE 14:33**

## When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**here is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

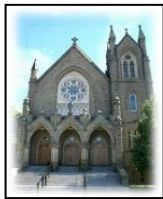
the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

### Reflect

***How does following Jesus cost me in my life?***

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

St. Bernard's PMT

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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

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

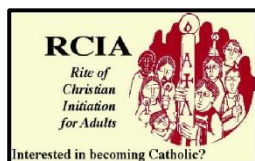
**Saturdays: 10:00 AM; First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM.**



## 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>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday each month: 10AM-12 noon beginning Sep. 27th
<b>Baptism preparation</b>	Sunday, October 5th @ 1:30 PM



**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.** If you or someone you know

is thinking of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please invite him or her to contact Darlene McGraw at 857-0425 or [darlenemcgraw@rogers.com](mailto:darlenemcgraw@rogers.com) for more information on RCIA.



### FAMILY FAITH CATECHISM:

**Welcome to new & returning families as we embark & 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.** To register go to:

**[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, Sep. 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 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. BERNARD'S BAPTISM AND BAPTISM PREPARATION INFORMATION

The arrival of a new member of the family is a time of great excitement and joy. As you welcome your new child into your family, you also begin to plan and provide the best for them. Like you, Jesus Christ wants the best for your child, as well. One of the first steps in introducing your child to God and to your faith is through baptism. Asking to have your child baptized shows that you recognize the importance

of God in your life, and that you want your child to be a child of God and to be a member of a Christian community. In preparation for baptism our archdiocese requires that parents attend a baptismal preparation course prior to Baptism.

St. Bernard's will be offering a Baptism Preparation Course on Sunday, October 5 at 1:30 PM. Registration is required prior to the course. Please contact Darlene McGraw at [darlenemcgraw@rogers.com](mailto:darlenemcgraw@rogers.com) or by calling 506-857-0425.



**St. Bernard's CWL – Regular Meeting: Sunday, September 28 in the church hall from 2-4 PM with Rosary at 1:30 PM.** Sr. Aurea Cormier will be our guest speaker, and she will provide an update on the Housing For Life Project. For any ladies interested in finding out what CWL is about, please feel free to join us at our meeting. New members are always welcome. **king for**

**Employment:** We have newly arrived parishioners seeking job opportunities. One is an experienced IT professional, & the other has strong skills as an office administrator. If you or someone you know could assist them in finding work, please contact Bernardshaw & Sherly Arockiam:506-233-8786.



*Edna Daly Landry is turning 100!!*

*She has a long history with St. Bernard's parish and the CWL.*

*Come celebrate with family and friends on Sunday, September 21 between 1 -4pm at Mapleton Park Rotary Lodge on Mapleton Road. Best wishes only.*

## 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)**.

**MOUNT ALLISON CHORAL SOCIETY & CHILDREN'S CHOIR** – You are invited to join the **Mount Allison Choral Society**, a choir of approximately 50 mixed voices, which meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9:30 pm in Brunton Auditorium of the Marjorie Young Bell Conservatory of Music, located at 134 Main Street. All are welcome! The first Choral Society rehearsal will take place on Tues., Sept. 2 at 7 pm. No audition necessary. Music-reading skill is helpful but not required. The **Mount Allison Children's Children's Choir** (ages 3-12) meets on Thursday evenings at the Marjorie Young Bell Conservatory of Music. All interested singers and parents are invited to an information meeting on Thurs., Sept 18 at 6 pm in the Choral Room (Rm 204). Contact [kgalway@mta.ca](mailto:kgalway@mta.ca) for more details.

**PARKING** – Please be advised that plans are in the works for repairing and 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.

**ROSARY** – In St. Vincent's chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 am.

**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. In addition, please note that a new thrift store has opened at 18 Lorne Street and is accepting donations of household items, clothing, etc. All proceeds are forwarded to the Sackville Food Bank.

**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.

**FILIPINO NURSES** - Three additional Filipino nurses arrived last week and will require housing by the end of September. They are looking for a two or three bedroom house or apartment and will need beds and bedding, kitchen table and chairs, sofa and coffee table, dishes and small appliances. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them, please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca).



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

**The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce the holding of the 41st annual Papal Mass, celebrating the visit of Saint Pope John Paul II in 1984; to be held on Saturday, the 13th day of September 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Magnetic Hill Papal Site.** Archbishop Guy Desrochers to be celebrant. The Mass

will be preceded by the recitation of the Rosary at 10:00 a.m. at the Prayer Garden. The celebration will be followed by a barbeque. Please come and help us commemorate this blessed event in our communities' history. All are welcome! For information, call (506) 871-3912. In event of rain, celebration to be held at same time at Notre Dame de Grace Church."



**Knights of Columbus, Moncton Council 1310's next breakfast: October 5<sup>th</sup>:** Come join us for our Sunday Morning Breakfast and enjoy an awesome meal for a great price while supporting local charities! Our breakfast menu includes: Scrambled or boiled eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Pan Fries, Pancakes, Baked Beans, Toast, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Time: 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM, cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. We hope to see you there!!!



**ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON**  
Office for Evangelization and Catechesis

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

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

**This year's Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower catechist formation will**

**take place on Saturday, September 20th 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: Sep. 11th & 12th: Weekly in person or Zoom, Thursdays at St. Lawrence O'Toole 6 PM followed by adoration at 7 PM AND Fridays at St. Augustine's 11AM, followed by Mass at 12noon and adoration.** For information contact Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or [charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com](mailto:charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com).

For 24th Sunday in Ordinary time click on the following links and read: St. Alphonsus Liquori

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Sermons\\_for\\_all\\_the\\_Sundays\\_in\\_the\\_year%2FSermon\\_XXXII.\\_Third\\_Sunday\\_after\\_Pentecost%3A\\_On\\_the\\_mercy\\_of\\_God\\_towards\\_sinners](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Sermons_for_all_the_Sundays_in_the_year%2FSermon_XXXII._Third_Sunday_after_Pentecost%3A_On_the_mercy_of_God_towards_sinners)

Pope John Paul II, [https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/audiences/1999/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_aud\\_08091999.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/audiences/1999/documents/hf_jp-ii_aud_08091999.html)



**CANADIAN CONFERENCE  
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

**CCCB PLENARY ASSEMBLY:** This month the Canadian Bishops are scheduled to meet in Plenary session September 23-27. All are invited to pray throughout the month asking the Spirit of God to guide the Bishops in their deliberations and decisions for the people of God.



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

**Jane McKenna Murphy**, wife of late J. Edward Murphy, mother of late Gregory (Catherine), Penny, John and Hugh (Maeve), grandmother of Stephen, Susan and Heather (Penny's), Rosanna and Thomas (Gregory's), and Kieran, Pdraig, Desmond, Nuala and Hughie (Hugh's).

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



*Ecclesiastes 3 -  
Under every season there is a time...  
A time to heal...*

**St. Bernard's**

Patricia Devine	Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Paul Fortin	Lylla Roach
Paul Cassidy	Alma Melanson	Mark Powers		

**St. Clement's**

McGraw Family	Garry Johnson	Pamela Gagnon	Sharon Wall	Janice Allen
Baby Oliver	John & Darlene Keough	Claudette Elliot		

**St. Vincent's**

Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood	Kathy Mattatall
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**Mass times / Intentions:**

**St. Bernard's**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Sep 8</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. late George Robert Spare	Karen, Paul & David Spare
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Sep 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Mildred (Millie) LeBlanc	Bruce Doiron
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Sep 10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Judy LeBlanc	Martha Hickey
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Sep 11</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Gary & Mary O'Neill	Robert Barr
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sep 12</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Connie Willden	St. Bernard's CWL
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sep 13</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. late Victor Tully	Chris, Heather & Katie
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sep 14</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For the People	

**St. Clement's**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sep 14</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Thanksgiving	Joanne Carroll
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**St. Vincent's**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sep 14</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Lorraine Carpenter	Husband Geoffrey
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**OFFERINGS**

**St. Bernard's offerings + PADs & online**

Amounts for the weekends of August 29 & 30 & Sept 6 & 7 will be noted on September 14<sup>th</sup> bulletin

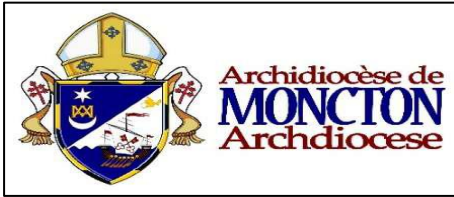
**St. Clement's offerings – August 31, 2025**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 770</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>Donations w/receipt</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>
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**St. Vincent's offerings – August 31, 2025**

Revenue - August 31, 2025, revenue will be reported in the September 14, 2025, bulletin

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



**Dear parishioners,**

**The annual collection for the Archdiocese of Moncton is scheduled for the weekend of November 1 and 2, 2025. This collection is being organized by all Catholic parishes under the banner REBUILDING... TOGETHER.**

In order for the Archdiocese to continue to function and rebuild its assets, we need your help to steer us toward financial recovery. Our projected budget for 2025 forecasts a substantial deficit again this year.

The archdiocese supports parishes by offering them various services, including liturgy, catechesis, pastoral care (chaplains) in hospitals, adult faith education, youth education and summer camps, RAC, assistance to parishes and priests, numerous partnerships with parishes on property management, insurance and claims management, tribunal and chancery services, and support for solidarity and fraternity projects. There are many elements to mention. In addition, let us never forget that our Church is always there when you need its services: baptism, confirmation, sacramental services for the sick and special visits, funerals, and vigils.

Our archdiocese has a number of full-time and part-time employees to meet everyone's needs and provide services. Over the past few months, we have made great strides in rebuilding and establishing the structures essential to the proper functioning of our archdiocese.

Financial resources are essential to achieving our goals. The contribution of the faithful therefore remains essential.

Let us be generous, each according to our means, so that our Church may continue to shine with strength and faith. As always, we count on your support.

We would be grateful if you would share this information with as many people as possible, paying special attention to those who are less regular or distant for all kinds of reasons.


Together, let us rebuild our Church by supporting the Diocese of Moncton's annual collection on November 1 and 2, 2025.

We thank you in advance for your generous consideration of this diocesan collection.

We remain,

**Mgr. Guy Desrochers C SSR**  
**Archevêque catholique romain de Moncton**

**Ronald Drisdelle BSS, MBA**  
**Directeur des finances, Archidiocèse de Moncton**



Mgr Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.  
Archevêque Métropolitain de Moncton



# Dear Padre,

***Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?***

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●



NANCY WIECHEC / CNS

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)**



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025**

### Monday

September 8

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or  
1:18-23

### Tuesday

September 9

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

### Wednesday

September 10

*Weekday*

Col 3:1-11

Lk 6:20-26

### Thursday

September 11

*Weekday*

Col 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

### Friday

September 12

*Weekday*

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

### Saturday

September 13

*St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*

1 Tm 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

### Sunday

September 14

*The Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17