



Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today’s gospel: “Behold the Lamb of God!” (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to “pass over” these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus’ blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John’s words again—“Behold the Lamb of God!”—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



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Reflect

Which understanding of the “Lamb of God” resonates with me?

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

JOHN 1:29



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.

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Mark Your Calendar

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| 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 |
| CWL meeting | February 15, 2026 |

|  Faith Formation | 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 |
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| Session | | | |
| #9 | January 18, 2026 | January 20, 2026 | January 21, 2026 |
| #10 | February 01, 2026 | February 03, 2026 | February 04, 2026 |
| #11 | February 08, 2026 | February 10, 2026 | February 11, 2026 |
| #12 | February 22, 2026 | February 24, 2026 | February 25, 2026 |
| #13 | March 08, 2026 | March 10, 2026 | March 11, 2026 |
| #14 | March 22, 2026 | March 24, 2026 | March 25, 2026 |
| #15 | April 12, 2026 | April 14, 2026 | April 15, 2026 |
| #16 | April 26, 2026 | April 28, 2026 | April 29, 2026 |

St. Bernard's Faith Formation Schedule

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

| Session | Sunday: 2 PM - 3:15 PM |
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| February 01, 2026 | Session #5 – Gathering in the hall |
| February 22, 2026 | Session #6 w/ Fr. Carlos – Gathering in the hall |
| April 12, 2026 | Rehearsal – Gathering in Church |
| April 19, 2026 | Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration at 11am |

Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule

| Session | Sunday: 2 PM |
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| January 18, 2026 | Hall/Church |
| February 8, 2026 | Hall/Church |
| March 22, 2026 | Hall/Church |
| April 26, 2026, | Hall/Church |
| May 10, 2026, Holy Communion | Church |

St. Bernard's CWL



CWL 2026 Meeting

St. Bernard's CWL will hold its February meeting on **Feb 15th in the church hall at 2:00 pm**, preceded by the **rosary at 1:30 pm**. 2026 is an Election of Officers year and all members are encouraged to attend this meeting to vote to select a new slate of officers for the next two years. Finger foods are welcome for our social time following the meeting.

New members are welcome to attend. Thank you. Have a wonderful day.

Donna Shaw
 Membership Chair, St. Bernard's CWL



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!*

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2026 DONATION ENVELOPES – Please remember to pick up your boxed collection envelopes for 2026. They are located on a table on the right-hand side as you enter the church. If you do not already have boxed envelopes, please speak to Lorraine and a numbered box will be assigned to you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT PROGRAM – Thank you to the many parishioners who have financially supported St. Vincent's during the past year. An easy way to donate is through the **Pre-Authorized Debit system**. Enrollment cards are available at the entrance to the church or by contacting **Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460** or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

✪ 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 - Thank you to all who have donated to the Sackville Food Bank in the past year. We continue to collect non-perishable food and/or toiletry items for our local Food Bank. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance to the church. In addition, if you have household items that you wish to donate, please consider giving them to the Second Chances Thrift Store located at 18 Lorne Street. All proceeds are forwarded to the Sackville Food Bank.

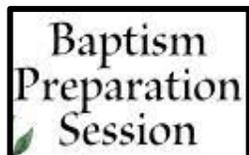
The Faith Formation schedule is as follows (location is St. Vincent's Hall):

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| Jan 18 th , 2026 at 10am | Primary group session (gr. 1-3) |
| Jan 25 th at 10am | Elementary group session (grades 4+) |

Sacramental preparations:

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| Confirmation gatherings (service to others: January to April and beyond) | January 18th (storm reschedule), February 1st, Feb 22nd, March 15th, March 29th (gatherings start at 6:30pm) Confirmation at Mass on April 12, 2026 |
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For questions and inquiries, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca



Baptism Preparation

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. St. Bernard's will be offering a Baptism Preparation Course on **Sunday, January 18 at 1:00 PM**. Registration is required prior to the course. Please contact **Maricel Rubio** either at sbliturgy@gmail.com or at the parish office at **(506) 857-0425** to register.

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Bad Weather: Please check your email before leaving for mass, if the weather looks poor, an email will be sent if the mass is cancelled. Also, a voicemail will be left on the church line.



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis
Trevor Drosbeck - 857- 4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca
Karen LeBlanc – 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: **January 22nd, February 5th, February 19th, and March 5th** at **Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm**. Contact **Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271** or Karen at **506-387-4198**. Everyone is welcome.



MONDAY @ THE MOVIES is an opportunity to discuss themes of faith, spirituality and religion in popular films. We will meet next on Zoom on Monday, **February 2nd at 10:00 am** when we will discuss the (2014) film **Rudderless, starring William H. Macy and Billy Crudup**. Contact **Karen** for more information at **387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca**.



Prayer for the Renewal of Our Archdiocese:

In December, a new prayer booklet was distributed in our parishes as part of a diocesan initiative for the missionary renewal of our Archdiocese. The booklet invites us to pray daily—especially for families, the sick, the poor, migrants, and those distant from the Church—using Scripture, litanies, and the mysteries of the Rosary.

How to Participate:

- Use the prayer booklet to pray daily for the renewal of our Archdiocese.
- In the coming weeks, you will be invited to sign a commitment form if you wish to commit to daily prayer.
- The forms will be available in the parish (details to follow).

Those who make this commitment will receive a **Ste-Thérèse medal**, and a **monthly Mass** will be celebrated for their intentions.



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

Annette LeBlanc – sister of Moe Arsenault, sister-in-law of Linda Arsenault



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

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| Peter Quach | Conrad Coughlan | Art McCloskey | Angelique Williams |
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| Vina McGraw | Sharon Wall | Lorraine Doiron | Ron Drisdelle |
| Margaret Schriver | Cullen Flood | Elaine Black | |

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| Alvin Bernard | Vince Wood | Leone Campbell | Kathy Mattatall |
| Art Chase | | Barb DeWitt | Leonard Burke |

And those who have died:

including Rosella Ward, a former parishioner of St. Vincent's, who died on January 12, 2026.

Mass times / Intentions:

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| Mon. | Jan 19 | 9:30 AM | Deceased Family Members | Conrad Coughlan |
| Tues. | Jan 20 | 9:30 AM | Late Diane Allain | Joyce Mitton |
| Wed. | Jan 21 | 9:30 AM | Late George Hennessy | Jessie & (Late) Chuck Kinney |
| Thurs. | Jan 22 | 9:30 AM | Anniv. Late Edith "Dee Dee" Murphy | Ashley, Amanda & Mike |
| Fri. | Jan 23 | 9:30 AM | Late Roger Berube | Janet & (Late) Lylla Roach |
| Sat. | Jan 24 | 4:00 PM | For the People | |
| Sun. | Jan 25 | 11:00 AM | Anniv. Late Silvio Rocca | Mom & Dad |

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| Sun. | Jan 18 | 11:00 AM | Special Intentions | Joanne Carroll |
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| Sun. | Jan 18 | 9:00 AM | For Thanksgiving & Special Intention | Dela Cruz Family |
| Sun. | Jan 25 | 9:00 AM | Son Matthew Bourque | George Bourque |

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: January 11, 2026

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| Reg Envs | \$3040 | Loose | \$894.50 | Star Flowers | \$85 | | |
| Moncton Archdiocese | \$50 | Karing Kitchen | \$60 | Reconnect | \$10 | Cap Exp | \$425 |
| New Year's | \$165 | Christmas | \$125 | Candles | \$138.50 | | |

St. Clement's Offerings: January 11, 2026 - mass was cancelled due to bad weather

St. Vincent's Offerings: January 11, 2026

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| Reg Envs | \$855.30 | Loose | \$10 | Maintenance | \$10 | Christmas | \$5 |
| New Year's | \$25 | Initial Offering | \$5 | Star Flowers | \$65 | | |

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



NETWORK WORKSHOP: JESSE MANIBUSAN



**EVANGELIZATION.
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January 22, 2026 | 7PM EST

Nothing new here, just an essential reminder to keep showing up and let the Holy Spirit do the heavy lifting. There is no life-hack for faith. There's just living, learning, unlearning, and discovering that God's transforming grace is always flowing. MUSIC is a powerful way to receive, give, and grow in the hope, love, and compassion of God.

Jesse Manibusan is long-time songwriter, storyteller, and encourager. Jesse has an MA in Multicultural Ministries from the Franciscan School of Theology and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. He is also a ministry partner with Oregon Catholic Press Publications. Originally from Guam, and living most of his life in the San Francisco bay area, Jesse has traveled the world in service to folks of every age!

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NETWORK-WORKSHOPS>

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

May 13 - 24, 2026

\$ 2795 only

Accompanying priests:

Fr. Carlos Jacinto and Fr. Jean-Guy Dallaire

Included in cost:

- *Return airfare from Moncton
- *Transfers by coach - Sarajevo - Medjugorje - Sarajevo
- *Accommodation based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities
- *Daily breakfast and dinner
- *Experienced professional local guide

Not included:

- *Taxes/security charges/fuel surcharges \$985.00
- *Optional Single room supplementary \$250.00

A deposit of \$700.00 guarantees you a spot.

Balance due March 16, 2026

Payment by e-transfer, bank transfer, or cheque - Rebate of \$250.00

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Tour Coordinator

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Photo taken by Fr. Carlos Jacinto
May 19, 2025

CONGRATULATIONS

Nathaniel Drake
Gabriel Otto
Patrick Green
Tiffany Groves
Amanda Halpine

for being admitted into the
Order of Catechumens



Congratulations

Lorraine Byron
Katerina Nikitin

as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of
Confirmation and Eucharist.

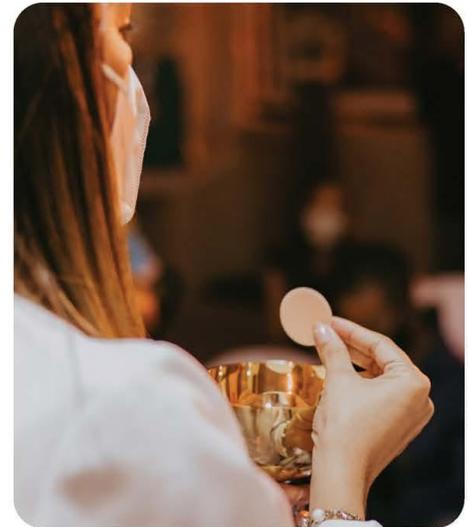


Dear Padre,

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●



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

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| January 19 | January 20 | January 21 | January 22 | January 23 | January 24 | January 25 |
| <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> | <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> | <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 1 Sm 15:16–23 Mk 2:18–22 | 1 Sm 16:1–13 Mk 2:23–28 | 1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 Mk 3:1–6 | 1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 Mk 3:7–12 | 1 Sm 24:3–21 Mk 3:13–19 | 2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27 Mk 3:20–21 | Is 8:23–9:3 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17 Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17 |



FRANCISCO XAVIER ESPINOZA / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025