



Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety. Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

Reflect

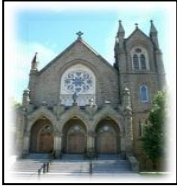
Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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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.

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	2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month: 10AM to 12 noon
Baptism preparation	Sunday, October 5th @ 1:30 PM
Mass of the deceased	Sunday, November 2 @ 4:00 PM (details will be in next week's bulletin)



Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:
Bradley Ogden & Maria Good
Thursday, October 16, 2025 @ 2:00 PM at St. Bernard's

*Sorry
to see
you go*

Giredine Aguidi, St. Bernard's receptionist / bookkeeper began working for St. Bernard's in July of 2024. Recently she has given her notice and will be leaving St. Bernard's **effective Friday, October 10, 2025**. ***We thank her for all her efforts and time with us. God bless her abundantly on her new endeavors.***

For the Lord is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

JOB OPENING

St. Bernard's Church

Receptionist / Bookkeeper:

As Receptionist, the duties include but are not limited to receiving the public in person or via phone, email; preparing and printing the weekly bulletin; maintaining various parish records, ordering office and building supplies.

As Bookkeeper, the duties include but are not limited to data entry of all funds received; maintenance and reconciliation of bank records; supervision of the counting of weekly donations; preparing and issuing cheques and invoices; preparing payroll; preparing financial statements; processing of income tax receipts. The successful applicant will have respectful and professional communication skills, comfort with / working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook) and QuickBooks (or equivalent). **Hours: 30 hours weekly.** Salary to be negotiated based on experience. **Applications received via email to darlenemcgraw@rogers.com or hard copy during office hours.**

Music Director Vacancy

St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Riverview NB is seeking a Music Director to lead our music ministry. The role includes planning and leading music for worship, directing choirs, and supporting congregational singing. Strong musical skills (piano/organ preferred, other instruments welcome), and a heart for ministry are essential. For details or to apply, please contact the church office at stjba.church@gmail.com.

St. Bernard's

St. Bernard's Faith Formation schedule

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

Confirmation Preparation schedule

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



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!

St. Clement's

Congratulations to Jan Legere who did a pilgrimage to Catedral de Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

St. Vincent's

🎵 **JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR – ALL ARE WELCOME!** 🎵 – We now have a solid, dedicated nucleus of choir members, whose function is to be an extension of Music Ministry at St. Vincent's. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and dedication! If you wish to join us, please reach out to Karen Olscamp, kolscamp@live.com, or 506-536-3050, who is in regular contact with choir members regarding rehearsal times and music.

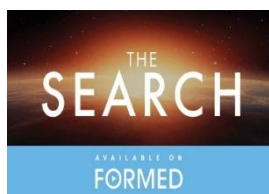
DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – *THE LAST TWO FILIPINO NURSES WILL ARRIVE ON OCTOBER 6! They will be in need of beds and dressers, blankets, sofas and coffee tables, kitchen tables and chairs, small appliances (including rice cookers!) and a variety of dishes and cutlery.*

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.

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):

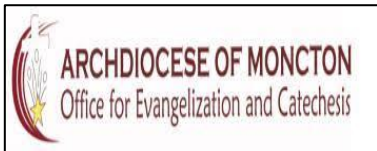
October 5th @ 10am	Primary group session (grades 1-3)
October 12th	<i>No session – Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
October 19th @ 10am	Elementary group session (grades 4+)



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

- **For St. Bernard's:** for inquiries, please contact Tiffany Good at 506-863-3427 or goodtiffany@hotmail.com.
- **For St. Clement's:** Starting Monday October 20th 7:00 pm for 7 weeks. Register through phoning (506) 538-2262 or emailing at stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com.
- **For St. Vincent's:** Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. For inquiries, please contact Lynn Sitland at 902-740-2041 or lsitland@live.com.



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis
Trevor Droesbeck - 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.

COFFEE FOR CAREGIVERS is an opportunity for fellowship with others providing care for an adult spouse, family, or friend with needs. We will meet on **October 16th** at Holy Family Church Hall at 3:00 pm. Contact Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271 or Karen at 506-387-4198.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES will resume on **Monday, October 27th at 10:00 am** (via Zoom) when we will talk about the 2024 thriller film *Heretic* with Hugh Grant, which addresses issues of life, death, and faith. Monday @ The Movies is a discussion group that seeks to address themes of faith in popular films. Everyone is welcome to join our discussion, please Karen at 387-4198 for more information or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

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

Bernie McCourt, son of the late Bill and Thelma, brother of late Paul, cousin of James and Sharon.

David Little, father of Jennifer, Pierre, Marc, Sarah, Hannah, Myriam and Seth.



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

St. Bernard's

Patricia Devine	Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Lylla Roach	Paul Cassidy
Mark Powers	Karen Catubig	Evelyn Buckingham		

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Sharon Wall	Janice Allen	Baby Oliver	Claudette Elliot
Lorraine Doiron	Patsy Murphy	Courtney Wall		

St. Vincent's

Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood	Kathy Mattatall
Joseph Koot					

And those who have died including Emilienne LeBlanc.

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Oct. 6	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Bill Parsons	Cecile & Hector Caissie
Tues.	Oct. 7	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Richard McDonald	Wife & children
Wed.	Oct. 8	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Arthur Collette	Cecile & Hector Caissie
Thurs.	Oct. 9	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving to St. Bonaventure	Anonymous
Fri.	Oct. 10	9:30 AM	Late Dee Dee Murphy	Don & Ann Beaumaster
Sat.	Oct. 11	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Nora Despres	David Mietchell
Sun.	Oct. 12	11:00 AM	For The People	

St. Clement's

Sun.	Oct. 12	11:00 AM	Thanksgiving	Joanne Carroll
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Oct. 12	9:00 AM	Late Angela & Leonard Landry	Roberta Brine
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OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings, PADs & online, September 27 & 28, 2025

Envelopes	\$3617	Loose	\$1054.50	Karing Kitchen	\$15	All Souls	\$5
Needs of Canada Church		\$572	Capital Fund	\$428	Syrian Fund		\$50
ReConnect	\$40	Religious Education		\$45	Evangelization of People		\$5

St. Clement's offerings – September 28, 2025

Envelopes	\$640	Collection	\$5	Donations w/receipt	\$150	Archdiocese	\$20
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St. Vincent's offerings – September 28, 2025

Envelopes	\$1275	Loose	\$120	Maintenance	\$75	HR-SV Cemetery	\$180
Needs of Canada Church		\$50	Evangelization of People		\$5		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

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).**

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God" (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, 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**.

Monday

October 6

Weekday

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

October 7

Our Lady of the

Rosary

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

October 8

Weekday

Jon 4:1-11

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

October 9

Weekday

Mal 3:13-20b

Lk 11:5-13

Friday

October 10

Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

October 11

Weekday

Jl 4:12-21

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

October 12

Twenty-eighth

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025