

“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest.”

MATTHEW 21:9

## From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**T**he adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.




Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

### Reflect

***How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?***

**Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

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<p><b>Facebook page: <a href="https://facebook.com/gsmmoncton">facebook.com/gsmmoncton</a></b></p>	

**The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

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**St. Clement's Parish Staff**

<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Pam Van Egmond	<a href="mailto:stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com">stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com</a>
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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**

<b>Carmelites</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month: 9:30 AM
<b>Prayer Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 7PM
<b>RCIA meeting</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month: 10 AM to 12 noon
<b>The Feast</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month @ 6PM

 <b>Session</b>	<b>Sunday:</b> Year 1-2-3 @ 9:15 AM Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM	<b>Tuesday:</b> Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM	<b>Wednesday:</b> Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM	
	#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

<b>Session</b>	<b>Sunday: 2 PM - 3:15 PM</b>
April 12, 2026	Rehearsal – Gathering in Church
April 19, 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration at 11am

#### Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule

<b>Session</b>	<b>Sunday: 2 PM</b>
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**



### Sacred Paschal Triduum

For three full days, from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. This is his work of saving us by his dying and rising, seen as one act of God's love and mercy for us. We also celebrate because Jesus has brought us into his paschal mystery by baptism. With him we are baptized into death to sin, and with him we rise to live a new life for God.



**Pontifical Collection for  
 the Church in the Holy Land  
 on Good Friday, April 3, 2026**

### The Good Friday Collection

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere.

At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on **April 3, 2026**. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use Credit Cards, Interac, or Canadahelps, accessible at: [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca), in the "Support Us" link.

**Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada**

## Good Friday

**Spirit of the day:** As we left in silence on Thursday we gather in silence on Friday. The meaning of this day is clearly indicated by its name in English: it is Good Friday, the day when God did wonderful things for us by the suffering and death of his Son. Out of his death God has brought us light and life and makes it possible for us to be saved. This is indeed a good day for the world.

## PASCHAL FAST

The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.



## Children's Station of the Cross @ 10:00 AM

(For the children and their families)



**Afternoon liturgy @ 3:00 o'clock** - We come together to remember what Jesus has done for us. In the service of the word, we listen to the solemn proclamation of Jesus' passion according to John and then offer prayer for the world and for God's people, the Church. We venerate the cross and eat the life-giving body of the Lord in communion.



## Holy Thursday

On this day, the body of Jesus lay in the guarded tomb, and the frightened disciples hid behind locked doors. In the modern Church, Holy Saturday is a quiet day, the great Sabbath rest. The paschal fast continues, and we avoid entertainments and distractions as on Good Friday.

## Easter Vigil - 8:30 PM:

**This service is the most important celebration of the Church year. It takes place during the dark hours of the night. It has four distinct stages:**



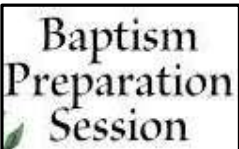
**Light service:** After the blessing of the new fire, the priest lights the Easter candle. This represents the risen Lord, and is a visible reminder that Jesus is the light of the world.



**Liturgy of the word:** The readings from God's word lead us from creation through God's saving works to his greatest work, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We listen with faith, reflect on the word, and respond by singing psalms. The homily helps us to recognize God's mighty works in our midst.



**Eucharist:** The first Mass of Easter is celebrated with great splendor. We rejoice because Christ has been raised from the dead and because we are renewed in him.



## Baptism Preparation – April 12, 2026

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, April 12 at 1:00 PM.** Registration is required prior to the course. Please contact **Genevieve Alo** either at **sbliturgy@gmail.com** or at the parish office at **(506) 857-0425** to register.



## 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 **Genevieve Alo** at [sbliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sbliturgy@gmail.com). Please register early to ensure scheduling.



## St. Bernard's Sacrament Celebrations

Confirmation: Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 11am  
Holy Communion: Sunday, May 10, 2026 @ 11am



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children from St. Bernard's who received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time:

**On Saturday, March 14, 2026**

*Jade Bernard-Mann, Jaden Boudreau, Jaxon Boudreau*

**On Saturday, March 21, 2026**

*Halle Buna, Chase Doucette, Ella Doucette, Amarah Loyola, Izsabel Gillan Lutero, Kyle Lutero, Vox Manulat, Sophia Miller, Ray Palomares, Tyrone Pangan, Libiele Pradez, Josephine Silk, Chayle Jacob Velez, Francine Ygon, Francis Ygon*

**Leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:24**



## Knights of Columbus Council 1310 Monthly Breakfast

84 Broadway Street, Moncton

**April 12 from 8:30AM - 12:30PM;** \$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!

## Mother's Day Tea

Inclusion Advocacy of Southeast New Brunswick will be holding a **Mother's Day Tea** on **Sat., May 2 from 1-3pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall**. Sandwiches and sweets. Door prizes, 50/50 and silent auction. Proceeds go to helping those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. For more information or tickets, call **Claudia McCloskey at 506 383 1532**.



## Important notice for Couples Planning to Get Married at St Bernard's

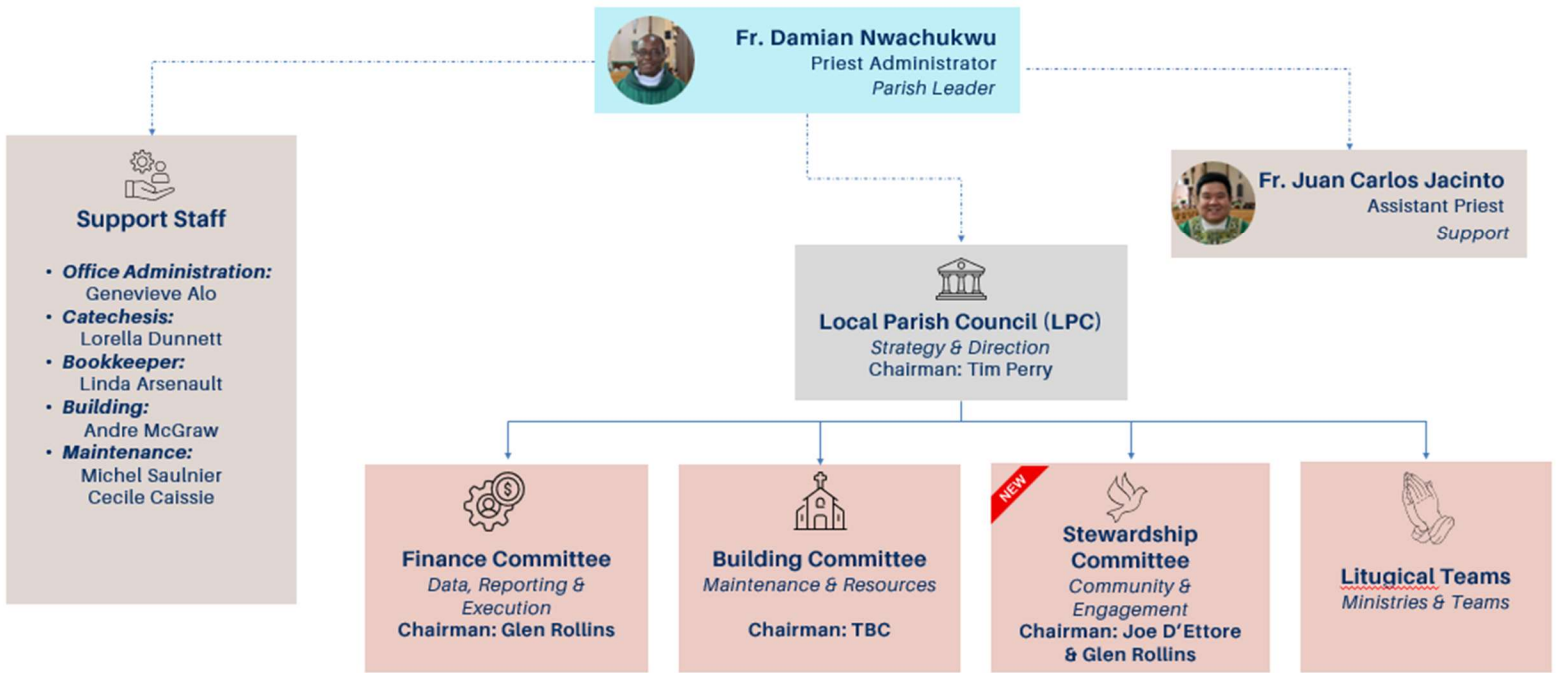
St Bernard's Parish will be introducing a new Marriage Preparation Program for all couples registered to get married in calendar 2027. The Engaged will go through this program accompanied by a Mentor Couple. To facilitate this, **notice must be received by the Parish 9 – 12 months PRIOR to the wedding date**. To register or for more information email or call Joe D'Ettore: [atvnonno@gmail.com](mailto:atvnonno@gmail.com) / 1-506-588-5958

**Marriage Preparation is a requirement for marriage in the Catholic Church**



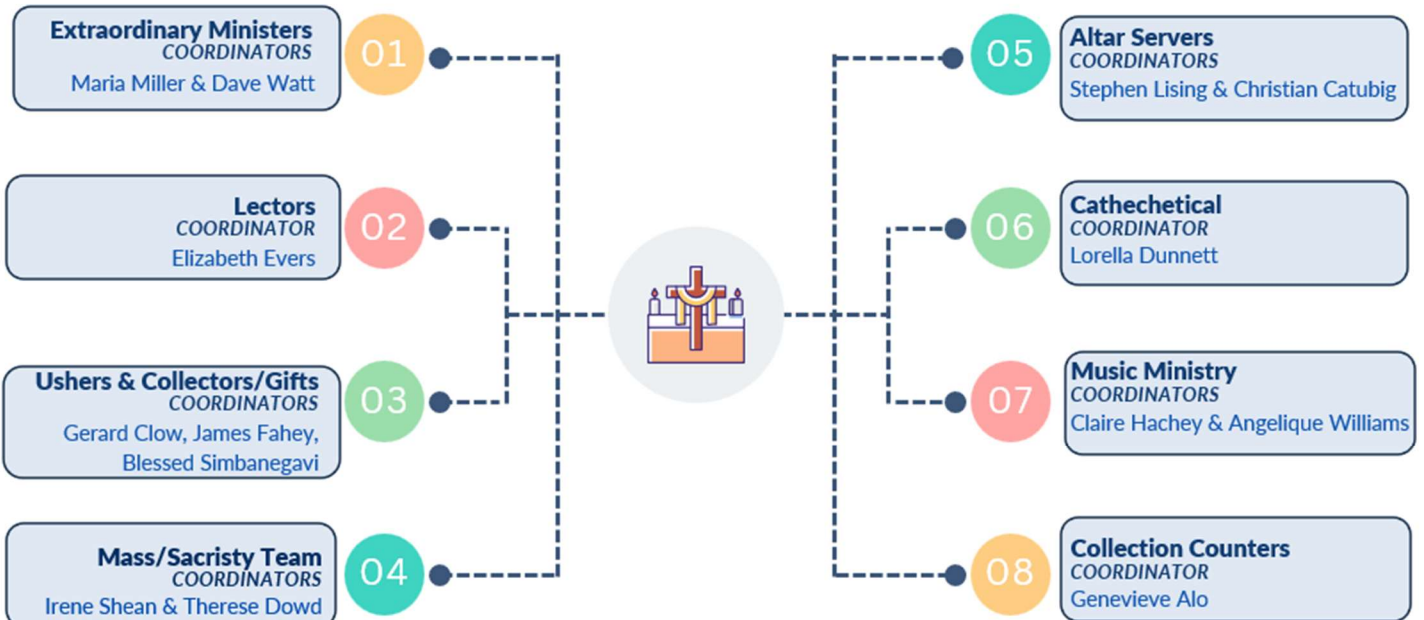
# Organizational Structure

## St. Bernard's Parish



# Liturgical Teams

## St. Bernard's Parish Departments




# Visita Iglesia

March 21, 2026 with Fr. Carlos Jacinto

Starting at St. Bernard's Church • 9:00 AM  
43 Botsford St. Moncton NB  
Please use your own vehicle when traveling between churches.

1. St. Bernard's Church  
43 Botsford St., Moncton
2. Our Lady of Mercy Church  
11 St. Andrew St., Pointe-du-Chêne
3. L'Église Saint-Henri  
1356, route 83, Grand Barchois
4. L'Église Sacré-Coeur de Jésus  
944, route 933, Haute-Aboujagane
5. L'Église Ste.-Thérèse-D'Avila  
2648 chemin Acadie, Cap-Pelé
6. St. Clement's Church  
14 Church St., Port-Elgin
7. St. Vincent's Church  
63 Charlotte St., Sackville



THE GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL UNIT  
A MEMBERSHIP OF ST. MONCTON



Faith on the move 🇵🇭

**Visita Iglesia** is a Lenten tradition of visiting different churches to pray, reflect, and journey with Christ in his Passion.

From **Moncton** to **Pointe-Du-Chêne**, **Barchois**, **Haute-Aboujagane**, **Cap-Pelé**, **Port Elgin**, and **Sackville**, hundreds of hearts prayed and journeyed as one.

Thank you, Filipino community! ❤️

## St. Vincent's

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate money for Easter Flowers, please notify the church office by phone (506-536-1460) or by email ([stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca)) by Wednesday, April 1, 2026. The Easter bulletin will contain a list of those remembered, as well as the names of donors. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### 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](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca). Your donation will be automatically deposited into St. Vincent's bank account, and you will be issued a donation receipt at tax time. **Your donation will be confirmed shortly after receipt of Interac e-Transfer by St. Vincent's office.**

### FREE TAX CLINIC

For those with modest income and simple tax returns (e.g. seniors, students, residents with low income), a **FREE TAX CLINIC IS AVAILABLE** in Sackville from March 16 to April 2, 2026. Hours of operation are Monday to Thursday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Location is 62 Main Street, Sackville, NB (behind Kookie Kutter) Please bring I tax slips (t4, T5, T5007), receipts and relevant documents, government issued identification. Questions? ... contact Diane at 506-536-1665.

### 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](mailto: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):

Primary group sessions (gr. 1-3), at 10am (after Sunday Mass)	March 29th, April 19th, May 3rd (combo with older group)
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***April 5th is Easter (no session) ~~ Happy and Blessed Easter!***

Elementary group sessions (grades 4+), at 10am (after Sunday Mass)	April 12th following the 10am church social, April 26th, May 3rd (combo with younger group)
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### Sacramental preparations:

Confirmation gatherings (plus service to others: January to April)

- March 29th (gatherings start at 6:30pm)
- Practice and Reconciliation on Fri Apr 10th at 6:30pm
- Confirmation at Mass on April 12, 2026

First Reconciliation will take place on April 2nd at 5pm

First Eucharist preparations will take place in April and May, specific dates to be determined

For questions and inquiries, please contact Cathy Crinnion at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca)

### Easter Flowers

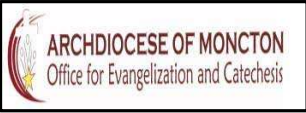
**As Easter approaches, anyone who would like to donate flowers for the altar, please bring them to the church and identify who they are in memory of.**



### Visita Iglesia 2026

We were so pleased to host the Visita Iglesia at St. Clement's this past Saturday, March 21, 2026. A few of us attended and were so pleased to be with so many wonderful Filipinos.

We are so impressed with the devotion to their faith. We have a small parish, and it was filled with these beautiful people.



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis  
Trevor Drosbeck - 857- 4879 or [adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca)  
Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto: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: **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.

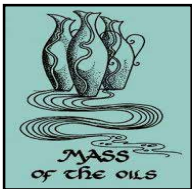
**THEOLOGY ON TAP** The special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV will take place from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, on the eighth centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. “The Year of Saint Francis must not become yet another chapter rich in special spiritual effects, but a silent passage from enthusiasm to deep maturity, from spectacular celebration to imitation in daily life.” We are pleased to announce we will be joined by Archbishop Emeritus Mgr. Valery Vienneau on Monday, April 13th at 6:30 pm at Mai Asian Restaurant, when he will give a talk entitled **“Why St. Francis Still Matters Today.”** Please contact Karen to register at 506-387-4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca).

**SENIORS CONNECT** Save the date! Our next Seniors Connect will be held on **Thursday, April 16th, 10:30 am at Holy Family Parish** (52 Falkland Street). Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca). **We will be joined by a health professional to talk about aging, things that happen to us as we grow older.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026** is just around the corner, and the team is hard at work preparing this year’s program. We would be most grateful to receive donations of the following:

- **Time:** Volunteers who can do simple cutting projects at home (we’ll provide patterns).
- **Materials:** Various shades of **green Bristol board**.
- **Decor:** Any **artificial green plants** (vines, ferns, leaves, small potted faux plants)

They may be dropped off at **Immaculate Heart of Mary church**. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact **Karen at [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca)**.



### Chrism Mass

**THE CHRISM MASS** will take place at Notre-Dame-de-l’Assomption Cathedral in Moncton on Tuesday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. The mass will be presided by Mgr Guy Desrochers. We have permission (for this occasion) to use the parking lot on Queen Street (at the corner of Lutz and Queen).

### “Remain here and keep watch with me (Mt. 26:38)”

The Adoration Chapel at Sainte-Thérèse Church will be **open from 9:00 PM on Holy Thursday until 6:00 AM on Good Friday**. If you can commit one hour, please contact Jennifer Miller-Poitras at 506-850-6609 (cell) or by email at [miller.poitras@gmail.com](mailto:miller.poitras@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:Jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwwme.org)



*The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit  
Holy Week Schedule*

Holy Thursday	April 02	6:00 PM	St. Vincent's: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday	April 02	7:00 PM	St. Bernard's: Mass of the Lord's Supper
			<b>There is no 9:30 AM Mass on that day.</b>
Good Friday	April 03	10:00 AM	St. Bernard's: Children's Station of the Cross
Good Friday	April 03	1:30 PM	St. Clement's: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Good Friday	April 03	3:00 PM	St. Vincent's: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Good Friday	April 03	3:00 PM	St. Bernard's: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	April 04	8:30 PM	St. Bernard's: Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 05	9:00 AM	St. Bernard's
Easter Sunday	April 05	9:00 AM	St. Vincent's
Easter Sunday	April 05	11:00 AM	St. Clement's
Easter Sunday	April 05	11:00 AM	St. Bernard's



**Easter Flowers**

If you would like to donate funds for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing, it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Easter bulletin. Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

<b>Indicate parish:</b>	<b>St. Bernard's</b>	<b>St. Clement's</b>	<b>St. Vincent's</b>
<b>In Memory of:</b>			
<b>Donated by:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Envelope #</b>			
<b>Amount \$</b>			



*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	Andrew Arsenault	Nadia Martinez
Angelique Williams	Janice Gallant	Brenda Lee Trites	Rudy Singh	

**St. Clement's**

Patricia Leger	McGraw Family	Sharon Wall	Lorraine Doiron	Margaret Schriver
Cullen Flood	Brian Robichaud	Yannick Hardwood	Doug Purdy	Terissa Salmon
<b>St. Vincent's</b>				
John Blakely	Alvin Bernard	Vince Wood	Leone Campbell	
Kathy Mattatall	Art Chase	Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	
<b>And those who have died:</b>				
<b>Mass times / Intentions:</b>				
<b>St. Bernard's</b>				
Mon.	Mar 30	9:30 AM	For the People	
Tues.	Mar 31	9:30 AM	Souls of Elaine Joy	
Wed.	Apr 01	9:30 AM	Souls of Sisinia & Carlos	
Thurs.	Apr 02	7:00 PM	Special Intentions	Dave & Lise Watts
Fri.	Apr 03	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	
		3:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Sat.	Apr 04	4:00 PM	Late Leo Gauvin	K of C 1310
Sun.	Apr 05	09:00 AM	Special Intentions	AM Landry
		11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Fr. George Leach, SJ	Jane & Family
<b>St. Clement's</b>				
Sun.	Mar 29	11:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory	Joanne Carroll
<b>St. Vincent's</b>				
Sun.	Mar 29	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory	Deb Nye
Sun.	Apr 05	9:00 AM	For the People	

## OFFERINGS

### St. Bernard's Offerings: Mar 15, 2026

Reg Env	\$3104	Loose	\$817	Syrian	\$90	Cap Exp	\$35	Karing Kitchen	\$245.25
Good Fri	\$20	Easter	\$50	Share Lent	\$1115	Easter Flower	\$575	St. Patrick's Day	\$723

### St. Clement's Offerings: Mar 15, 2026

Envelopes	\$270	Donations from Visita Iglesia	\$538
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### St. Vincent's Offerings:

#### Mar 22, 2026

Reg Envs	\$990	Loose	\$102	Maintenance	\$25
Share Lent	\$100	Easter Flowers	\$90	HST Rebate	\$731.58

***Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!***

# Dear Padre,

## How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●



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<b>MARCH 30</b>	<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b>
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i>	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i>	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11	Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38	Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 Rv 1:5–8 Lk 4:16–21 Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15	Is 52:13–53:12 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Jn 18:1–19:42	Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 Ex 14:15–15:1 Is 54:5–14 Is 55:1–11 Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 Rom 6:3–11 Mt 28:1–10	Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?*

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