



Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

**What does “repent” mean to me?
A threat or an invitation?**



“Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:2

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: 10 AM to 12 noon
CWL meeting	February 15, 2026
The Feast	1 st & 3 rd Fridays of the month @ 6PM

 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
Session			
#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
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
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



Knights of Columbus Council 1310 Monthly Breakfast

84 Broadway Street, Moncton **February 1st 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!



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):

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

Sacramental preparations:

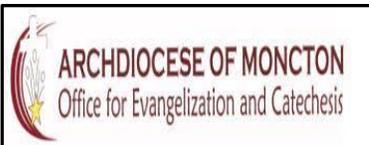
Confirmation gatherings (plus service to others: January to April)	February 1st, Feb 22nd, March 15th, March 29th (gatherings start at 6:30pm) Confirmation at Mass on April 12, 2026
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For questions and inquiries, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca



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*It is sad that we regret that a long-time resident of the area **Eileen Gallant** has passed away. A burial service will be held at a later date.*



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** 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.



SENIORS CONNECT Save the date! Our next Seniors Connect will be held on **Thursday, February 19th, 10:30 am** at **Holy Family Parish (52 Falkland Street)**. Contact **Karen LeBlanc** at **387-4198** or email 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.



Spaghetti Supper & Live Music – Come celebrate **Valentine’s Day at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Pointe-du-Chêne**, on Saturday **February 14th**. Enjoy a three-course meal, romantic guitar music by **Paul Dubé**, and a special classical recital at **6:30 pm** by **La Serenada, " ODE TO LOVE"** featuring **Dorothy Brzezicki (harp) and Sean O’Brien (cello)**. Supper tickets: **\$25** | Recital-only tickets: **\$10**. Limited seating – call 506-531-0252 to reserve.



Sacrament of the Sick

Wednesday, **February 11th is World Day of the Sick**. With this in mind, we will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Sick at 9:30 mass** that morning at **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. Contrary to how this sacrament can be perceived, you do not have to be at end of life to receive this sacrament. There are many times in our lives when we need various

forms of healing, and this prayer can be a powerful encounter with our merciful and healing God. All are welcome.



A time to mourn...

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

Lorraine Coyle, wife of **Barry Coyle** former long time parishoner.



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	Janice Gallant
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Vina McGraw	Sharon Wall	Lorraine Doiron	Ron Drisdelle	Margaret Schriver
Cullen Flood	Elaine Black	Brian Robichaud	Yannick Hardwood	Doug Purdy

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

And those who have died:

Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	Jan 26	9:30 AM	Late Rosama Kochumathew	Merin Kuruvila
Tues.	Jan 27	9:30 AM	Deceased Family Members	Conrad Coughlan
Wed.	Jan 28	9:30 AM	Deceased Family Members	Brian & Helene Gallie
Thurs.	Jan 29	9:30 AM	Late Stephen White	Therese Dowd
Fri.	Jan 30	9:30 AM	Late Bernard Advincula & Lucia Advento	Paolo Advento
Sat.	Jan 31	4:00 PM	Late David Little	Knights of Columbus #1310
Sun.	Feb 01	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sun.	Jan 25	11:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Joanne Carroll
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Sun.	Jan 25	9:00 AM	Son Matthew Bourque	George Bourque
Sun.	Feb 01	9:00 AM	Thank God for Answering Prayers	Arwin & Kristyl Endencio

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: January 18, 2026

Reg Envs	\$3161	Loose	\$1069.20	Star Flowers	\$15
New Year's	\$40	Syrian Fund	\$20	Reconnect	\$35
		Cap Exp			35

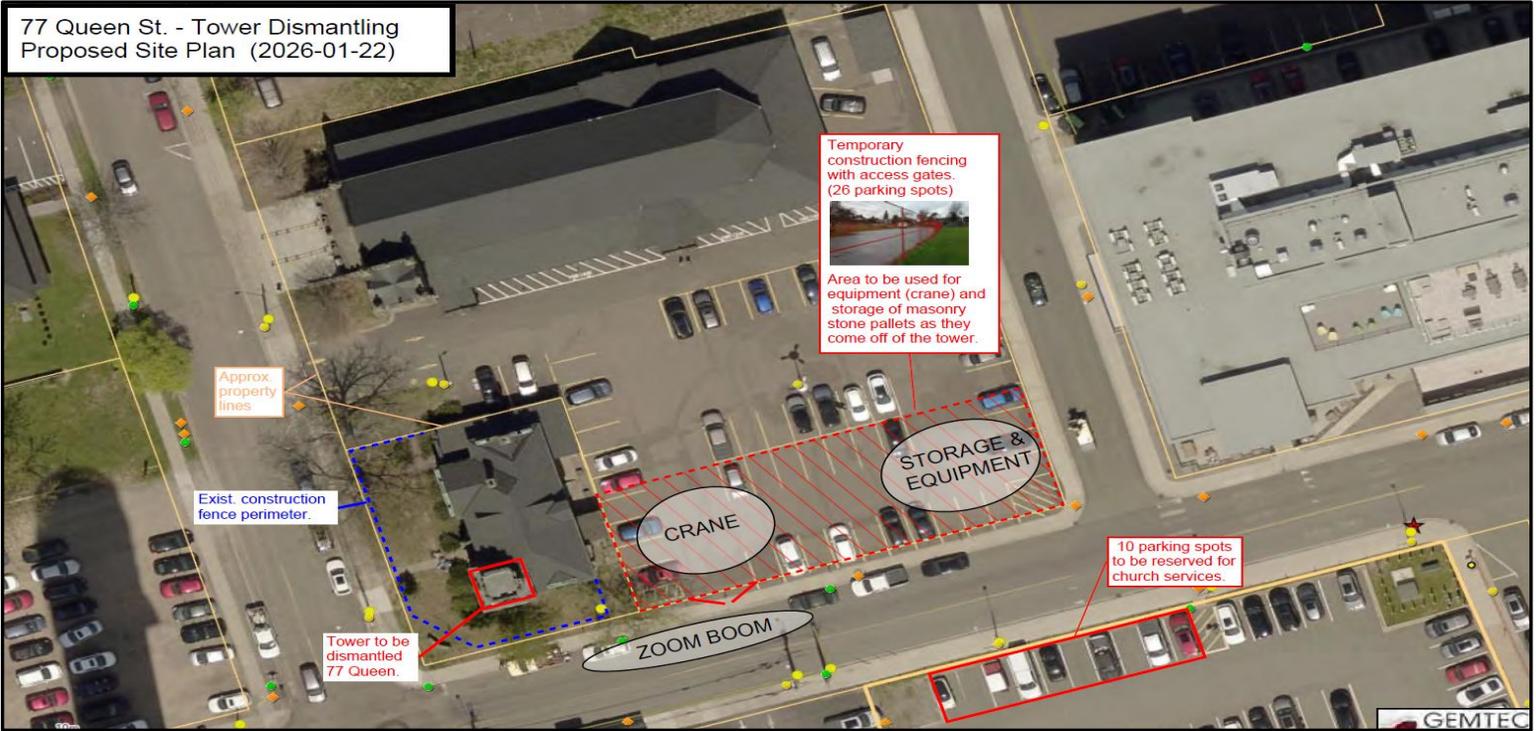
St. Clement's Offerings: January 18, 2026

Envelopes	\$430	Envelopes	\$430	Donation w/ Receipts	\$100
PADS	\$300	Flowers Book Printing		\$70	

St. Vincent's Offerings: January 18, 2026

Reg Envs	\$1295	Loose	\$13.15	Maintenance	\$25
New Year's	\$25	Initial Offering	\$20	Star Flowers	\$45

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



St. Bernard's Church Temporary Parking Lot Use

The City of Moncton will be dismantling the top portion of the old tower next week. The contractor will install temporary construction fencing parallel to Queen St., which will **reduce church parking spaces by 26 spaces**. The City and its legal team will assume liability for workers, parishioners, equipment theft, and any damage to the lot. The City will also reserve an equal number of parking spaces in the City Hall lot across the street. Work is expected to take about **2-4 weeks**. Please see the attached diagram for details and contact the parish office with questions.

The Feast Light Gathering – Every 1st & 3rd Fridays



**NEW BRUNSWICK
MONCTON**

The Light of Jesus Ministry is a Filipino Catholic community committed to bringing God's love to everyone through vibrant worship, inspiring talks, and a welcoming faith family. As part of this mission, The Feast Light offers a smaller, intimate gathering where you can grow in faith and find encouragement for life's journey.

Join us every **1st & 3rd Fridays** of the month, for our Feast Light gathering at **St. Bernard's Parish Hall at 6pm**. Everyone is welcome! Invite your family and friends and be blessed. See you there!

Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



CARLOS DANIEL / CATHOPIC

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19	2 Sm 7:4-17	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Mk 3:22-30	Mk 3:31-35	Mk 4:1-20	Mk 4:21-25	Mk 4:26-34	Mk 4:35-41	1 Cor 1:26-31
						Mt 5:1-12a

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

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025