



The Already and the Not Yet

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

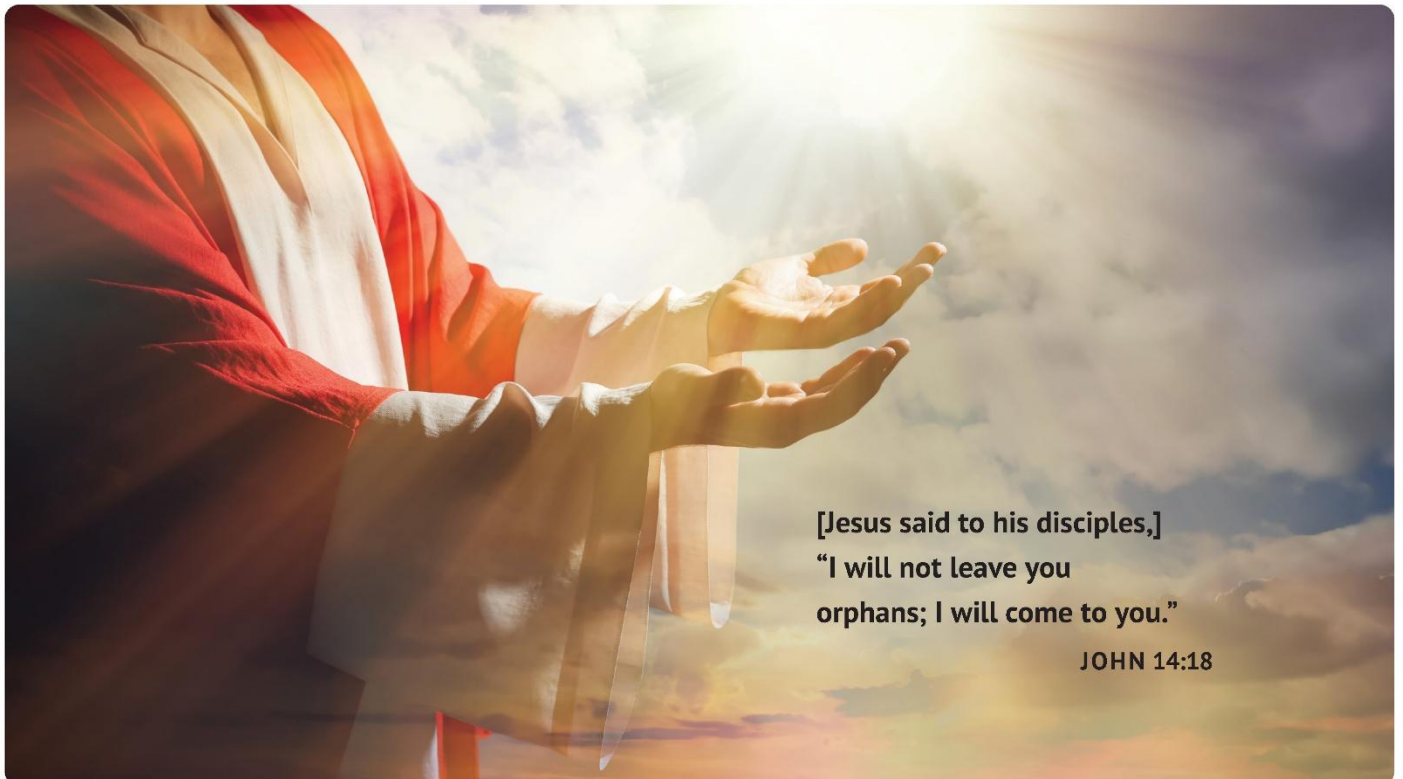
As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect




Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?



[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“I will not leave you
orphans; I will come to you.”

JOHN 14:18

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>
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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

St. Bernard's Faith Formation Schedule

Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule

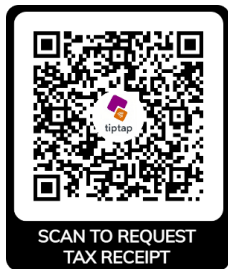
Session	Sunday: 2 PM
May 10, 2026, Holy Communion	Church



Victoria Day – May 18

The birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria (+1901) has been celebrated as a holiday in Canada West (now Ontario) since 1845; it became a National Holiday in 1901 and in 1952 was established on the Monday preceding May 25.

Have a Blessed Long weekend everyone! 😊



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.

NOMINATION FOR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL



Our LPC is looking **to fill 3 positions on our Council**. At this time, we are seeking **nominations only**. Elections will follow once nominees confirm they are willing and able to commit to the responsibilities of the position. Nominees must be registered members of St. Bernard's and willing to serve on the LPC for a minimum of **three (3) years**. Leadership skills, teamwork, and a desire to serve are among the qualities that are needed in this position. The mission of the LPC is to collaborate with the priest moderator and assistant priests assigned to our parish. The LPC communicates the pastoral needs and interests of the parish in collaboration with other committees and ministries in the Church. The LPC meets 4-6 times a year depending on the need. Names to be considered for the position are to be sent to the parish office via email, phone or in person. Nominations will be accepted until May 24th, and the election of three (3) nominees will take place on May 30/31. May the Holy Spirit guide this selection process. In this we pray. Thank you!



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.

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

Refreshments welcome.

Verbum Dei Group — Join Our Bible Study

Grow in faith and knowledge of Scripture with the Verbum Dei Group. All parishioners are welcome to join our Bible study sessions every **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

Come learn, share, and deepen your relationship with God in a friendly, welcoming community.

For more information, contact the parish office.



Baptism — June 21 @ 1:00PM

The next baptism ceremony will be held on **June 21, 2026, at 1:00 PM at St. Bernard's Church.** 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

sbliturgy@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.**

CHALICE

Our Chalice coordinator, Dianna Smith, has reported that \$179.60 was collected during the month of April and recently deposited into the designated bank account. Way to go, parishioners!!



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.

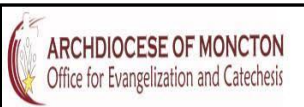
SACKVILLE FOOD BANK

Thank you to all who have donated to the Sackville Food Bank in the past year. ***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.

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

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, May, June).



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Trevor Drosbeck - 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 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, May 25th**, when we will talk about the 1997 film Black Robe. Monday @ the Movies aims to use popular films to generate conversations around faith. Please contact Karen for more information. We gather regularly via Zoom.

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! ❤️

“The Star flowers of Sainte-Thérèse”

During the month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us continue to pray for the renewal of our diocesan Church, that it may continue to grow and share the Good News of the Risen Christ more fully with our brothers and sisters. More than 400 diocesan members have already committed to praying daily with the prayer booklet—thank you and let's continue with fervor. If others wish to commit to this daily prayer, please fill out and sign a registration form available at the parish.



*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	Jim Fowler	Jessica Fowler	Deacon Ed West
Janice Gallant	Brenda Lee Trites	Art McCloskey	Diana Bathurst	Ronnie Ermen

St. Clement's

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

St. Vincent's

John Blakely	Alvin Bernard	Vince Wood	Leone Campbell
Kathy Mattatal	Art Chase	Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke

And those who have died: Camille Legere

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	May 11	9:30 AM	Special Intention	Charlotte Barrett
Tues.	May 12	9:30 AM	Late Carmen Arocha	Morella Arzola
Wed.	May 13	9:30 AM	Late Kochuvareeth	Merin Kuruvila
Thurs.	May 14	9:30 AM	Late Mel Vanderwater	Alison Smith
Fri.	May 15	9:30 AM	Late Debbie McCue	Lorraine Montford
Sat.	May 16	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	May 17	11:00 AM	Late Susan Fortin	Family

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Sun.	May 10	11:00 AM	For the People	
Sun.	May 17	11:00 AM	Jacques Legere	

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Sun.	May 10	9:00 AM	Michael Horyl	David & Lorraine
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OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: May 3, 2026

Envelopes	\$3767	Loose	\$1162	Candles	\$123	Good Fri	\$70
Karing Kitchen	\$30	TipTap (Apr)	\$923	Easter	\$25	Cap. Exp	\$837
PADS	Sunday Offering - \$2705, Youth - \$30, Bldg Fund - \$1125, Karing Kitchen - \$20, Syrian - \$40						

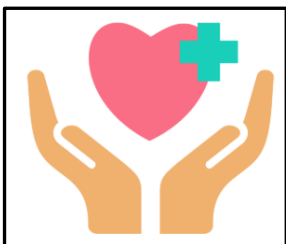
St. Clement's Offerings: May 3, 2026

Envelopes	\$1265	Collection	\$15	Donation with Receipt	\$25
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St. Vincent's Offerings: May 3, 2026

Reg Envs	\$1120	Loose	\$75	Maintenance	\$165	Papal Charities	\$35
Holy Thur	\$5	Good Fri	\$5	Missals	\$11	Stole Fees	\$120

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



Palliative Care Week

“Palliative care is an expression of the truly human attitude of taking care of one another, especially of those who suffer. It is a testimony that the human person is always precious, even if marked by illness and old age.”

Pope Francis

Dear Padre,

What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness.

Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today’s complex and challenging history.

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,
JUNE 12, 2025

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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 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11–15
Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

May 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22–34
Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

May 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1
Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

May 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Friday

May 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9–18
Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

May 16
Acts 18:23–28
Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

May 17
The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23
Mt 28:16–20