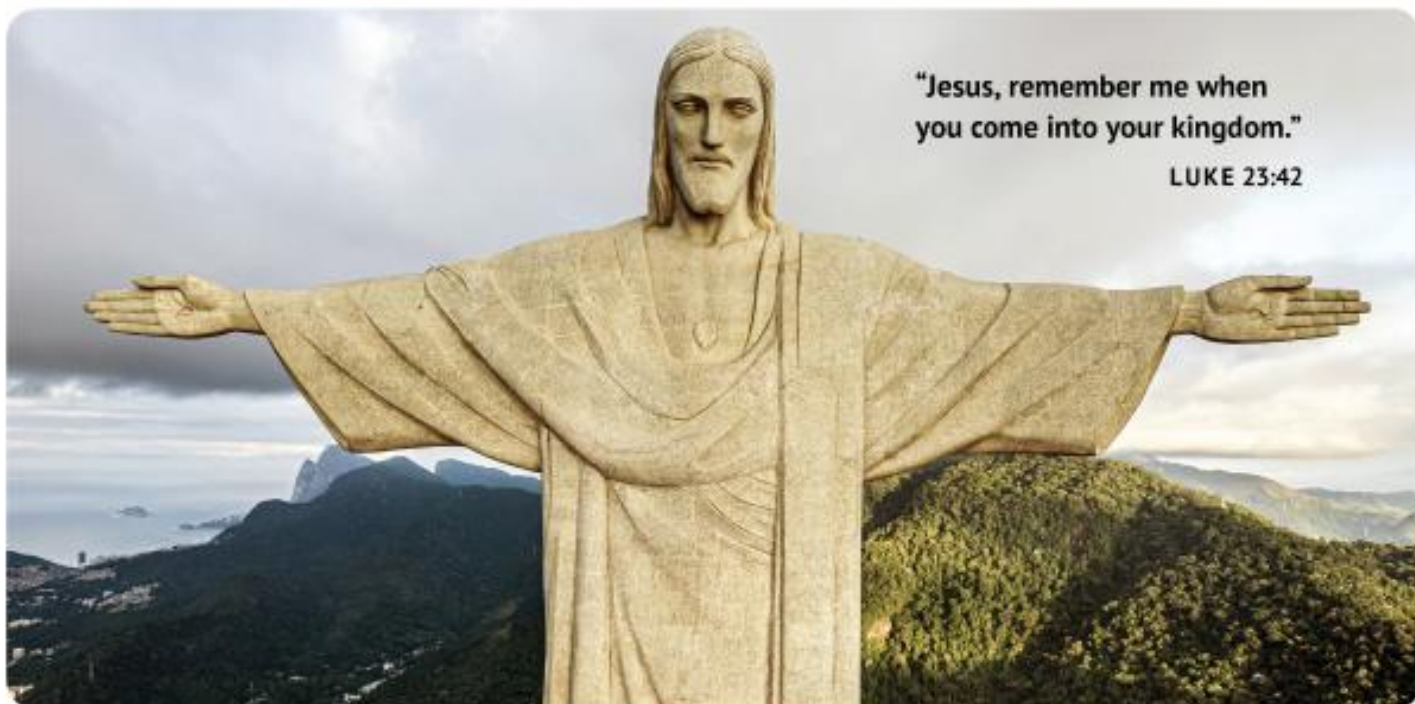




**"Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom."**

LUKE 23:42

The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it's a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to "myth," as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and Luke Skywalker is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and Frodo Baggins is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero's own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

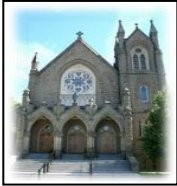
The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

Editor's note: This is Fr. Joseph Juknialis' final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

Reflect

What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?

Welcome to 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	2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month: 10 AM to 12 noon

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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
#6	November 30, 2025	December 2, 2025	December 3, 2025
#7	December 14, 2025	December 16, 2025	December 17, 2025

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

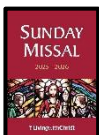
Session	Sunday: 2 PM - 3:15 PM
November 30, 2025	Session #3- Gathering in the hall
December 14, 2025	Service- no gathering
December 24, 2025	Service at Christmas Family Mass- TBD

St. Bernard's CWL

CWL 2026 Dues. Members who have not yet submitted dues for 2026 can do so 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.

Advent Mitten Tree

While items may be donated all year, it is particularly important during the cold winter months to be able to share **warm hats, mitts/gloves, scarves and socks** with those in need of all ages. We deliver these to the **Pregnancy Center, Headstart, schools and shelters** as well as to outreach programs for those living outside. These may be left at the main entrance of the church or be placed on the **Mitten Tree** set up by the elevator during the Advent season. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

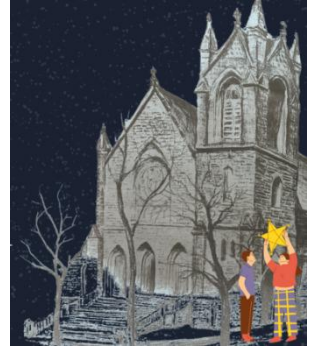


Sunday Missal Available!! Pick up your copy to follow the **readings and prayers** for each Sunday of the liturgical year. Available after all Masses and at the parish offices during office hours.

St. Bernard's Simbang Gabi 2025

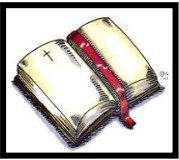
Dear Friends,

The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Moncton invites everyone to join in our **Simbang Gabi** celebrations. **Simbang Gabi**, a Tagalog phrase that literally means “**Evening Mass**,” is the Filipino traditional novena Masses offered for nine consecutive evenings before Christmas Eve. It is a spiritual journey for Filipinos, a time of reflection, devotion, and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Centred on the Eucharist, the nine Masses honour the Blessed Mother Mary, who carried Our Lord Jesus in her womb for nine months. How is it different from a daily Advent Mass? On Simbang Gabi Masses, the priest wears white festive vestments, and the Gloria is sung. We invite you to **St. Bernard's Church** from **December 14th to the 23rd at 7:00 PM** for these evening Masses, which will be celebrated in English, with hymns beautifully led by the Filipino choir. Please note, our parish's regular daily and weekend Mass schedules will remain unchanged, with these nine special evening Masses added for the season. We would be deeply honored to have you join us in these celebrations.



With blessings,
Fr. Carlos Jacinto

St. Vincent's



Book of the Faithful Departed: During the month of November, we pray for deceased friends and loved ones who have passed away during 2025, as well as November and December 2024. ***The Book of the Faithful Departed will be placed on the left side of the entrance to the church during this time.*** In the book, the names of deceased friends and relatives who have died during this period of time are entered. Everyone is welcome to enter on the right side the names of deceased family and friends whose name is not already included in the list on the left or whose name was not entered during previous years.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY – ***December 7, 2025***, will be ***WHITE GIFT SUNDAY*** at St. Vincent's. If you wish to donate new toys or new hats/mitts/gloves for local children, please bring them to St. Vincent's on ***November 30, 2025, or December 7, 2025.*** Please do not wrap gifts; however, wrapping paper and tape will be gladly accepted.

HOLY ROSARY-ST. VINCENT CEMETERY – With the winter season approaching, we ask that all flowers and decorations be removed from the cemetery.

CHALICE – Dianna Smith reports that \$565 has recently been deposited into the Chalice charity account. Many thanks once again to our generous parishioners!

✪ **JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR – ALL ARE WELCOME!** ✪ – For info, please contact **Karen Olscamp**, kolscamp@live.com, or **506-536-3050**.

ROSARY – You are invited to join a group of faithful parishioners who gather to pray the Rosary in St. Vincent's chapel every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH CALENDAR – Please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church for upcoming events.

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

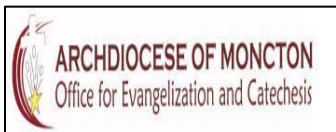
In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact **Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470.**

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

Primary group sessions (gr. 1-3) at 10am	Nov 23 rd , Dec 7th
Elementary group (grades 4+) at 10am	Nov 30th, Dec 14th
Sacramental preparations:	
Confirmation Gathering (grades 7-9) for candidates, parents and sponsors	November 23rd at 6:30pm
Confirmation Rite of Enrolment	November 30th at 9am Mass

St. Clement's

Mass will be held at..	
Westford Nursing Home	November 19 th at 1:30pm



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

ADVENT GOES TO THE MOVIES – All are invited to join us as we journey through Advent using faith themes from popular films. We will meet virtually on Zoom on **November 24th (The Last Jedi), December 1st (Bishop's Wife), December 8th (Paddington II) and 15th (Joyeux Noel).** Zoom sessions go from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. Contact Karen at 506-387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca for more information.

COFFEE FOR CAREGIVERS, is an opportunity for regular fellowship with others providing care for an adult spouse, family, or friend with needs. Please join us as we gather on the following dates: 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.

WHERE FAITH AND LIFE MEET. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate in our annual catechist formation on November 15th with Dr. Carol Kuzmochka from the Center for Religious Education and Catechesis with Saint Paul University. We have five copies of the book **Where Faith and Life Meet: Adult Faith Education that Transforms** for sale at a cost of **\$25.00** (including taxes and shipping costs). Please contact Karen at 506-387-4198 to obtain a copy.

ADVENT RETREAT 2025, join us on Saturday November 29th when Dr. Andrew Wilson will help to prepare our hearts and minds to live out this advent season. The theme of the day will be Faith on the Move:

Advent Mission

December 2nd – God is in all things (an ancient knowing)

December 3rd – God is love (Jesus' message)

December 4th – God in nature, community and history (the prophets)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Each evening 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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...

Journeying through Advent from a Pilgrim's Perspective. Location will be at Broadleaf farm in Hopewell Hill at 8:30 am until noon. If you are interested, please contact Karen LeBlanc at youth@diocesemoncton.ca or call (506)387-4198. There is no fee for the retreat, but we are inviting participants to offer a free-will donation to help defray costs.



St. Bernard's Marriage Apostolate — Marriage Enrichment Activities

This winter we're offering two opportunities for couples to reconnect and be renewed.



1) Love & Respect — 10-Week Zoom Video Study

Thursdays, 7:00 PM (AST) • Jan 8 – Mar 12, 2026, • Online

Facilitators: Joe & Deb D'Ettore

Based on Dr. Emerson Eggerichs' bestselling program, Love & Respect unpacks the biblical insight of Ephesians 5:33, that she most deeply desires love and he most deeply needs respect, and gives practical tools to improve communication, break the "crazy cycle," and build an "energizing cycle" of grace at home.

- Registration: **\$10/couple** (includes electronic workbook + Zoom invite)
- Miss a night? Sessions are recorded so you can catch up later.
- Register: Email atvnonno@gmail.com



2) Marriage Enrichment Retreat @ Villa Madonna (Rothesay, NB) "Love that Reflects Heaven:

Encountering God in Our Marriage"

Feb 13–15, 206 (Check-in Fri 5:30 PM; Check-out Sun after lunch)

Speakers include Joe & Deb D'Ettore, Fr. Carlos Jacinto, and guests.

Retreat highlights: inspiring talks, couple reflection & prayer, Mass, Confession, Spiritual Direction, Renewal of Marriage Vows, Valentine's celebration, and fellowship with other couples.

- Early Registration (by Dec 15): **\$200/couple**
- Standard (Dec 16 onward): **\$250/couple**
- Includes: Two nights' accommodation, all meals, and retreat materials
- Limited spots, register now: atvnonno@gmail.com

Thanks to our generous donors for helping keep costs low. Questions?

Email: atvnonno@gmail.com.

Come be refreshed, because your marriage matters!

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

*A time to mourn...
sincere sympathies to all who
mourn the loss of a loved one.*

Prayer 
Request

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

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Lorna Lising		Rosemarie Villariasa		Edgardo & Roberta Mesias		
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Vina McGraw and family	Sharon Wall	Janice Allen	Lorraine Doiron	Ron Drisdelle	Erika Doiron	
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Vince Wood	Leone Campbell	Kathy Mattatall	Art Chase	Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Alvin Bernard's
And those who have died: Oscar Jacinto						

Dear Padre,

Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides "Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions" that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for "Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father" on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, "thy daily bread," and the Eucharist—a word that means "thanksgiving."

"Become what you pray"—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Weekday	Weekday	Thanksgiving Day (US)	Weekday	Weekday	First Sunday of Advent
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20	Dn 2:31–45	Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28	Sir 50:22–24	Dn 7:2–14	Dn 7:15–27	Is 2:1–5
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	Rom 13:11–14
			Lk 17:11–19			Mt 24:37–44



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025