



Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted.

As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted. ●

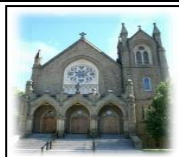
Reflect

*What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?*

No servant can serve two masters....
You cannot serve God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Parish Office hours:
Monday to Thursday: 9AM–12 noon & 1–4 PM, closed Fridays



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gsmoncton.ca

Facebook page:

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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

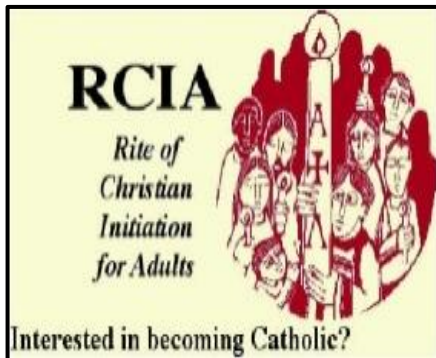
Prior to Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM

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

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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	2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month: 10AM to 12 noon - beginning Sep. 27th
Baptism preparation	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 for more information on RCIA.



Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

Scott Wright & Christine Paillard

Saturday, October 4, 2025 @ 10:00 AM at St. Bernard's

Scott & Christine would like to extend a warm invitation to any parishioner who may like to attend their wedding service.



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!

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Faith Formation

Session	Sunday: Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM	Tuesday: Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM	Wednesday: Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM
#2	October 5, 2025	October 7, 2025	October 8, 2025
#3	October 19, 2025	October 21, 2025	October 22, 2025
#4	November 2, 2025	November 4, 2024	November 5, 2025
#5	November 16, 2025	November 18, 2025	November 19, 2025
#6	November 30, 2025	December 2, 2025	December 3, 2025
#7	December 14, 2025	December 16, 2025	December 17, 2025



Session	Sunday: 2 PM-3:15 PM
October 7,8,9, 2025 (6 PM)	Confirmation retreat- St. Augustine's and St. Bernard's
October 26, 2025	Rite of Enrollment Mass-11 AM Mass - no gathering
November 2, 2025	Session #1- Gathering in the hall
November 16, 2025	Session # 2- Gathering in the hall
November 30, 2025	Session #3- Gathering in the hall
December 14, 2025	Service- no gathering
December 24 th , 2025	Service at Christmas Family Mass- TBD

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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 or by calling 506-857-0425.



St. Bernard's Local Pastoral Council:

The LPC is an important element in the functioning of the parish and its pastoral life. *As a consultative body it is a privileged place of reflection and orientation of the pastoral activities of the local community.* St. Bernard's currently is in need of one new

candidate to join this council (to replace a member who has moved away). As a **first step**, parishioners are invited to pray and discern who in our midst are best suited for this role; **second step**: we will call for nominations October 4 & 5, 2025 and the **third step** will be an election to follow the weekend of October 11 & 12, 2025. Please think about possible candidates, including yourself, and be prepared to submit nominations when called for. ***To nominate a candidate, simply send the name and telephone number of your nominee to the parish office either by dropping it in the collection, sending it by email or hard copy.*** Parish administration will contact each nominee to get his / her consent to have his / her name on the ballot. Nominations will be received up to noon Friday, October 10, 2025.

General Qualifications for Members of LPC: Must be 18 years of age or older, be a Christian of "proven faith, good morals and outstanding prudence", be a registered member of the parish (or be willing to register), be reasonably familiar with the parish and its activities, be able to work in a group setting, be committed to personal growth. Spend some time discerning your choice and then submit your recommendation. Thank you!

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PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES – are extended to Nancy Wheaton and her family on the death of her mother, Emilienne (Emily) LeBlanc, who died on September 14, 2025, at the Sackville Memorial Hospital at the age of 92 years. A graveside service will be held at the Holy Rosary St. Vincent Cemetery on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

PARISH CHOIR – 🎵 JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR – ALL ARE WELCOME! 🎵

St. Vincent's will be re-forming our choir this year, which we have not had since pre-Covid. This year, it will be a little different, in that you are invited to bring your children with you! So ... bring your mom, your dad, your grandparents, your child or most importantly, **YOU**, to be part of our Choir family! For more information, please reach out to **Karen Olscamp** 506-536-3050 or kolscamp@live.com.

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.

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.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – Thank you to all who have donated household items for the use of the Filipino newcomers in the past year! **The most recent Filipino nurses who arrived at the beginning of September and the last two who will arrive on October 6 will be in need of beds and dressers, blankets, sofas and coffee tables, kitchen tables and chairs, small appliances (including rice cookers!) and a variety of dishes and cutlery.** Please be in touch with Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca if you have any items to donate.

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK – 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.

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FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's -- In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass.

For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470.

For parishioners who are past Confirmation, no previous experience is necessary for you to share your time with our Faith Formation families, as a helper or as a catechist!

The Faith Formation schedule is as follows (location is St. Vincent's hall):

September 14th @ 10am	Primary group session (grades 1-3)
September 21st @ 10am	Elementary group session (grades 4+)
September 28th	<i>No session</i>
October 5th @ 10am	Primary group session (grades 1-3)
October 12th	<i>No session – Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
October 19th @ 10am	Elementary group session (grades 4+)

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.

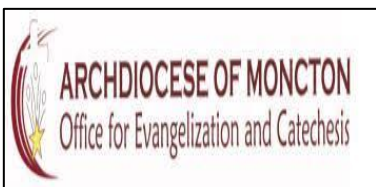
What
God
Has Joined

Preparing for Marriage in the Catholic Church

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples: Couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church are **required to attend and complete a Marriage Preparation Course, preferably 6 months prior to the wedding day**. Such couples are encouraged to

register as soon as possible to ensure this requirement is met. St Bernard's is pleased to have a Team dedicated to this apostolate.

All engaged couples from any Parish in the Archdiocese are welcome. In **2026**, there will be two such courses scheduled; one in **May** and the other in **October**. These will be weekend courses (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) that will be held at St Bernard's Parish Hall. **For further information and registration please call or email Joe D'Ettore (506-588-5958 / atvnonno@gmail.com).**



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Trevor Driesbeck - 857- 4879 or

adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca

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

Welcome back to a new year with **SENIOR'S CONNECT**.

Our first gathering will be on **October 9th at 10:30 am**, at Holy Family Parish Hall at 52 Falkland Street Moncton. We will hear all about the outreach program called "*Nursing Home Without Walls*". Come join us for some snacks and good company while we learn about information relevant to Seniors. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

The Magnetic Hill Prayer Garden Association will be celebrating a Multilingual International Praying of the Rosary for Unity and Peace, to be held at 6 PM on September 29, 2025 at the Prayer Garden located at Front Mountain Road, Moncton New Brunswick. All persons from various nations and cultures are invited to attend to recite the rosary in their own language and according to their own customs. Refreshments will be served following the celebration. For more information, call 506-871-3912, or 506-962-1665. Please mark on your calendars!
Thank you!



An online event to add to your calendar!

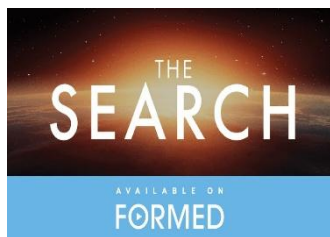
Don't miss the **national webinar** hosted by Development and Peace — Caritas Canada to promote the [Turn Debt into Hope](#) action campaign. Join us on **Saturday, October 4, at 1:30 p.m. ET**, (or 14:30 Atlantique Time) along with guests from the Global South, including:

- **Grieve Chelwa**, professor and member of the *Jubilee Commission on the Debt and Development Crises in the Global South*. He will explain why countries in the Global South are facing a debt crisis, using **Zambia** as an example.
- **Patricia Miranda**, Global Advocacy Director of LATINDADD, a South American climate and socioeconomic justice network. She will talk about how financial debt contributes to ecological debt in **Latin America**. For more information and to register, visit devp.org/events.

Harvest Banquet – Shediac Fall Festival - The Greater Shediac Community Garden Inc. will host its 8th Annual fundraising Harvest Banquet on Thursday, October 2, from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM at the Shediac Multipurpose Centre, 58 Festival Street, Shediac. Tickets are available at \$65 each or \$500 for a table of eight (\$62.50 per person). The four-course dinner will feature fresh soups and salads, followed by a hot buffet showcasing a wide selection of fresh organic vegetables from our garden, locally sourced organic meats (Boeuf Bourguignon, Chicken brochettes, Asian-inspired dishes such as spring rolls), and vegetarian and/or gluten-free options, with a variety of desserts to close the evening. For more information or to purchase tickets (506) 531-0252 or (506) 862-8084

	<i>A time to mourn... sincere sympathies to the family of:</i>
Margaret “Peggy” Rigby, wife of (late) Cecil; mother of Keith, Lori, Cecilia, Greg, deceased children: Peter, Timmy, Raylene.	
Joan Larracey, wife of (late) Ronald; mother of Michael, Susan, and Joanne.	
Louise Mallaghan, wife of (late) Patrick; mother of: Patti, Julie, Michelle, Gwen, Daniel, Eileen, and Genny.	
Eliodoro Canlas, uncle of Stephen (Lorna) Lising.	

		<i>Ecclesiastes 3 - Under every season there is a time... A time to heal...</i>				
St. Bernard's						
Patricia Devine		Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Lylla Roach	Paul Cassidy	
Mark Powers						
St. Clement's						
McGraw Family		Garry Johnson	Pamela Gagnon	Sharon Wall	Janice Allen	
Baby Oliver		John & Darlene Keough		Claudette Elliot	Heather & Anne Murphy	
Lorraine Doiron						
St. Vincent's						
Barb DeWitt		Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood	Kathy Mattatall
And those who have died including Emilienne LeBlanc.						



Looking for More? Join a Small Group with The Search
Have you ever asked yourself: What's the meaning of my life?
Why am I here? Where am I going?

Chris Stefanick's acclaimed series The Search tackles life's biggest questions in a way that is engaging, thought-provoking, and deeply Catholic. Through stunning visuals and powerful stories, it invites us to

see how our restless hearts find their true home in God.

This Fall, our parish will gather in small groups to journey through The Search. It's a chance to grow in faith, build friendships, and rediscover the joy of following Jesus together.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, be inspired, and deepen your faith.

Groups begin mid-October. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church.

Come and see... because the answers you're searching for might change your life forever.

For inquiries, please contact Tiffany Good at 506-863-3427 or goodtiffany@hotmail.com.

Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Sep. 22	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Richard Christie	Phyllis Christie
Tues.	Sep. 23	9:30 AM	Late Cornellia "Corry" Evers	Van der Pass & Van der Meer Families
Wed.	Sep. 24	9:30 AM	Late Gerald Cormier	St. Bernard's CWL
Thurs.	Sep. 25	9:30 AM	Late Judy LeBlanc	Don & Ann Beaumaster
Fri.	Sep. 26	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Eleanor Jaleco Rosali	Paz Hart & Family
Sat.	Sep. 27	4:00 PM	Late Fernand Maillet	K of C 1310
Sun.	Sep. 28	11:00 AM	For The People	
St. Clement's				
Sun.	Sep. 28	11:00 AM	Ted and Stephanie Carroll	Dan & Jessie Grant
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Sep. 28	9:00 AM	For The People	

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings August 30 & 31, Sept. 6 & 7, Sept. 13 & 14, 2025

PADs & online donations will be noted on next bulletin.

Envelopes	\$10,141	Loose	\$2987.90	Evangelization of People	\$20
Easter	\$55	Needs of Canada Church	\$20	Religious Education	\$532
Christmas	\$5	Karing Kitchen	\$18	Capital Expenditure	\$1322
Papal Charities	\$5	Thanksgiving	\$10		

St. Clement's offerings – September 7, 2025

Envelopes	\$460	Collection	\$15	Donations w/receipt	\$25
Cemetery St. Bartholomew	\$100				

St. Vincent's offerings –September 14, 2025

Envelopes	\$1320	Loose	\$15	Maintenance	\$40	HR-SV Cemetery	\$100
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



Knights of Columbus, Moncton Council 1310's next breakfast: October 5th:

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!!!

UPCOMING NATIONAL COLLECTION AND WORLD DAYS CELEBRATIONS

World Tourism Day - September 27

A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person" (Lk 10.5-6).

Needs of the Church in Canada- September 28

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western regions). Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - September 28

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20th June. The January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. At the request of several conferences of Bishops, Pope Francis moved the observance to September in 2019.

"The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the Contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation".
(Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult."

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

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



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

**HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025**



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

*St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest*

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

*St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest*

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

*Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31