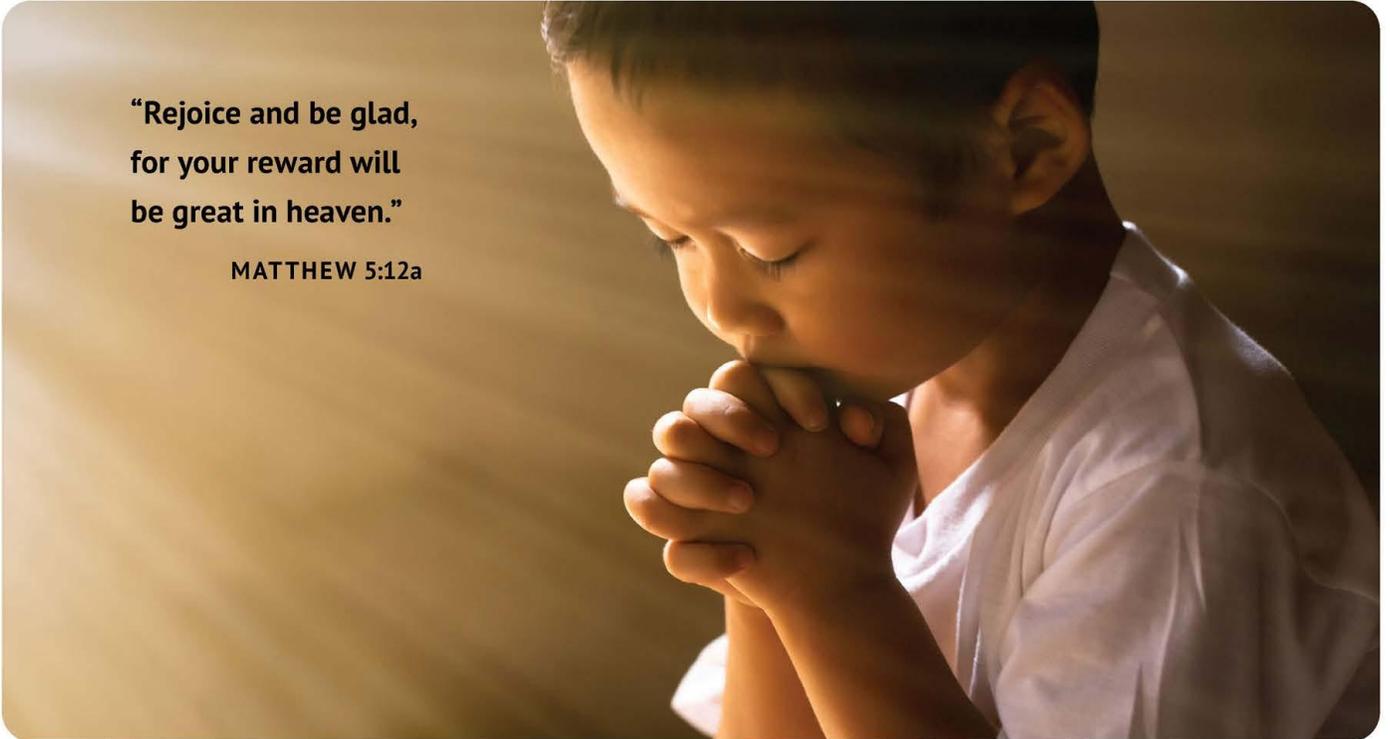




“Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will
be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12a



The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

This season of the Church we call “Ordinary Time” is full of Jesus’ teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today’s readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of “Thou shalt not,” they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The “poor in spirit” get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? *We* are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today’s first reading, saw the shift coming, from “don’ts” to “dos,” from bossy to beatitude: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land” (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be “a people humble and lowly” who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with “none to disturb” you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

How do Jesus’ teachings work in the “real world”?

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.

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 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
#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.



Mitten Tree Thank You

Your generosity in sharing so many cozy items was greatly appreciated by those who received them including shelters, schools, Headstart and Pregnancy Center.



Yarn Donations Wanted

We have many enthusiastic knitters creating hats, mittens, scarves, and socks for those in need. If you have unused yarn you'd like to be turned into something special for the less fortunate, please drop it off at the parish office. Thank you.



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!

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ONLINE BANKING OPTION – Please be advised that, in addition to being able to sign up for pre-authorized debit monthly donations (sign up cards are on the table at the entrance to the church), St. Vincent's can now offer an easy online banking option to its parishioners. If you wish to make a donation to St. Vincent's, we are now able to accept Interac e-Transfers! Simply go to your online banking, choose "Send an Interac e-Transfer" and opt to send your donation to St. Vincent's by using the church email address which is stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES – Please remember to pick up your boxed collection envelopes for 2026 which 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.

✪ 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.**

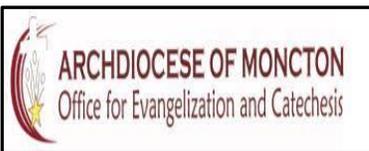
PARISH CALENDAR – Please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church for upcoming events.

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.

MASS AT DREW NURSING HOME - Mass will be celebrated at the Drew Nursing Home on **Monday, February 2, 2026, at 3 p.m.** All are invited to attend!

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

Feb 1st, 2026 at 10am	Primary group session (gr. 1-3)
Feb 8th at 10am	Elementary group session (grades 4+)
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
For questions and inquiries, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca	



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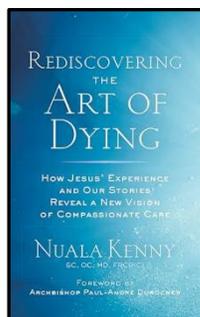
COFFEE FOR CAREGIVERS, is an opportunity for fellowship with others providing care for an adult spouse, family, or friend with needs. Please join us as we gather on the following dates: **February 5th, February 19th, and March 5th** at **Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm**. Contact **Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271** 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



REDISCOVERING THE ART OF DYING: A VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY

This Lent you are invited to join us in reading and discussing Sr. Nuala Kenny's book: Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care. Then join us virtually via Zoom for three sessions to discuss the material. Sr. Nuala is a medical doctor, ethicist, professor emeritus with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine and a member of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. When she visited Moncton a few years ago, she said the goal of this book was to "bring together theological and spiritual reflection of Jesus' experience of suffering and death with patient and family experience of sickness and dying today," garnered during her many years of working in medicine. Contact **Karen at 387-4198** or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register for the discussion. This discussion will be conducted in English on Zoom with simultaneous translated captions. Zoom sessions will be held on **February 24th, March 10th, and March 24th beginning at 1:30 pm**.



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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McGraw Family	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 including Albina Cook.

Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	Feb 02	9:30 AM	Special intention	AM Landry
Tues.	Feb 03	9:30 AM	Late Teresa Chaffe	St. Bernard's CWL
Wed.	Feb 04	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Ethel Devereaux Arsenault	Gene Devereaux
Thurs.	Feb 05	9:30 AM	Deceased family members of Rogers	Bonnie Ryan
Fri.	Feb 06	9:30 AM	Late Rita D'souza	Joydrin Martis
Sat.	Feb 07	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Feb 08	11:00 AM	Late Annette LeBlanc	Moe & Linda Arsenault

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Sun.	Feb 01	11:00 AM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
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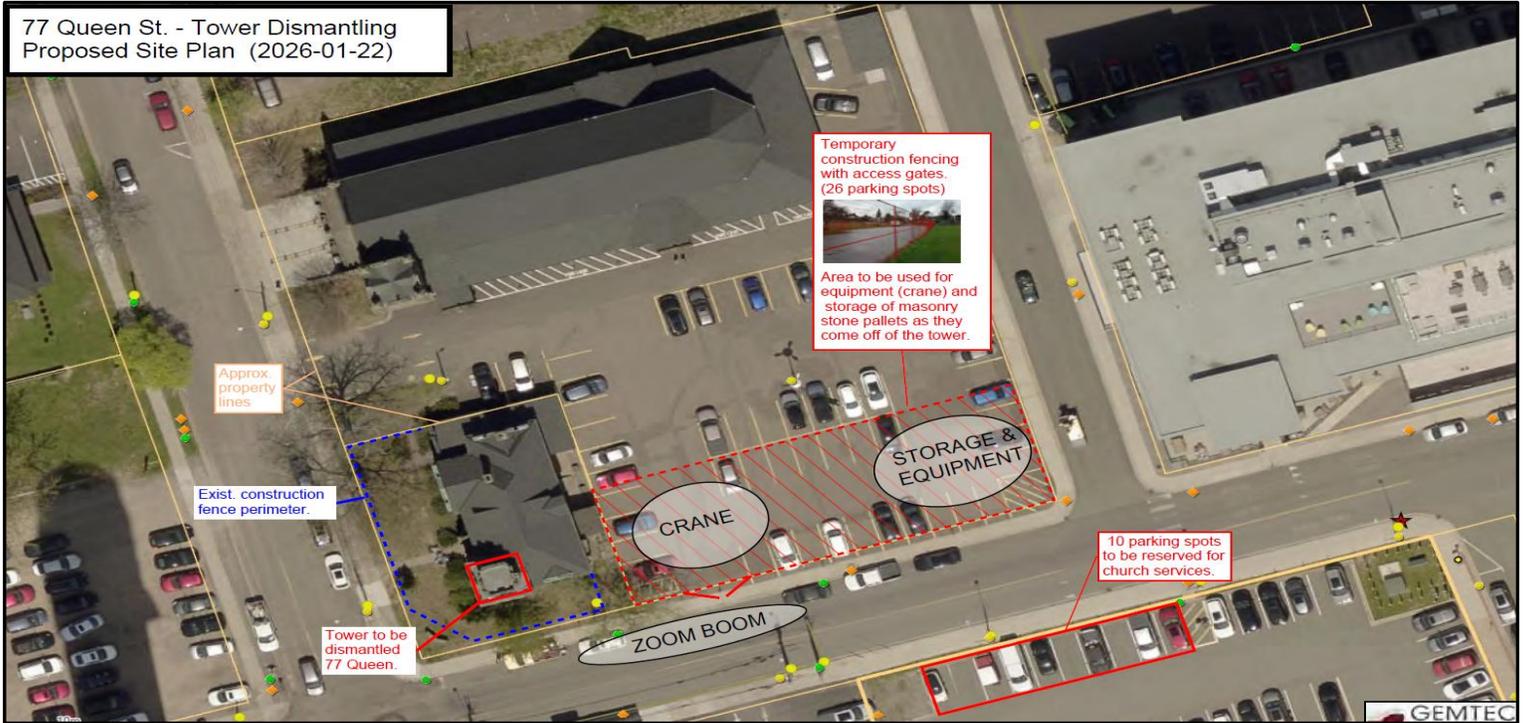
Sun.	Feb 01	9:00 AM	Thank God for Answering Prayers	Arwin & Kristyl Endencio
Sun.	Feb 08	9:00 AM	Albina Cook	Marie Wood

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: January 25, 2026

Reg Envs	\$2637	Loose	\$878.75	New Year's	\$20
Karing Kitchen	\$10	People in Need	\$50		

St. Clement's Offerings: January 25, 2026					
Envelopes	\$300	Collection	\$14	Donation w/ Receipts	\$75
St. Vincent's Offerings: January 25, 2026					
Reg Envs	\$ 870	Loose		\$ 30	
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

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!

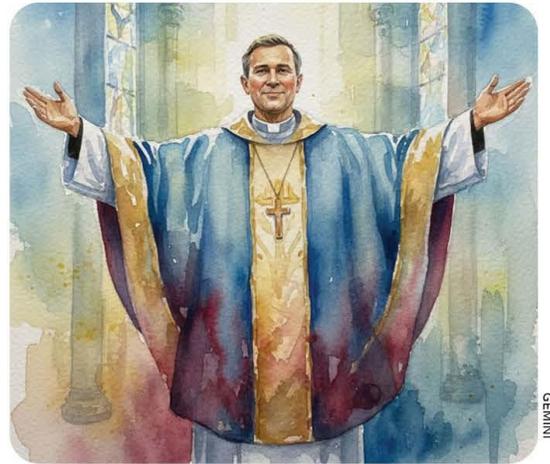
Dear Padre,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●



GEMINI

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8
<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	<i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mal 3:1–4	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12	Sir 47:2–11	1 Kgs 3:4–13	Is 58:7–10
Heb 2:14–18	Mk 5:21–43	Mk 6:1–6	10–12	Mk 6:14–29	Mk 6:30–34	1 Cor 2:1–5
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32			Mk 6:7–13			Mt 5:13–16



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.

ADDRESS, ROME, JUNE 6, 2025