



Like the Rings of a Tree

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

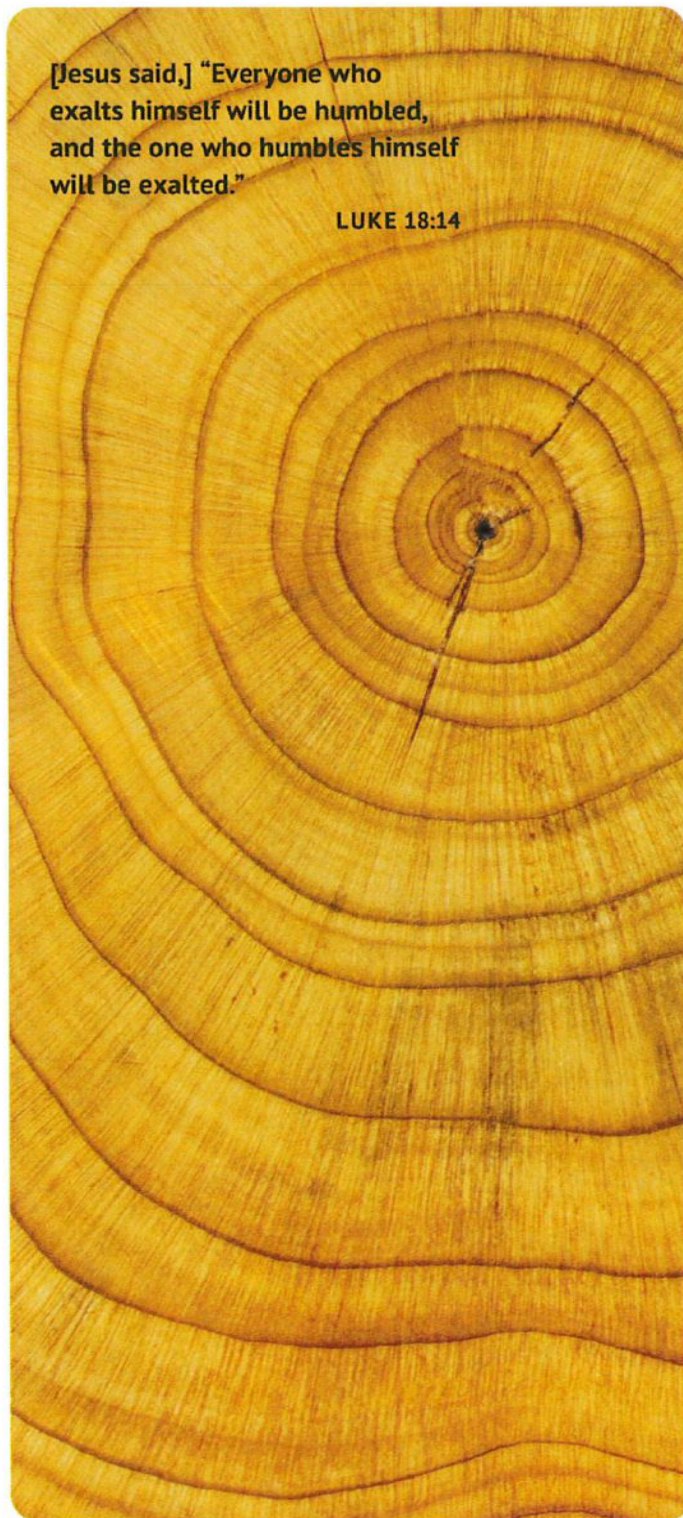
Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

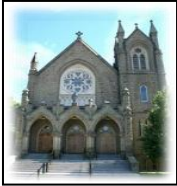
Reflect

*How has my life been a mixture
of sin and grace?*

[Jesus said,] "Everyone who
exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself
will be exalted."

LUKE 18:14



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
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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



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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment Opportunities at St. Bernard's
St. Bernard's is seeking interested and qualified individuals to join our parish team. Two positions are currently open:

1. Parish Office Administrator (30 hours per week)

The Office Administrator serves as the first point of contact for parishioners, visitors, and callers, providing a warm, welcoming, and professional presence in the parish office. This position supports the mission of the parish through administrative assistance, communication management, and coordination of office operations.

2. Bookkeeper (15 hours per week)

The Bookkeeper provides essential financial and administrative support to ensure the accurate recording, reporting, and stewardship of parish funds. This position involves maintaining financial records, processing transactions, and preparing financial statements in accordance with diocesan and parish accounting standards.

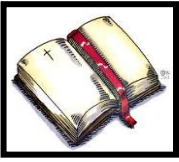
Those interested are invited to submit their résumé and cover letter to the parish office or by email at fathercarlosj@gmail.com by October 28, 2025, 12:00 Noon. For full job descriptions, please contact Fr. Carlos.



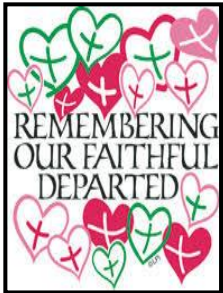
Parish Financial Information Sessions: All St. Bernard's parishioners are warmly invited to join us in the parish hall after all Masses on October 25th and 26th for an information session and open forum about our parish finances.

Members of the Parish Finance Council and Local Pastoral Council will be present to share highlights from the recent financial report and to answer any questions you may have. For those unable to attend after the weekend Masses, a special evening session will also be held on Monday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This will be an opportunity not only to discuss financial matters, but also to hear updates and share feedback on the pastoral life of our parish. Your participation and insights are greatly appreciated as we continue working together for the good of our parish community.

St. Bernard's



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.

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
#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 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 CWL

CWL Notice of Meeting. Our meeting will be held in the church hall on Sunday, Nov 9th at 2:00 pm preceded by the rosary at 1:30 pm. Finger foods are welcome for our social time following the meeting. New members are welcome to attend.

CWL 2026 Dues. Members who have not yet submitted dues for 2026 can do so at our meeting on Nov. 9th or by calling Donna Shaw at (506)382-0503 if you would like to have your dues picked up. Dues are payable to National Office by Dec. 31st. Thank you for helping us meet our deadline.



The special diocesan collection scheduled for November 1 and 2 is a valuable opportunity for each of us to actively contribute to the mission of the Church.

Through our support, we enable our archdiocese to continue and expand the pastoral programs that nourish our faith, accompany our individual journeys, and strengthen our Christian commitment. Supporting this collection means helping the Church equip itself with the tools it needs to respond to today's spiritual needs. It means believing that together we can build a living Church, capable of accompanying the aspirations of each faithful to live fully their baptismal call in a constantly changing world. By giving, we sow hope. By participating, we become artisans of the mission. For more information go to: https://www.diocesemoncton.ca/sn_uploads/fck/ANNUAL-COLLECTION---November-1-2-2025.pdf

St. Vincent's

MASS AT DREW NURSING HOME – The next mass at the Drew Nursing Home will be Monday, November 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. 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 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.

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.

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.

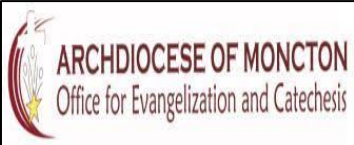
DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – THE LAST THREE FILIPINO NURSES ARRIVED ON OCTOBER 6 AND WILL BE MOVING INTO THEIR APARTMENTS BY NOVEMBER 1! They are in need of beds and dressers, blankets, sofas and coffee tables, kitchen tables and chairs, small appliances (We no longer need rice cookers as we recently received some – with thanks!) 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.

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

Primary group sessions (gr. 1-3) at 10am	October 26th, Nov 9th, Nov 23rd, Dec 7th
Elementary group (grades 4+) at 10am	November 2nd, Nov 16th, Nov 30th, Dec 14th
Sacramental preparations:	
Confirmation Gathering (grades 7-9)	November TBD
Confirmation Rite of Enrolment	November TBD



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

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES: 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.

This year's **TENDING THE SOIL, TENDING THE SOWER** catechist formation has been rescheduled to **Saturday, November 15th 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 → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. You may also register by calling 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

COFFEE FOR CAREGIVERS is an opportunity for fellowship with others providing care for an adult spouse, family, or friend with needs. Please join us as we gather on the following dates: **October 30th, November 13th, November 27th, December 11th** at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm. Contact Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271 or Karen at 506-387-4198. Everyone is welcome.

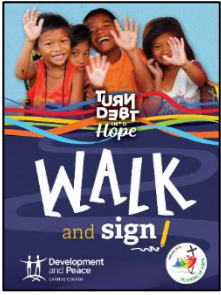
ADVENT MISSION @ Immaculate Heart of Mary - SAVE THE DATES: Dec. 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
Deep in the Darkness of the Silent Night...Quietly in the Secret of Your Soul...Christ, the Light of the World, continues to be born.

Gospel Study Group: October 30/31: 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 12:00 noon and adoration. For information contact Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com.

For All Souls day click on the following links and read: Karl Rahner

<https://thevalueofsparrows.wordpress.com/2015/11/01/sermon-all-saints-and-all-souls-day-by-karl-rahner/>

Pope Francis (1st and 2nd Homily) <https://sites.google.com/view/popefrancishomilies/all-souls-commemoration-of-all-the-faithful-departed>



Workshop on the Development and Peace — Caritas Canada campaign This fall, to continue as Pilgrims of Hope with the Jubilee 2025 campaign, Turn Debt into Hope, you can: Walk to raise awareness among Canadians about the consequences of the debt crisis for impoverished populations in the Global South. Sign the petition calling for the cancellation of the unjust debts

of countries in the Global South. To learn more, attend the workshop on November 15, from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the community hall at Place de la Cathédrale in Moncton. The walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. A relay of hope or light will take place at the end of the walk. Those who are able to do so will walk the route, which will end in front of the George Dumont Hospital in Moncton, with two stops between the two locations. Those who are unable to walk the route will participate in activities in the community hall while waiting for the Relay of Hope, which will be explained upon the walkers' return. Dress appropriately, wear comfortable shoes, bring a bottle of water, and bring a candle to participate in the Relay of Light that will close the walk.

For more information or to help organize the event, contact the Francophone Regional Office of Development and Peace in Moncton by phone at 506-801-0440 or by email at dpatlantique@devp.org or visit devp.org/campaign.

BRIDGES OF CANADA - Faith Community Reintegration Program (FCRP)

Coordinator - Moncton - Part-time job opportunity. For more information, visit www.bridgesofcanada.com/fcrp-employment-opportunities or the diocese website at www.diocesemoncton.ca.



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!



*A time to mourn....
sincere sympathies to all 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	Lylla Roach	Paul Cassidy
Karen Catubig	Evelyn Buckingham	Ben Allerston	Cheryl Allerston	Lolita Jacinto
Lorna Lising				

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: Carol Ann Morneau

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Oct 27	9:30 AM	Late Gerhard Advincula & Leticia Advento	Advincula & Advento families
Tues.	Oct 28	9:30 AM	Late Barry Dickie	JoAnn McLaughlin
Wed.	Oct 29	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Earl McDonald	Ann Marie McDonald
Thurs.	Oct 30	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Vince Barrett	Charlotte, Meghan, James, Daniel & Campbell
Fri.	Oct 31	9:30 AM	Souls in family Tran	Anna Tran
Sat.	Nov 1	4:00 PM	For the people	
Sun.	Nov 2	11:00 AM	Late Gordon Montford	Lorraine Montford
Sun	Nov 2	4:00 PM	Mass of the deceased	

St. Clement's

Sun.	Nov 2	11:00 AM	Tony & Mien Rommens	Johanna Rommens
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Oct 26	9:00 AM	For the people	
Sun.	Nov 2	9:00 AM	Emily LeBlanc	Aline Beal & Family

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings October 19, 2025 - Online portions to be reported later.

Envelopes	\$ 3,042	Loose	\$ 1,215.50	Evang. of people	\$ 607.00
Karing Kitchen	\$ 29.00	Papal charities	\$ 5.00	All Souls	\$ 195.00
Capital Expenditure	\$ 125.00				

St. Clement's offerings: October 19, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 250	Donations w/receipt	\$ 100			
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St. Vincent's offerings – October 12, 2025

Reg Envs	\$ 1060	Loose	\$ 22.40			
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St. Vincent's offerings – October 19, 2025

Reg Envs	\$ 1300	Loose	\$ 25	Maintenance	\$5	Evangelization of Nations	\$ 95
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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 a while but have just never registered? Registration forms are available at the parish office, on our web site (www.stbernardschurch.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!



Friday Devotion

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: November 7 @ St. Bernard's

8:00 AM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 AM	Benediction
	Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 AM	Holy Mass
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Confessions may continue after the Mass.

St. Bernard's Church Financial Reports from January through September 2025

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 revenues	11,570.98
Interest	26,250.00

Total Income

333,177.58

Gross Profit

333,177.58

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

449,293.25

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

47,374.42

Other Expense

Special Collection Expenses	25,015.20
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Total Other Expense

25,015.20

Net Other Income

22,359.22

Net Income

-93,756.45

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

Chequing account 406	69,931.81
Building Fund 648	79,313.32
BMO Account 574	32,167.45
Total Chequing/Savings	181,412.58

Accounts Receivable

Account Receivable	6,230.59
Total Accounts Receivable	6,230.59

Other Current Assets

RBC Dominion Securities	437,537.70
HST / GST receivable	44,036.77
Petty Cash	1,000.00
Undeposited Funds	978.95
Loan Receivable - Diocese	443,216.17
Total Other Current Assets	926,769.59

Total Current Assets

1,114,412.76

TOTAL ASSETS

1,114,412.76

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	6,577.97
Total Accounts Payable	6,577.97
Other Current Liabilities	
GST/HST Payable	4.48
CWL - Social Justice Funds	16,359.81
Syrian Relief	22,904.97
Payroll Liabilities	447.20
Total Other Current Liabilities	39,716.46

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46,294.43

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46,294.43

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	234,929.48
Retained Earnings	926,945.30
Net Income	-93,756.45
Total Equity	1,068,118.33

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

1,114,412.76

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Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

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



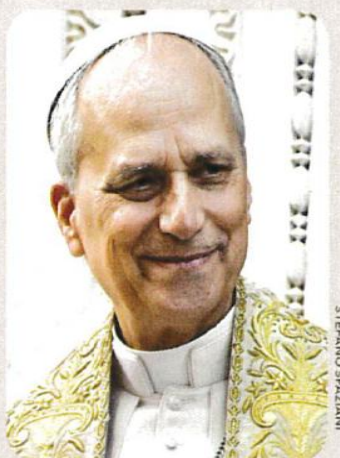
Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025



STEFANO SPAZIANI

Monday

October 27
Weekday
Rom 8:12–17
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday

October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Wednesday

October 29
Weekday
Rom 8:26–30
Lk 13:22–30

Thursday

October 30
Weekday
Rom 8:31b–39
Lk 13:31–35

Friday

October 31
Weekday
Rom 9:1–5
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday

November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

Sunday

November 2
The Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wis 3:1–9
Rom 5:5–11 or Rom 6:3–9
Jn 6:37–40
(These readings or any
from no. 668 or from
the Masses for the Dead)