



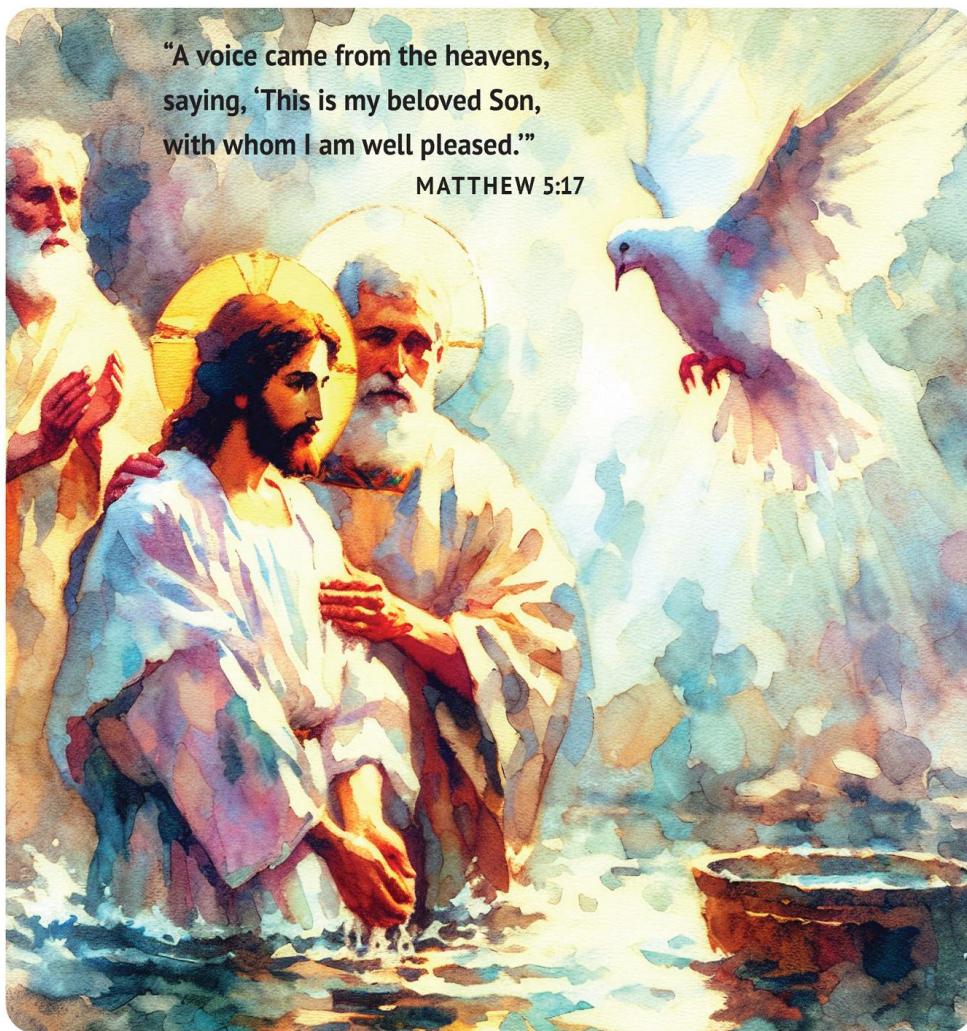
Jesus, Servant Leader

MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.



Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●

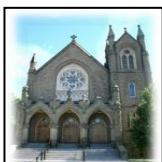
Reflect

This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.



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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
CWL meeting	February 15, 2026

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
#9	January 18, 2026	January 20, 2026	January 21, 2026
#10	February 01, 2026	February 03, 2026	February 04, 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

Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule

Session	Sunday: 2 PM
January 18, 2026	Hall/Church
February 8, 2026	Hall/Church

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2025-2026 SUNDAY MISSAL – Unfortunately there are no more 2025-2026 Missals being printed.

CHALICE – St. Vincent's wishes to thank our parishioners for their generosity to the Chalice fund throughout 2025! Our "new" coordinator, Dianna Smith, reports that \$386.65 was deposited into the Chalice bank account on December 9, 2025.

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.

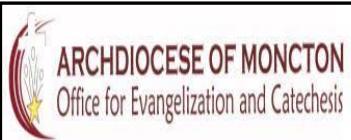
SACKVILLE FOOD BANK - Thank you to all who have donated to the Sackville Food Bank in the past year. We continue to collect non-perishable food and/or toiletry items for our local Food Bank. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance to the church. In addition, if you have 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 11 th , 2026 at 10am	Elementary group session (grades 4+)
Jan 18 th , 2026 at 10am	Primary group session (gr. 1-3)
Sacramental preparations:	
Confirmation gatherings (service to others: January to April and beyond)	January 11th, February 1st, February 22nd, March 15th, March 29th, April 5th (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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Thank you to all the bakers and ladies who helped organize the sweet plate fundraiser. 120 plates were prepared and we raised **\$2185**. Special thanks go to Jan Legere who organized the fundraiser.



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 8th and 22nd at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm**. Contact **Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271** or **Karen at 506-387-4198**. Everyone is welcome.

Senior's Connect. Welcome to Senior's Connect. Our next gathering will take place on **January 15th at 10:30am, at Holy Family Parish Hall at 52 Falkland Street Moncton**. This month we will learn about Funeral planning both at funeral homes and in churches. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

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 (Rothsay, 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!

Video series **« Journey through Advent » 2025**, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday of Advent. The videos are available on the CCCB website.

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/journey-through-advent-video-series-to-introduce-and-reflect-on-the-season/>

Links to the videos will be sent out **every Monday** for the upcoming **Sunday celebration**.



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

Alma Melanson



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

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Peter Quach	Conrad Coughlan	Paul Melanson	Art McCloskey	Annette LeBlanc	Angelique Williams
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Vina McGraw	Sharon Wall	Lorraine Doiron	Margaret Schriver	
Cullen Flood	Elaine Black	Brian Robichaud	Doug Purdy	Yannick Hardwood

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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 12	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Howard Shean Jr.	Irene Shean
Tues.	Jan 13	9:30 AM	Late Marie Godin	St. Bernard's CWL
Wed.	Jan 14	9:30 AM	Late Barry Dickie	JoAnn McLaughlin
Thurs.	Jan 15	9:30 AM	Late Roger Thibodeah	Rita Cormier
Fri.	Jan 16	9:30 AM	Late Irma Melanson	Phyllis, Pauline & Imelda
Sat.	Jan 17	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Jan 18	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Henry Caissie	Hector & Cecile

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Sun.	Jan 11	11:00 AM	For the benefactors
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Sun.	Jan 11	9:00 AM	Late Marie Gaudet	Catherine Shea
Sun.	Jan 18	9:00 AM	For Thanksgiving & Special Intention	Dela Cruz Family

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings

January 1, 2026	Reg Envs	\$2065	Loose	\$828.25
January 4, 2026	Reg Envs	\$782	Loose	\$1056.35
2025 Reg Envs	\$7455	Star Flowers	\$340	Moncton Archdiocese
Syrian Fund	\$50	People in Need	\$15	
Candles	\$432.70	Christmas Flowers	\$140	

St. Clement's Offerings:

December 25, 2025	Envelopes	\$305	Collection	\$102	Donation w/ Receipt	\$500
December 28, 2025	Envelopes	\$465	Collection		\$250	
January 1, 2026	Envelopes	\$160	Star Flowers		\$60	
January 4, 2026	Envelopes	\$320	Donation with Receipt		\$50	

St. Vincent's Offerings:

December 24, 2025	Christmas	\$1380	Loose	\$317.35
December 28, 2025				
Reg Envs	\$3585	Loose	\$80	Maintenance
Star Flowers	\$35	St. Edward's Cemetery	\$100	Christmas
Reg Envs PADS (Sep-Dec 2025)	\$4780		Maintenance PADS (Sep-Dec 2025)	\$140
January 1, 2026	NY2026	\$575	Initial Offering	\$40
January 4, 2026			Maintenance	\$30
Reg Envs	\$1130	Loose	\$50	Maintenance
New Years	\$50	Initial Offering	\$55.10	Star Flowers
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!				



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St. Vincent's	
<i>Mom Freda & Dad Bill, Husband Ken, Daughter Bonnie</i>	<i>Deanna Crossman</i>
<i>Husband Ronald, Deceased Members of Shea & Landry Families</i>	<i>Shea & Landry Families</i>
<i>Parents Dorothy & Harold Nye</i>	<i>Jean Nye</i>
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<i>Brothers Michael & Stephen Horyl</i>	
<i>Parents Verna & Norman Etter</i>	

The Feast Light Gathering – January 16, 2026!



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 on **Friday, January 16, 2026**, for our Feast Light gathering at **St. Bernard's Parish Hall at 6pm**. Our first talk for the topic "**Rested**" will explore how our lifestyle today may be destroying little by little, our health, our joy, our inner peace. Come for an uplifting time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome! Invite your family and friends and be blessed. See you there!

Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●



RODRIGO DE MIGUEL / CATHOPIC

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony,	Second Sunday
1 Sm 1:1-8	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10,	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7,	Abbot	in Ordinary Time
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	19-20	Mk 1:40-45	10-22a	1 Sm 9:1-4,	Is 49:3, 5-6
		Mk 1:29-39		Mk 2:1-12	17-19; 10:1a	1 Cor 1:1-3
					Mk 2:13-17	Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

ANTONELLA ULLAURI / CATHOPIC



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025