



Open Door

MIGUEL DULICK

It is “Good Shepherd Sunday,” and the gospel quotes Jesus: “I am the gate for the sheep.” It seems the oddest of Jesus’ “I am” identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep’s pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—“strangers” who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as “thieves and robbers.”

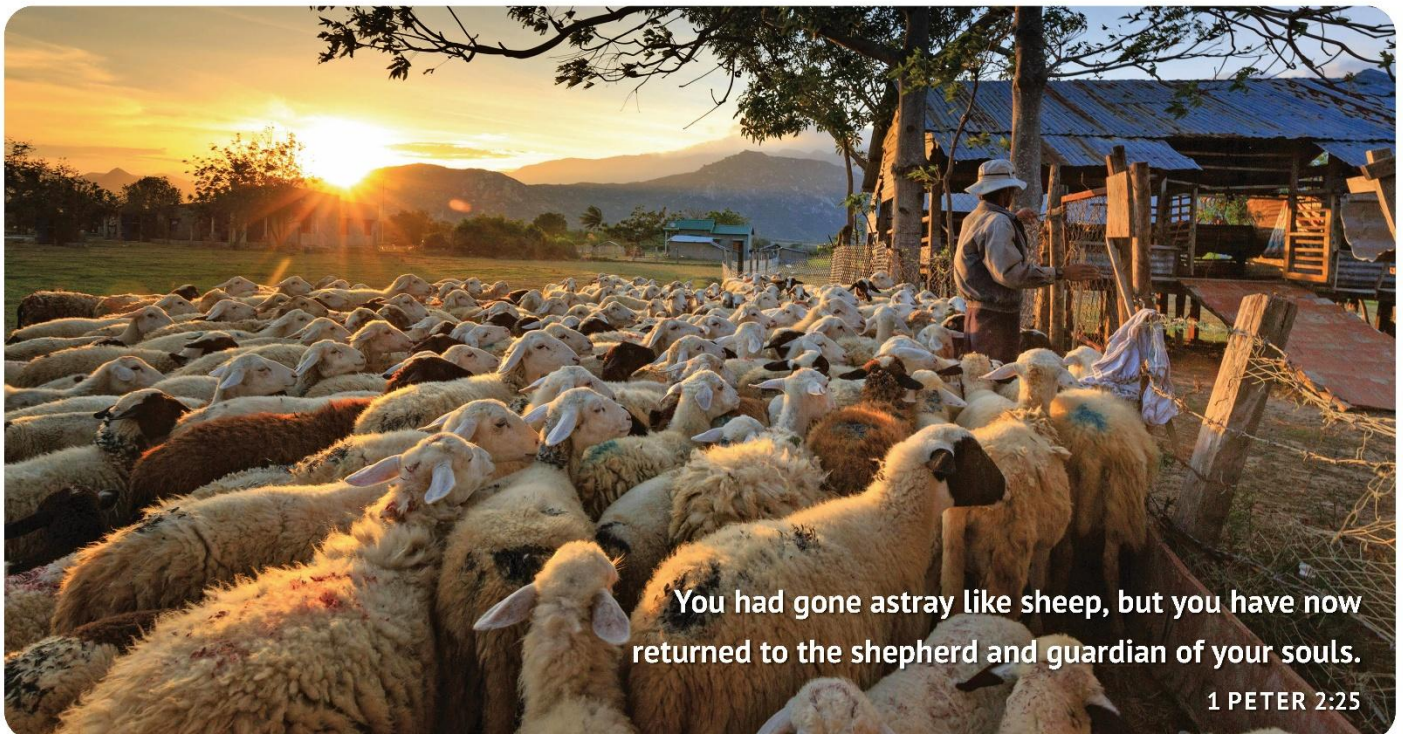
Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow

him because we recognize “his voice.” In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like “a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). ●

Reflect




How can we recognize voices that speak the truth? How do we recognize Jesus’ voice?



You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 PETER 2:25

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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	<p>St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5 Phone: (506) 536-1460 Email: stvince@nbnet.nb.ca Office hours: Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM - 2 PM</p>
	<p>St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9 Phone: (506) 538-2262 Email: stclement.stbartholomew@gmail.com Office hours: call office to verify</p>
<p>The Good Shepherd Pastoral Website: gsmoncton.ca</p>	
<p>Facebook page: facebook.com/gsmmoncton</p>	

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

The Feast	1 st & 3 rd Fridays of the month @ 6PM		
Baptism	3 rd Sundays of the month		
 <i>Faith Formation</i>	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			
#16	April 26, 2026	April 28, 2026	April 29, 2026



St. Bernard's Church Inclement Weather Policy

At least 1 hour before scheduled event:
Mass cancellation & any other closures will always be noted on:
Parish Website: gsmoncton.ca
Parish Phone Message: by calling **506 857 0425**

St. Bernard's Faith Formation Schedule

Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule	
Session	Sunday: 2 PM
April 26, 2026,	Hall/Church
May 10, 2026, Holy Communion	Church



Scam Alert

Someone posing as Fr. Damian or Fr. Carlos may request that you buy gift cards now, promising reimbursement and strict confidentiality. **Do NOT buy** gift cards or send money. Verify by calling the parish office using a known number and forward the message to the parish.



TipTap: Give Easily. Give Securely — now with QR registration!

Use debit or credit to donate cashless and receive tax receipts. New stands with QR codes are in the church; you scan this QR code and complete a quick 1–2 minute form (you may be asked for the last 4 digits of your card). Past TipTap donors can register to link previous gifts. You'll get an email confirmation when finished.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

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**.



St. Bernard's CWL Notices and Information - April to June

Due to the weather-related cancellation of our Feb meeting, following are the upcoming events until our final meeting before our break for the summer.

1). Annual Meeting and Reports- Sunday, May 3rd - 2-4 pm with Rosary at 1:30 pm:

Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Vacant positions are Vice President and Secretary. Nomination forms have been distributed. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Hazel Robichaud or Donna Shaw by April 23, latest, so we can connect with the nominees to ensure their willingness to accept. We will vote on the nominations at this meeting. Refreshments welcome.

3) Sunday, June 7th at 2-4pm - Regular meeting and Bring and Buy Auction. Rosary at 1:30. Refreshments welcome.

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 / 1-506-588-5958

Marriage Preparation is a requirement for marriage in the Catholic Church

Sacrament of Confirmation

Mgr. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to the following St. Bernard's youth and RCIA Candidates on **Sunday, April 19, 2026.** Congratulations!

*Luke Nathaniel A. Arquiza,
Izabel Brudkowski,
Alejandro Ormaza Escobar,
Zoey Fabon,
Maria De los Angeles Narvaez Garcia, Sid Hart,
Meiyanna Hilario
Izsabel Gillan Lutero,*

*Zephan Arockiam,
Irene Daisy Chikwe,
Kailey Estandarte,
Juan Felipe Gonzales Garcia,
Cailin Jensen,
Kyle Lutero,*

*Jamie Thomas Daniel Cormier Boleyn,
Mary Jasmine Chikwe, Benjamin
Yera Estandarte
Matisha Hilario,
Franchise Rose Lena,
Darren Maillard,*

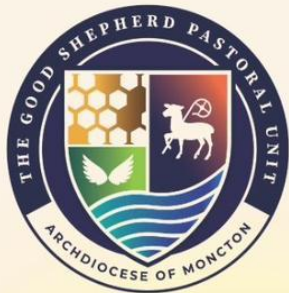
*Prince Vitor C. Marte,
Sebastian Kirk Petallar,
Issa Paz,
Skylar Tacadao,
Eufrazio Villanueva,
Julie Pinksen,
Peter Halpine,*

*Jan Pierre Maria C. Marte,
Ray Anthony Palomares, Maria Georgina Papin,
Lyle Pradez, Mallaidh Scully,
Dana Tupas, Danica Tupas,
Lauren Wage Aaron Pinksen,
Gabriel Otoo, Katerina Nikitin,
Luciana Abel-Ratovo*



Everything is possible for him who believes. (Mark 9:23) May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and grant you strength to do God's will each step along life's way.

A special Thank You to The Knights of Columbus #1310 for the beautiful saint medallions gifted to our youth and RCIA candidates.



A Day with Saint Carlo Acutis

Morning Schedule

8:00 AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Sacrament of Confession

9:00 AM - Solemn Benediction

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

10:15 AM - Short talk on St. Carlo Acutis

10:45 AM - Veneration of the Relics

12:00 Noon - Church will re-open for those who would like to pray and venerate the Relics

Evening Schedule

7:00 PM - Holy Mass

7:45 PM - Short talk on St. Carlo Acutis

8:15 PM - Veneration of the Relics



Friday,
May 1, 2026

St. Bernard's Church
43 Botsford St.
Moncton NB



“The more Eucharist we receive,
the more we will become like
Jesus, so that on earth we will
have a foretaste of heaven.”

- St. Carlo Acutis

St. Vincent's

HERE ARE TWO EASY WAYS TO MAKE DONATIONS TO VINCENT'S:

1 - PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT OPTION If you find it hard to locate cash on Sunday mornings and you don't use personal cheques, please consider enrolling in our Pre-Authorized Debit Program by completing the attached form and giving it to Lorraine at the Parish Office or by putting it in the collection basket located at the entrance to the church next Sunday. With your permission, funds will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month. You will be issued a tax receipt in February of the following year to claim your donations on your income tax return. You may opt out at any time, or you may increase or decrease the amount of your monthly donation at any time.

2 - ONLINE BANKING OPTION – 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. 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 the Interac e-Transfer by St. Vincent's office.

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 the next week they will go to the Dorchester Food Bank.*** Please donate generously to those in need! 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)	April 19th, May 3rd (combo with older group)
Elementary group sessions (grades 4+) at 10am (after Sunday Mass)	April 26th, May 3rd (combo with younger group)
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	

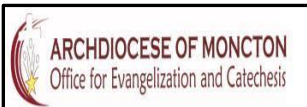
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Donation in memory:

Our appreciation to the Tai Chi Group who practice in our church for the generous donation in memory of our precious Patricia Legere. Thank you.

100th Anniversary

In preparation for our 100 th Anniversary - we are looking for pictures from the past to display. If you have any please contact **Pam at 506 3821835**.



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Trevor Droesbeck - 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: April 30th, May 14th, and May 28th 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 Our next Seniors Connect will be held on Thursday, May 14th, 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 again by a health professional who will help us to look at our blood pressure, glucose readings, and oxygen levels.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next Monday @ The Movies will be on Monday, April 27th, when we will talk about the 1997 film The Apostle, starring Robert Duvall. Monday @ the

Movies aims to use popular films to generate conversations around faith. Please contact Karen for more information. We gather regularly via Zoom.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 is just around the corner and the team is hard at work preparing this year's program. WE HAVE LIMITED SPOTS LEFT AVAILABLE SO PLEASE REGISTER SOON.

This year we will be at "Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God". 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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Last chance to apply! Renew your commitment and rediscover the sacred beauty of your sacrament. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you tools to strengthen your relationship, reflect, pray, and grow together. May 1–3, 2026 at Between the Hearts Renewal Centre in Amherst, NS: Contact Ron and Joanne at (506) 451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org

ECONO BOUTIQUE ÉCONO - We are pleased to announce the reopening of our community thrift shop, Econo Boutique Écono, a place of sharing and solidarity serving the whole community. 305 Dominion Street, Moncton, NB, E1C 6H6. Open from May 1 to October 31, the shop welcomes you every week:

- Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.,
- Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to offering affordable clothing and items, our thrift shop gives back to the community by supporting several organizations and initiatives: Haiti, Christ-Roi Catholic Church, Centre de pédiatrie sociale du Sud-Est, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (Mother Teresa Conference), as well as the St. Augustine Soup Kitchen (Ray of Hope). Every purchase makes a difference. We invite you to visit us and support this meaningful mission of solidarity.



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

Late Quach Hang, cousin of Anna Tran
Late Andrew Nesbitt, son of Conrad & Laurie Cormier
Late Carmen Arocha, mother of Morella Arzola
Late Mel Vanderwater, daughter-in-law of Alison Smith



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

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Peter Quach	Conrad Coughlan	Rudy Singh	Fern Conlin
Janice Gallant	Brenda Lee Trites	Art McCloskey	Diana Bathurst

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Sharon Wall	Lorraine Doiron	Margaret Schriver	Cullen Flood	Brian Robichaud
Yannick Hardwood	Doug Purdy	Terissa Salmon	Lorraine Van Egmond	

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John Blakely	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.	Apr 27	9:30 AM	Late Giulia Silvio	Michelina & Family
Tues.	Apr 28	9:30 AM	Late Mary Jane Mackay	Alisen Smith
Wed.	Apr 29	9:30 AM	Late Ken Young	Lorraine Montford
Thurs.	Apr 30	9:30 AM	Late Paul J. Gaudet & Family	Carmel
Fri.	May 01	9:30 AM	Late Mary Thornton	Norma Gibson
Sat.	May 02	4:00 PM	Late Bill Conner	Don & Ann Beaumaster
Sun.	May 03	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sun.	Apr 26	11:00 AM	For the People	
Sun.	May 03	11:00 AM	For a Good Fishing Season	Joanne Carroll

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Sun.	Apr 26	9:00 AM	Vince Reinsborough	Conrad Coughlan
Sun.	May 03	9:00 AM	Lawanda Thompson	Claudette & Cyril

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: Apr 19, 2026

Reg Envs	\$3922	Loose	\$1218.60	ReConnect	\$35		
Syrian Family	\$70	Good Friday	\$45	Easter	\$85		
New Year's	\$10	Share lent	\$10	Parish' Needs	\$250	Cap. Exp	\$175

St. Clement's Offerings: Apr 19, 2026

Collection	\$15	Envelopes	\$230	Donation in Memory	\$170
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St. Vincent's Offerings: Apr 19, 2026

Reg Envs	\$1660 + \$1405 PAD's	Loose	\$45	Maintenance	\$10 + \$181 PAD's
Easter	\$10				

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●



VLADA KARPOVICH / PEXELS

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:11–18	Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30	Acts 12:24–13:5a Jn 12:44–50	Acts 13:13–25 Jn 13:16–20	Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6	Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14	Acts 6:1–7 1 Pt 2:4–9 Jn 14:1–12



MARCO JACOBUCCI / EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 24, 2025