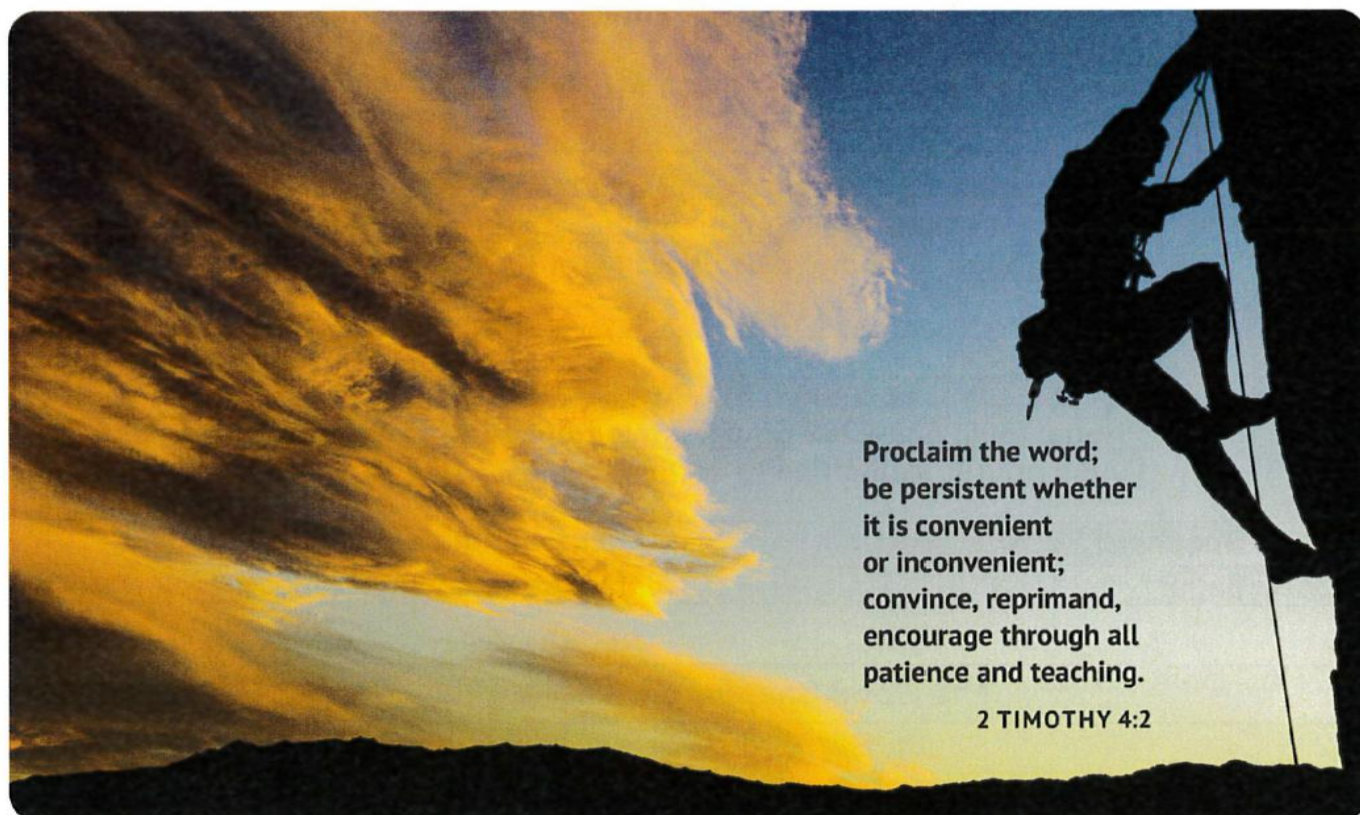




**Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.**

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

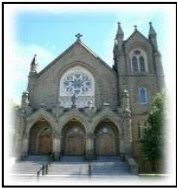
and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Website:

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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

St. Bernard's Parish Staff

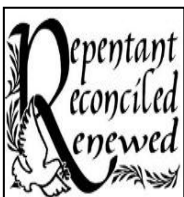
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Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com
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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

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: 10 AM to 12 noon
Baptisms	Sunday, October 26, 2025 @ 1:30
Mass of the deceased	Sunday, November 2 @ 4:00 PM, reception to follow

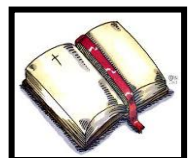
JOB OPENING

St. Bernard's Church - Bookkeeper:

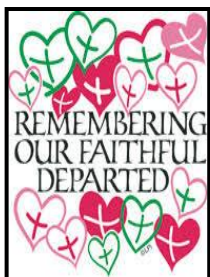
As Bookkeeper, the duties include but are not limited to data entry of all funds received; maintenance and reconciliation of bank records; supervision of the counting of weekly donations; preparing and issuing cheques and invoices; preparing payroll; preparing financial statements; processing of income 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: 15 hours weekly.** Salary to be negotiated based on experience. **Applications received via email to darlenemcgraw@rogers.com or hard copy during office hours.**



Please note: On Sep. 15, 2025, I, Darlene McGraw, St. Bernard's Pastoral Associate submitted my letter of resignation. My last day as Pastoral Associate will be Friday, Oct. 31, 2025. I thank our loving God and St. Bernard's parishioners for the privilege I have had in serving God and the needs of our parish. God bless all. Sincerely, Darlene McGraw.



Book of the Faithful Departed: During the month of November, we remember and pray for deceased loved ones. The Church encourages us to continue this tradition by entering the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book Of The Faithful Departed. Please note: If loved ones' names were previously entered in the book their names are still in the book and they will be remembered during our liturgies. No need to write their names in again. The book of the Faithful Departed will be placed at the entrance of the church for the whole month of November. Anyone is welcome to enter names of deceased family members or friends who have died during the past year.



The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

St. Bernard's, St. Clement's, & St. Vincent's - Mass of the Deceased

All parishioners in our pastoral unit are invited and encouraged to attend the **Mass of the Deceased on Sunday, November 2 at 4 PM, followed by reception in Parish Hall.** It is an important time to come together as a Pastoral Unit to remember & honor the memory of all those who have died in the past year. Also, to show support and care to all of those who have lost a loved one.



Knights of Columbus Council 1310 Monthly Breakfast - 84 Broadway Street, Moncton November 2nd from 8:30AM - 12:30 PM. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children. Menu includes bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, pan fries, baked beans, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and juice. All are welcome!

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
#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

St. Bernard's Faith Formation schedule Confirmation Preparation schedule

Session	Sunday: 2 PM-3:15 PM
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



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.



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!

St. Vincent's

MASS AT DREW NURSING HOME - The next mass at the Drew Nursing Home will be Monday, November 3, 2025, at 3 PM. All are invited and welcome to attend.

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 Saint 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.

ROSARY - You are invited to join a group of faithful parishioners, who gather to pray the rosary in Saint Vincent's chapel on Thursdays at 10 AM.

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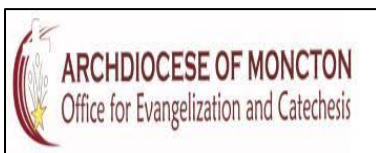
DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS - The final Filipino nurses to come to Sackville to work at the Drew Nursing Home will be moving into their apartments by the end of October. They will need beds and dressers, blankets, sofas and coffee tables, kitchen tables and chairs, and small appliances. (We no longer need rice cookers as we recently received some ... with thanks!) Please be in touch with Lorraine Horyl at St. Vincent's Parish Office 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca if you have any of these items to donate.

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK - St. Vincent's accepts weekly donations of non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Please look for the basket at the entrance to the church. Also, the Second Chances thrift store is located on Lorne Street in Sackville. All proceeds from their sales are forwarded to the food bank to help those in need in Sackville and surrounding areas.

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.

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

October 19 th @ 10am	Elementary group session #3 (grades 4+)
October 26 th @ 10am	Primary group session #4 (grades 1-3)
November 2 nd @ 10am	Elementary group session #4 (grades 4+)
Nov 9 th @ 10am	Primary group session #5 (grades 1-3)
Nov 16 th @ 10am	Elementary group session #5 (grades 4+)



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis
Trevor Droesbeck - 857- 4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca
Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

We encourage you to contribute generously to the special collection on November 1 and 2, 2025, to support the pastoral mission of the Archbishop of Moncton. Please note that 10% of the amount collected will be used for the local needs of the parishes. Your contribution in cash or by check made out to your parish should be placed in the special envelopes that have been distributed for this purpose in our churches. We ask that you submit your envelope during the collections on the weekend of November 1 and 2 or at the office of your pastoral unit. Thank you for your solidarity.

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.

"In honour of the Feast Day of Saint Pope John Paul II, the latter being one of only three (3) canonized Saints who has ever visited our City and Province, the Magnetic Hill Prayer Garden Assoc. is proud to invite all parishioners, including all Knights of Columbus, to attend the Prayer Garden on October 22, 2025, between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to say the Rosary and to enjoy the still beautiful flowers despite it being Fall! All are invited and everyone is welcome! Refreshments to follow! For info. (506) 871-3912."

	<i>A time to mourn...</i> <i>sincere sympathies to the family of:</i>
Lylla Roach, wife of late Eddie, mother of Bruce, Janet, late: Barbara & Brian	
And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.	

	<i>Ecclesiastes 3 - Under every season there is a time.</i> <i>A time to heal...</i>				
	St. Bernard's				
Patricia Devine	Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Lylla Roach	Paul Cassidy	
Karen Catubig	Evelyn Buckingham	Ben Allerston	Cheryl Allerston	Lolita Jacinto	
St. Clement's					
McGraw Family	Sharon Wall	Janice Allen	Baby Oliver	Claudette Elliot	
Lorraine Doiron	Patsy Murphy	Courtney Wall	Ron Drisdelle	Bernadette McGraw and family	
St. Vincent's					
Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood	Kathy Mattatall
Joseph Koot					
And those who have died.					

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Oct. 20	9:30 AM	Late Marie Godin	Roberta Brine
Tues.	Oct. 21	9:30 AM	Special Intention	AM Landry
Wed.	Oct. 22	9:30 AM	Late Edith Murphy	Helene Brian Gallie
Thurs.	Oct. 23	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Angelique Williams
Fri.	Oct. 24	9:30 AM	Deceased Family Members	Conrad Coughlan
Sat.	Oct. 25	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Minnie Burnett	Ross & Sharon
Sun.	Oct. 26	11:00 AM	For The People	

St. Clement's

Sun.	Oct. 26	11:00 AM	Garry Johnson	Patsy Murphy
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Oct. 19	9:00 AM	Mick Coughran	Family
Sun.	Oct. 26	9:00 AM	For The People	

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings & online: October 5 & 12, 2025

Envelopes	\$8226.60	Loose	\$1976.65	Karing Kitchen	\$45
Needy Fund	\$20	Religious Ed.	\$10	Needs of the Canada Church	\$180
Evang. Of People	\$30	All Souls Day	\$40	ReConnect	\$30
Donations	\$10	Capital Fund	\$1317		

St. Clement's offerings: October 12, 2025

Envelopes	\$95	Capital Fund	\$1230	Donations w/receipt	\$20
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St. Vincent's offerings – October 12, 2025 to be reported on a later date

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



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!



*May God's blessings be with you.
Have a great week.*

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Collections	39,676.76
Envelopes	216,346.85
Stole Fees (mass)	4,170.00
Bulletins, palms, booklets	317.30
Candles	6,039.95
Fund Raising Activities	15,632.99
Rental Income	1,299.00
Donations	8,811.17
Registration fees-Catechism	980.00
Rent Subsidy	1,620.00
Wage Subsidy	462.58
Others revenu	11,570.98
Interest	26,250.00

Total Income	<u>333,177.58</u>
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Gross Profit	<u>333,177.58</u>
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Expense

Salary	65,790.65
Receiver General	2,340.07
Pension, Insurance & Blue Cross	15,764.06
Vacation	4,541.08
Work Safe	601.94
Travel expenses	5,917.50
Food & Lodging	47,405.86
Training / Workshop	-60.00
Church Goods	14,246.64
Bulletin, Subscription, cables,	12,314.09
Office Expenses	14,823.18
Maintenance / Improvements	59,365.21

Repairs	8,298.30
Equipment & furniture	85.00
Heatings	16,241.10
Electricity	6,014.52
Telephone	4,061.13
Taxes	35,769.23
Parish Activities	8,876.82
Donations others	541.74
Fund Raising Expenses	17,407.86
Volunteer recognition	36.25
Bank charges, interest	3,578.77
payroll fees	662.00
Uncategorized Expenses	296.18
Payroll Expenses	104,374.07
Total Expense	<u>449,293.25</u>
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Net Ordinary Income	116,115.67
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Direct Deposit Revenus	20,234.97
Special Collection Revenus	24,430.20
Special col. Direct deposit	2,709.25
Total Other Income	<u>47,374.42</u>
Other Expense	
Special Collection Expenses	25,015.20
Total Other Expense	<u>25,015.20</u>
Net Other Income	<u>22,359.22</u>
	<u>-93,756.45</u>