

Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

## The Importance of Trust

ANN M. GARRIDO

**W**e can readily understand Thomas’ insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would *you* believe it if someone told *you* that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven’t our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven’t our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

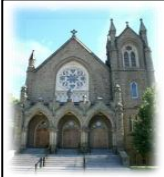


At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they’d “done their own research,” they wouldn’t believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even “your own research” will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others’ research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today’s gospel, Jesus names as “blessed” those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

### Reflect

**When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?**

**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**

<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

 Faith Formation	<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
<b>Session</b>			
#15	April 12, 2026	April 14, 2026	April 15, 2026
#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](http://gsmoncton.ca)  
Parish Phone Message: by calling **506 857 0425**

**St. Bernard's Faith Formation Schedule**

**Confirmation Preparation Schedule**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Sunday: 2 PM - 3:15 PM</b>
April 19, 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration at 11am
<b>Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule</b>	
<b>Session</b>	<b>Sunday: 2 PM</b>
April 26, 2026,	Hall/Church
May 10, 2026, Holy Communion	Church



**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  
Baptism: Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 2pm  
Holy Communion: Sunday, May 10, 2026 @ 11am



**Confirmation Mass — April 19, 2026**

Please note: the **Confirmation Mass on Sunday, April 19** will be well attended. To help reduce crowding, parishioners are encouraged to consider attending the **Saturday 4:00 PM** Mass instead. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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) Sunday, April 26th at 11:00 am Mass:

Members are invited to sit together in the area reserved for CWL members. Please wear your scarf. This date is also the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

#### 2) 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](mailto:atvnonno@gmail.com) / 1-506-588-5958

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

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH

Please complete this form, cut along the line, and drop it in the collection box.

Tick the ministry(ies) you can commit to.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Mass Time: \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN VOLUNTEER FOR (tick all that apply):  Altar Server  Lector  Choir  Baptism Preparation Team  Funeral Team  Marriage Preparation Team  Collection Counter (every Tuesday at 10:00 AM)  Greeter &  Usher

**Thank you for sharing your time and talent with St. Bernard's!**

### St. Vincent's

#### Local Parish Council

Our next Local Parish Council meeting will be **Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the Parish Rectory.

#### Mass at Drew Nursing Home

Mass will be celebrated at the **Drew Nursing Home on Monday April 13 at 3pm**. All are invited to join the residents of the Drew for the Mass.

#### Chalice

Your donations from **January 2026 to March 2026 were \$518.13**. Thank you for your generosity.

Your **2025 donations** were **\$2486.65**. Thank you for supporting this charity.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on several students at **St Vincent's Church this Sunday April 12, 2026**, during our 9am Sunday Mass. Refreshments to follow.

## 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.

### 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)

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** ~ Congratulations to the children from St. Vincent's who received Reconciliation for the first time, on April 2nd: Celine Anor and Viktoria Palolan

Confirmation 2026 at St. Vincent's with Archbishop Guy Desrochers on April 12th at Mass

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

## St. Clement's

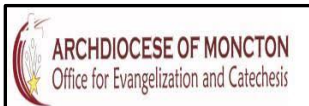


### Patricia Kathleen Legere

*Thank you to Father Carlos, Father Broderick and Jan Legere in paying tribute to our beloved Patricia Legere. With over 200 in attendance the church was filled with love for Pat. Thank you to all who contributed food and their time to make the celebration a success. Donations made to St. Clement's in memory of Pat \$635. Thank you to all.*

### Easter Flowers

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated flowers to beautify our altar in memory of their loved ones.



### 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 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 occasion of 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, when he will give a talk entitled **"Why St. Francis Still Matters Today,"** on **Monday, April 13th at 6:00 pm at 5 Bridges Bar and Grill in Riverview (121 Pine Glen Road).** **Please note that due to the enthusiastic response to Mgr. Vienneau's scheduled talk, we have changed the meeting venue to 5 Bridges to accommodate a larger number of people.** 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)**.



### Feast of Divine Mercy

Please join us for the celebration on **Sunday, April 12th, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's**. The Church doors and the elevator will be opened by 1:50 p.m. Adoration will begin at 2:30 and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will begin at 3:00 p.m. Please note there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference Bulletin Announcement

Calling all high schoolers! In a world that is constantly shifting, Jesus remains the answer to our deepest longing for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax from July 10–12, 2026, for a powerful weekend of faith, friendship, dynamic speakers, uplifting music, and the Sacraments.

All rising Grade 9 students through graduating Grade 12s (graduating years 2026–2030) are invited to attend with our diocesan group. Participation is free, and bus transportation will be provided to and from Halifax, departing from Saint Augustine's Church in Moncton. Because our diocesan allocation is limited to 100 participants, submitting a registration does not guarantee a spot; all applicants will be notified by the beginning of May regarding acceptance.

This year, we also encourage each teen to invite a friend—especially someone who may not attend Mass regularly or who may be curious about the Catholic faith. Steubenville is a life-changing opportunity to encounter Christ in a vibrant and welcoming environment.

Register or learn more at [steubenville.ca](http://steubenville.ca). For more information, please contact Justin Mury, Group Leader at [qasliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:qasliturgy@gmail.com).

## 2026 Easter Flowers



### St. Bernard's

*In Memory of*

*Donated by*

Roy C. Hopper

Wife "Juanita" & Daughters



*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	Rudy Singh	Fern Conlin	Janice Gallant
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**St. Clement's**

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

**St. Vincent's**

John Blakely	Alvin Bernard	Vince Wood	Leone Campbell	Gary Rivers
Kathy Mattatall	Art Chase	Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	David Horyl

**And those who have died: including Darlene (Marks) Wells.**

**Mass times / Intentions:**

**St. Bernard's**

Mon.	Apr 13	9:30 AM	Paul J. Gaudet & Family	Carmel
Tues.	Apr 14	9:30 AM	Charles (Chuck) Kinney	Jessie & Peter
Wed.	Apr 15	9:30 AM	Late Gino & Domenica Marcantonio	Michelina & Family
Thurs.	Apr 16	9:30 AM	Leticia Advento	Family
Fri.	Apr 17	9:30 AM	Late Alyre Babineau	Claire Leger
Sat.	Apr 18	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Apr 19	11:00 AM	Late Paul Tran	Anna Tran

**St. Clement's**

Sun.	Apr 12	11:00 AM	For the People	
Sun.	Apr 19	11:00 AM	For Thanksgiving	Joanne Carroll

**St. Vincent's**

Sun.	Apr 19	9:00 AM	Edna & Gerry Landry	Edgar & Rose Landry
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**OFFERINGS**

**St. Bernard's Offerings: Apr 5, 2026**

<b>Holy Thurs</b>	\$524.15	<b>Good Fri</b>	\$2112	<b>Indigenous</b>	\$740		
<b>Easter</b>	\$3735	<b>Sat/Sun Reg Envs</b>	\$2622	<b>Sat/Sun Loose</b>	\$1858.10		
<b>Share Lent</b>	\$160	<b>St. Patrick's</b>	\$100	<b>Easter Flower</b>	\$75	<b>Ash Wed</b>	\$40
<b>Cap Exp</b>	\$1685	<b>PADS</b>	Sun. Offering - \$2560, Religious Education - \$30, Bldg Fund - \$1160, Karing Kitchen - \$20, Syrian - \$35				

**St. Clement's Offerings: Apr 5, 2026**

<b>Good Friday</b>	\$220	<b>Easter Sun</b>	\$170	<b>Collection</b>	\$10
<b>Donation w/ Receipt</b>	\$150	<b>Memory of Pat Legere</b>			\$635

**St. Vincent's Offerings: will be reported next weekend**

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

# Dear Padre,

***We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?***

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, “Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God’s love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

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



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

***The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us,***

***too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.***

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

### Monday

April 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:23–31  
Jn 3:1–8

### Tuesday

April 14  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32–37  
Jn 3:7b–15

### Wednesday

April 15  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17–26  
Jn 3:16–21

### Thursday

April 16  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27–33  
Jn 3:31–36

### Friday

April 17  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:34–42  
Jn 6:1–15

### Saturday

April 18  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1–7  
Jn 6:16–21

### Sunday

April 19  
Third Sunday  
of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22–33  
1 Pt 1:17–21  
Lk 24:13–35

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.