



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35



Three Basic Rules

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them




well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

Reflect

Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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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

 Faith Formation Session #16	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
	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

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

Session	Sunday: 2 PM - 3:15 PM
April 19, 2026	Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration at 11am
Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule	
Session	Sunday: 2 PM
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. 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.



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.



Feast of Divine Mercy

Thank you to all who joined us on Sunday, April 12. Adoration and the Chaplet were beautiful.

Joyful Reception into the Catholic Church



We joyfully congratulate our brothers and sisters who have been received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church during this Easter Season:

Tiffany Groves, Patrick Coffey, Amanda Halpine, Nathaniel Drake, Gabriel Stoo, Aaron Pinksen, Julie Pinksen, Katerina Nikitin, Peter Halpine, Luciana Abel-Ratova, and Lorraine Byron.

May the Risen Lord continue to bless you abundantly as you walk in the fullness of the Catholic faith.

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 / 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 Catechism & Usher

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

St. Vincent's

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 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.

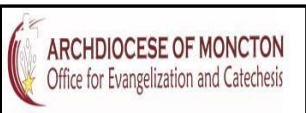
The Faith Formation schedule is as follows (location is St. Vincent's Hall):

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	

Congratulations to the following parishioners on receipt of their sacraments!

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ to Celline Anor and Viktoria Palolan from St. Vincent's who received Reconciliation for the first time, on April 2nd!

Confirmation took place on April 12th with Archbishop Desrochers and Father Carlos. We pray that the newly confirmed be guided by the Holy Spirit as they continue to explore the gifts of God's creation!



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis
 Trevor Drosbeck - 857- 4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca
 Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

Gospel Study Group: April 23rd and April 24th, 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.

Pope Francis

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-05/pope-regina-coeli-the-voice-of-god-brings-true-peace.html#:~:text=On%20this%20Good%20Shepherd%20Sunday,03/05/2020>

John Paul II

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/homilies/1999/documents/hf_jp-ii_hom_25041999.html



*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	Brenda Lee Trites
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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	
Kathy Mattatall	Art Chase	Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	
And those who have died:				

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Apr 20	9:30 AM	Late Bill Conner	Nancy Gallie
Tues.	Apr 21	9:30 AM	Late Pascuale & Giuseppina	Michelina & Family
Wed.	Apr 22	9:30 AM	Late Roger Thibodeau	Wife - Audrey, Daughters – Darlene & Nancy
Thurs.	Apr 23	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Shirley Collette	Charlotte, Kate & Patrick
Fri.	Apr 24	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Eleanor Beck	Family
Sat.	Apr 25	4:00 PM	Late Ethel & Jim Cavanaugh	Family
Sun.	Apr 26	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's				
Sun.	Apr 19	11:00 AM	For Thanksgiving	Joanne Carroll
Sun.	Apr 26	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Apr 19	9:00 AM	Muriel and Joe Richards	Claudia McCloskey
Sun.	Apr 26	9:00 AM	Vince Reinsborough	Conrad Coughlan

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: Apr 12, 2026

Reg Envs	\$4647	Loose	\$999.45	Karing Kitchen	\$40		
Share Lent	\$20	Symbolon	120	Archdiocese	\$165		
Easter Flower	\$10	Good Fri	\$405	Easter	\$545	Cap. Exp	\$347
PADS (total \$4450)	Sun Offering - \$3301.67, Youth - \$170, Bldg – 993.33, Karing Kitchen - \$75						

St. Clement's Offerings: Apr 12, 2026

Collection	\$30	Envelopes	\$260	In Memory of Pat Legere	\$200
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St. Vincent's Offerings: Apr 5, 2026

Reg Envs	\$820	Loose	\$98	Maintenance	\$135	Easter	\$380
Good Fri	\$230	Holy Thu	\$225	Easter Flowers		\$85	

St. Vincent's Offerings: Apr 12, 2026

Reg Envs	\$550 + \$120 E-transfer	Loose	\$75	Maintenance	\$135		
Holy Thu	\$5	Good Fri	\$5	Share Lent	\$25	HR-SV Cemetery	\$150

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●



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Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	1 Pt 5:5b–14	Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Mk 16:15–20	1 Pt 2:20b–25
						Jn 10:1–10



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025