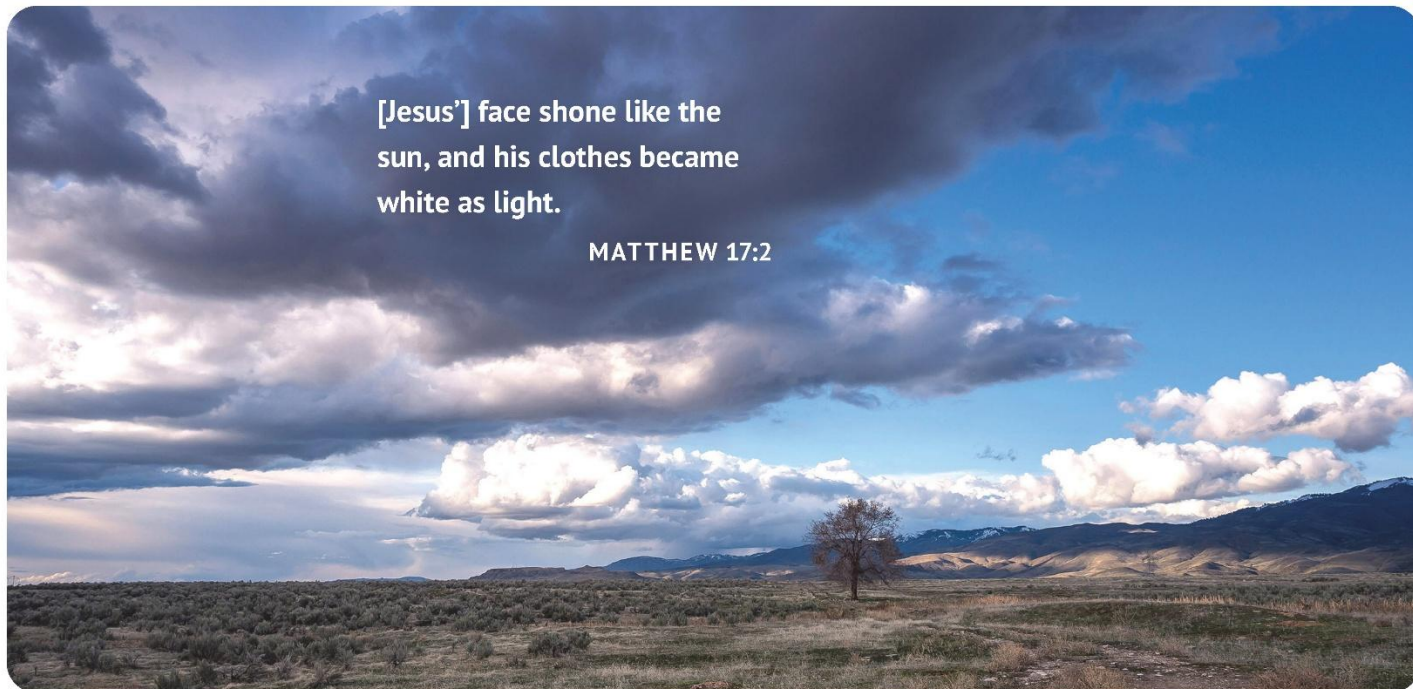




[Jesus'] face shone like the
sun, and his clothes became
white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2



Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?

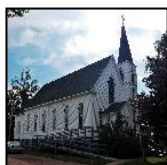
Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9
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Parish Office hours:
Monday to Friday @ 9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM – 4 PM



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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com
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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
The Feast	1 st & 3 rd Fridays of the month @ 6PM



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
#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
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
March 22, 2026	Hall/Church
April 26, 2026,	Hall/Church
May 10, 2026, Holy Communion	Church



The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be prayed **during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM**. All are invited and encouraged to attend. To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in the different churches

according to the following schedule:

Immaculate Heart: **Feb 20, Mar 13, Apr 03**
 St. Augustine's: **Feb 27, Mar 20**
 St. Bernard's: **Mar 06, Mar 27**



Bible Study

Join us for warm, welcoming Bible study each Monday to Wednesday immediately after the 9:30am Mass. All are invited to read, reflect, and share in friendly conversation and prayer. This Lenten season is a special time to deepen your faith, grow in community, and prepare your heart for Easter.

Income Tax Receipts

Tax receipts will be available on the Masses on **February 28 and March 01**. A heartfelt thanks to everyone for your generous support of the parish.

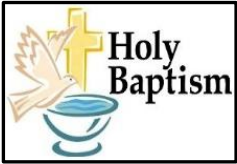


No Scent Policy

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!

Sacrament of Baptism Schedule

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated monthly on the **3rd Sunday of each month at our parish**. **Parents and godparents** are required to attend a Baptism preparation class (date/time to be arranged). To register or for more information, please email **Maricel Rubio** at sbliturgv@gmail.com. Please register early to ensure scheduling.



BAPTISM ON MARCH 15, 2026

The Sacrament of Baptism, the foundation of the Christian life, makes us children of God and members of the Body of Christ. On **Sunday, March 15, 2026**, we joyfully welcome into the Roman Catholic Church: *Sadie Little, Yzabela Summer Uddon, Eiden Manuel Martinez Luna, Eduainy Aidely Martinez Luna, and Sophie Lynn Bennett.*

May God bless them and their families as they begin lifelong journey of faith.
Congratulations to all!



Women's Spiritual Exercises (Silent Retreat) - Pilgrims of Hope to Apostles of Joy.

April 16-19, 2026: Come away to **Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, PE** to refresh and renew your soul in Christ. Registration includes 3 nights accommodation, 9 meals and all retreat materials. Early bird rate: **\$450 before March 27, 2026**. Regular rate: **\$475 (March 27- April 12, 2026)**. For registration or questions please email: rcmaritimes@gmail.com



Contribution through the pre-authorized payment system

Pre-authorized Payment System Card

For those who are on our Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) system, or are considering it, **small cards** (see image on the left) are available for you to place in the collection basket instead of an envelope. Pick one up at the entrance of the church.



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!



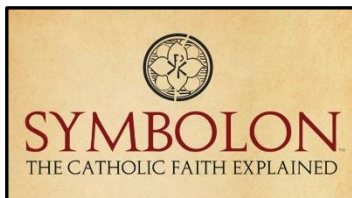
St. Patrick's Day

Mass will be held at **St. Bernard's Church at 12pm on Tuesday, March 17**. As in the past, collection will go to the bursary offered by the Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick-WAK Chapter. Following the mass, **Irish Stew will be provided at the Moncton Press Club, cost \$5.00.**

Looking for something meaningful to do this Lenten season?

Why not grow deeper in your faith with **Symbolon**, our upcoming small-group faith study on the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**.

Symbolon helps Catholics understand *what we believe, why we believe it, and how it transforms the way we live*. Through engaging videos and guided discussion, this study connects the beauty of Church teaching with everyday life.



Starts: **February 19, 2026**

Sessions (every second Thursday):

- **10:15 AM (after the morning Mass)**
- **6:00 PM**

Whether you're new to the faith or looking to renew it this Lent, Symbolon is for you. To register: please email Tiffany Good at goodtiffany@hotmail.com

St. Vincent's

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.

2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Please be advised that the 2025 Income Tax Receipts are now being distributed.

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.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT

For the health and comfort of those with allergies, we ask that you refrain from wearing colognes or perfumes when attending mass.

✠ 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. **As the need is great not only in Sackville, but in Dorchester as well, our contributions to the Food Bank basket will now be divided between the two communities; one week the donations will go to the Sackville Food Bank and next week the donations will go to the Dorchester 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.

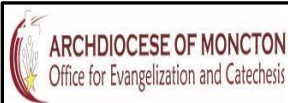
The Faith Formation schedule is as follows (location is St. Vincent's Hall):

March 1st, 15th & 29th at 10am	Primary group session (gr. 1-3)
March 8th and 22nd at 10am	Elementary group session (grades 4+)

Sacramental preparations:

Confirmation gatherings (plus service to others: January to April)	- March 15th & March 29th (gatherings start at 6:30pm) - Practice and Reconciliation on Fri Apr 10th 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



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Trevor Droesbeck - 857- 4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca

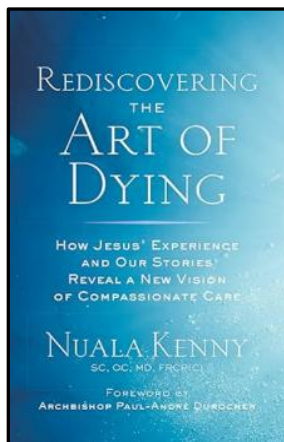
Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES, is an opportunity to discuss themes of faith, spirituality and religion in popular films as they relate to our spiritual journey through Lent. Film discussions will take place on Zoom at 10:00 am. On March

9th, we will discuss the film – Wild (2014) and on, we will discuss the film The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (2023). We are pleased to have join us Dr. Andrew Wilson, who will help guide us in our discussions. Contact Karen for March 23rd more information at 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: **March 5th, March 19th, April 2nd, 16th, and 30th** at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm. Contact Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271 or Karen at 506-387-4198. Everyone is welcome.

SENIORS CONNECT Save the date! Our next Seniors Connect will be held on **Thursday, March 19th, 10:30 am** at Holy Family Parish (52 Falkland Street). Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca. **We will be joined by a health professional to talk about aging, things that happen to us as we grow older.**



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 emerita 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 **March 10th, and March 24th beginning at 1:30 pm.**



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell

Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote **justice, peace and dignity**.

Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, we support **partner-led projects** that reach over 7 million people in more than 30 countries around the world.

Watch this [one-minute video](#) for a glimpse of what this work of solidarity looks like. Share it widely; and join our efforts!



Gospel Study Group: March 5th and 6th:

Weekly in person or Zoom, Thursdays at **St. Lawrence O'Toole 6:00pm** followed by **adoration at 7:00pm** AND **Fridays at St. Augustine's 11:00am**, followed by **Mass at 12:00noon** and **adoration**. For information contact **Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com**.
For 3rd Sunday of Lent click on the following links and read:

St. Augustine

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/the-samaritan-woman-at-the-well/>

Pope John Paul II

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/messages/lent/documents/hf_jp-ii_mes_19091992_lent-1993.html



Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Virtual Experience

7 dates (sessions) from the comfort of your home, **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm (EST)**
March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2026.

Info.: Chuck and Mary Jane (646) 642-7463 or email: Jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwwme.org



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



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

St. Bernard's

Peter Quach	Conrad Coughlan	Fern Conlin
Angelique Williams	Janice Gallant	Brenda Lee Trites

St. Clement's

Sharon Wall	Lorraine Doiron	Ron Drisdelle	Margaret Schriver	Cullen Flood
Elaine Black	Brian Robichaud	Yannick Hardwood	Doug Purdy	Terissa Salmon

St. Vincent's

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

And those who have died:

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Mar 02	9:30 AM	Celia & Hampford Hachey	Claire Hachey
Tues.	Mar 03	9:30 AM	Late James Furlong	Phyllis Allain
Wed.	Mar 04	9:30 AM	Panthalukaren Kochumathew	Marin Kuruvila
Thurs.	Mar 05	9:30 AM	Late Rheal Richard	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Fri.	Mar 06	9:30 AM	For the People	
Sat.	Mar 07	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Lucy & Joseph Melanson	Linda & Guy Chiasson
Sun.	Mar 08	11:00 AM	Late John Christian Samson	Charmina Odra

St. Clement's

Sun.	Mar 01	11:00 AM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Mar 01	9:00 AM	Special Intention	A Parishioner
Sun.	Mar 08	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for parents' birthdays	Jane Cabaluna & Ariane Saldua

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: February 22, 2026

Reg Envs	\$3427	Loose	\$952.60	Karing Kitchen	\$48	Syrian Fund	\$500
Christmas	\$30	NY Day	\$20	Lent	\$40	BeConnect	\$35
Ash Wed (Loose) Feb 18	\$1247	Ash Wed (Env)	\$1390	Capital Exp	\$215		

St. Clement's Offerings: February 22, 2026

Envelopes	\$1085	Ash Wednesday (Feb 18)	\$135
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●



PROFESANT / CATHOPIC

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5	MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Ex 17:3-7
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Do you have a question for the Padre?						Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre .						



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"

Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025