



A Gift for All People of All Times

ANN M. GARRIDO

When reading aloud today's passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such far-away, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●



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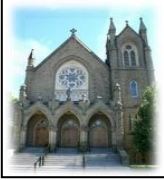

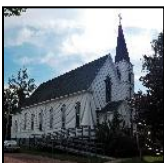
***Do I often remember that the Church encompasses people of every nation:
those gone before us and those to come?***



[The Jews] were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?"

ACTS 2:7–8

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

	<p>St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9 Phone: (506) 857- 0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com Parish Office hours: Monday to Friday @ 9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM – 4 PM</p>
	<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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Stewardship Committee	Glen Rollins	
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St. Vincent's Parish Staff

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St. Clement's Parish Staff

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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.

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Mark Your Calendar

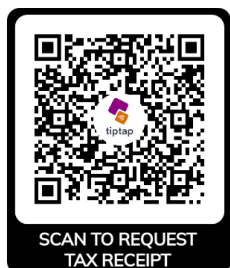
Carmelites	2 nd Saturday of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	2 nd Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25 th @ 7PM
RCIA meeting	2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month: 10 AM to 12 noon
The Feast	1 st & 3 rd Fridays of the month @ 6PM
Baptism	3 rd Sundays of the month

Happy Pentecost Sunday



May the Holy Spirit pour out abundant gifts upon you, bringing joy that uplifts your heart, renewed health, and the peace that surpasses understanding. As you celebrate with family and friends, may your faith be strengthened, your hope rekindled, and your love for one another grow ever deeper.

May the fruits of your good deeds blossom in your life: may kindness return to you multiplied, may your efforts be blessed with success, and may you enjoy prosperity in body, mind, and spirit. May the fire of Pentecost inspire you to serve with courage and compassion, and may God's grace guide and sustain you each day.



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.

ELECTION FOR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL (LPC) – MAY 30 & 31

Make your voice heard, vote for **LPC leadership** on **May 30 and 31**.

How to vote:

Paper ballots: available in the pews before and after all Masses on both days. Voting is quick and confidential, please drop your completed ballot in the boxes at the church exits.

Online: scan the QR code on the attached image to open the secure voting form.

Who should vote:

All parishioners.

Why vote:

Choose leaders who will shape programs, events, and parish life for the year ahead.

Quick reminders!

Voting is open both days (before and after Masses), please allow a few minutes. One vote per eligible member. **Attend Mass, stop by the ballot table, or scan the QR code. Every vote counts!**

Note: Please refer to the final pages for the candidates' bios. Thank you.



Looking for Volunteers: Lectors & Baptism Preparation Course Facilitators

We need volunteers to serve our parish in two important roles:

Lectors:

Proclaim Scripture at weekend Masses (training and practice provided). Commit to a regular Sunday or weekend schedule (flexible). Ideal for those comfortable reading aloud and who wish to deepen their liturgical service.



Baptism Preparation Course Facilitators:

Lead or co-facilitate one-time preparation sessions for parents and godparents. Share faith, practical information, and support for families preparing for Baptism. Training and materials provided; ability to lead occasional weekday/evening sessions. Interested?

Please contact the **Parish Office at 5068570425** or email sbhf@rogers.com.

Brief orientation and schedule details will be arranged for new volunteers.

Serve our community, share your gifts in Word and welcome.

Interac e-Transfer Now Accepted!

Now Available



Send donations to: sbhf@rogers.com

Please include in the message field your full name and envelope number (for tax receipt purposes) and specify what the donation is for:

*Sunday Offering

***Special Collection** — please specify. *(Please see on later pages for the list of St. Bernard's Special Collection)*

***Mass Intention** — indicate name and "Requested by"

***Other** — please specify *(e.g. Karing Kitchen, Syrian, Baptism, Catechesis, etc.)*

*Candles

Also **email a screenshot/photo of your completed e-Transfer to sbhf@rogers.com** showing the transaction and message details so we can properly record your offering under your name for tax receipts.

Thank you for your support!



St. Bernard's CWL Notices and Information

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.

Meeting & Auction – June 7

St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League meeting and auction will take place on **Sunday, June 7th in the parish hall. Rosary at 1:30pm**, followed by our meeting.

Refreshments (provided by members) and auction will take place from 2-4pm. Members are asked to Bring an auction item (such as crafts, baking, rhubarb, 'trinkets and treasures', etc.) and enjoy the fun.

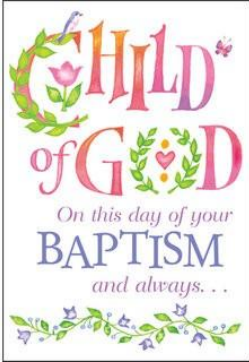
New members are welcome to join us.



We gratefully thank everyone who donated **rosaries and religious medals**. Your generous gifts are deeply appreciated and bring great comfort and devotion to our parish community. We look forward each year to your continued kindness and the blessings these sacramentals bring.

We also thank the parish for allowing us to collect donations for our **Roses for Life campaign**.

Congratulations and God's blessing to:



Lucia Marie Bergen, child of Nicholas Bergen & Denisse Camarena
Daniel Ronald Gaxiola & Mitl Gaxiola, children of Mitl Gaxiola Gonzalez & Sarah Irving
Chidindu Ivan Udeze, child of Collins Kenekukwu Udeze & Laurina Ifechukwu Muolokwu

These children were welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church through the **Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 17, 2026**. May God's love and grace fill their lives and bless their families.



Baptism — June 21 @ 1:00PM

Attendance at the baptism requires completion of the mandatory **baptism preparation course on June 14, 2026, at 1:00 PM**. To register, contact the Parish Office at 506-857-0425 or email sbliturg@gmail.com.

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 **enrolment form located beside the collection basket at the entrance to the church** and either giving it to Lorraine or putting it in the collection basket on 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.**



SAINT VINCENT PARISH EDUCATION GRANT: value \$500 CAD

St. Vincent's Parish Grant for Education provides financial support to a graduating student of St. Vincent Parish who resides in the Tantramar Region and who will begin post-secondary school studies in the upcoming academic year.

Please submit a letter of application which includes the following information:

1. Your connection to St. Vincent Parish; 2. Your intended program of study; 3. Connections between your formal educational journey and your faith journey; and 4. Plans for your future. Submissions must be received by **May 31, 2026**, to: St. Vincent's Parish, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB E4L 2Y5 or via stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

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. If you are able, please donate to those in need. Suggestions include non-perishable items such as canned fruit/vegetables/meat, boxes of cereal, children's lunch items, pasta and sauces, dish detergent, soap, toilet paper, and tissues. 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.

FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's - contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca with questions and inquiries

Faith Formation: the program for families with children in Grade 1 and older will begin in early September for 2026-27, taking place in St. Vincent's hall after Mass on Sundays.

Sacramental preparations: First Eucharist sessions have begun (April-June). First Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at Mass on June 21st at 9am.



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Trevor Driesbeck - 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: **May 28th, June 11th and 25th** at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm. Contact Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271 or Karen at 506-387-4198. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next Monday @ The Movies will be on **Tuesday, June 9th**, when we will talk about **"The Shack" which was written by Canadian author William P. Young and first published in 2007 and later came out as a movie in 2017.** Monday @ the Movies aims to use popular films to generate conversations around faith. Please contact Karen for more information. We gather regularly via Zoom.

SENIORS CONNECT Save the date! Our next Seniors Connect will be held on **Thursday, June 11th, 10:30 am at Holy Family Parish** (52 Falkland Street). Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca. **This will be our last session for the year so thought it would be nice to be entertained!**

RAINFOREST FALLS Get ready for an adventure! We are **SO** excited to announce that all our Explorers will be heading off to **Rainforest Falls to discover the amazing nature of God!** Think lush greenery, bright colors, and a whole lot of fun as we transform our space into a vibrant rainforest. To help us bring this jungle to life, we have a fun little wish list! These items can be found at most dollar stores, and every contribution helps make the experience extra special:

Green vinyl tablecloths (any shade of green!), **Green or yellow Bristol board**, **Green ledger paper**, **Crate paper rolls** (mixed pack of 10 – greens, reds, yellows, oranges, and more!) 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.

Thank you for helping us create a wild and wonderful Rainforest Falls for our Explorers—we couldn't do it without you! ❤️



*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...*

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Peter Quach	Stephen Fowler	Jessica Fowler	Conrad Coughlan
Janice Gallant	Brenda Lee Trites	Art McCloskey	Diana Bathurst
Deacon Ed West	Maria Celestina Agustin	Ronnie Ermen	Anne Marie Lea

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

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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, including Richard Tarkowski

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	May 25	9:30 AM	Late Mel Vanderwater	Alison Smith
Tues.	May 26	9:30 AM	Paul J. Gaudet & Family	Carmel Richard
Wed.	May 27	9:30 AM	Late Bill & Evie Coughran	Family
Thurs.	May 28	9:30 AM	All Souls	Anna Tran
Fri.	May 29	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Phyllis Allain
Sat.	May 30	4:00 PM	For the People	

Sun.	May 31	11:00 AM	Late John E. Glynn	Mary & Family
St. Clement's				
Sun.	May 24	11:00 AM	Peace in the World	Joanne Carroll
Sun.	May 31	11:00 AM	Ernest Allen	William Allen
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	May 24	9:00 AM	Claudia, Gerry, Valerie, & Linda Adams	Claudia McCloskey
Sun.	May 31	9:00 AM	Theresa Richard	Marie Wood

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: May 17, 2026

Envelopes	\$2734	Loose	\$887.90	Candles	\$115	ReConnect	\$35
Papal Charities	\$829	Karing Kitchen	\$55	Thanksgiving	\$110	Cap Exp	\$270
PADS: Sunday Offering - \$3780, Youth - \$170, Bldg Fund - \$615, Karing Kitchen - \$75, Syrian- \$5							

St. Clement's Offerings: May 17, 2026

Envelopes	\$1070	Collection	\$84	Donation w/ Receipt	\$45
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St. Vincent's Offerings: May 17, 2026

Envs	\$835 + \$120 e-Transfer	Loose	\$100	Papal Charities	\$10
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

St. Bernard's Local Parish Council Election 2026

The Candidates

JOANN MCLAUGHLIN

Rooted in Faith, Ready to Serve

I am a lifelong St. Bernard's parishioner whose faith and family are rooted in this community. My husband Dave and I were married here, and our two children received all their sacraments in this parish.

I have proudly served as a catechist, Eucharistic minister, and choir member, and I participate regularly in Mass and parish life. With over 20 years of experience teaching communications and career skills at NBCC, I bring leadership, commitment, and practical experience to this role.

I am honored to accept this nomination and ready to serve St. Bernard's with dedication, humility, and a deep love for our parish.

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LINDA FITCH

Hospitality, Hope, Hands-On Service

A dedicated member of St. Bernard's. I've served as an RCIA sponsor and co-led our children's RCIA, helped organize post-Mass "Hello There" coffees with the Knights of Columbus, and currently serve on the sponsorship committee and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

I've actively participated in recent parish book studies and am committed to collaborating with the LPC to better engage parishioners, support post-confirmation youth, and extend our outreach into the wider community. I would be honored to serve as your LPC representative.

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BETTY EVERS

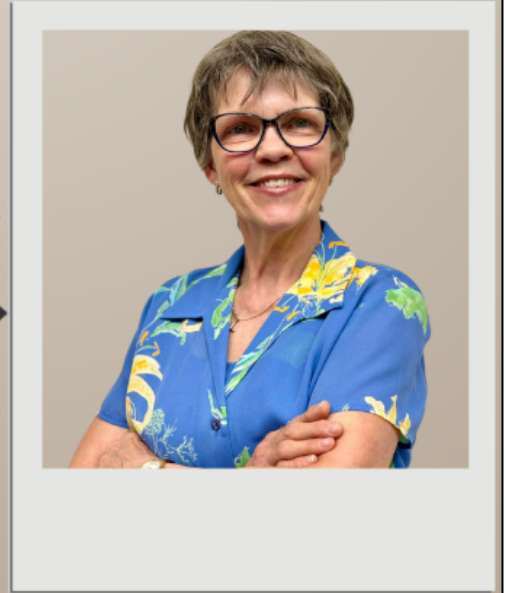
Compassionate Care. Faithful Leadership.
Trusted Service.

I moved to Moncton in 1988 and built a career as a registered nurse at Moncton Hospital, specializing in oncology. For decades I provided compassionate, evidence-based care to patients and families, advocating for dignity and support through difficult times.

A proud member of St. Bernard's since 1996, I have dedicated more than 25 years to the Catholic Women's League and regularly serve as a lector and communion minister.

My clinical experience, community service, and faith-driven commitment form a steady, empathetic leadership style focused on care, inclusion, and practical action for our parish and community with measurable results and accountable plans.

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MATT BRYENTON

Embracing Catholic Life and Service

"We are meant to share our faith," Fr. Charlie at my confirmation into the Catholic Church, Sept 2020.

I was raised protestant, but quickly fell in love with the Catholic Mass while attending St. Francis Xavier University. It was there I found something I didn't even know I was missing – the sense of worshiping in a true faith community and being part of something so much bigger than I.

After I married, I went back to the protestant church with my wife and daughter, but, during the hardest time of my life, I found myself longing for that spiritual comfort I only ever felt during Mass. It was then I also started RCIA.

St. Bernard's Church has always felt like home since my 1st Mass and since then, I've joined the Communion Ministry team and took part in some of the "Why Catholic" series.

St. Bernard's is an amazing community and I've been hoping for more opportunities to be able to serve.

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St. Bernard's - Special Collections**(List for those who do not receive parish envelopes)**

Capital Expenditure	Each month of the year
New Year's Day	January 1st
Ash Wednesday (Holy Land)	Ash Wednesday
Share Lent	5 th Sunday of the Lent
Hospital Chaplains (Good Friday)	Good Friday of each year
Easter	Easter Sunday of each year
Papal charities	Mid May
Parish religious education	September 1 st
Needs of the Canadian Church	September
Evangelization of Peoples	October
All Soul's	End of October
For People <u>In</u> Need	Middle of November
Christmas	December 25 th

Dear Padre,

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

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



CARLOS DANIEL / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

At Pentecost, the apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

May 25

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20 or
Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
1 Pt 1:10–16
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

May 27

Weekday
1 Pt 1:18–25
Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

May 28

Weekday
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12
Mk 10:46–52

Friday

May 29

Weekday
1 Pt 4:7–13
Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

May 30

Weekday
Jude 17, 20b–25
Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

May 31

The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
2 Cor 13:11–13
Jn 3:16–18