



## Stairway to Heaven

MIGUEL DULICK

**E**ven by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

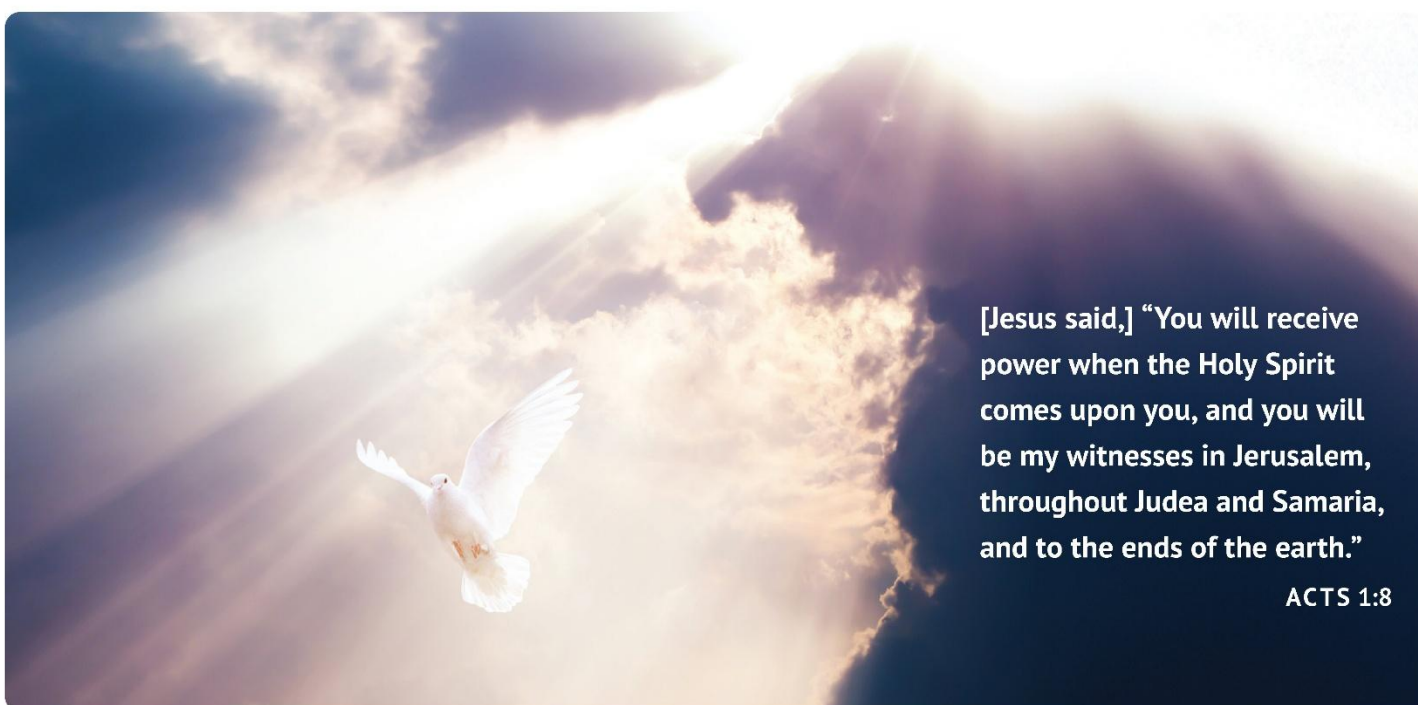
So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! ●



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THE AUTHORS  
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[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

### Reflect

***How can I better cooperate with the Holy Spirit?***

**Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

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| <p><b>Facebook page:</b> <a href="https://facebook.com/gsmmoncton">facebook.com/gsmmoncton</a></p> |   |

**The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

**St. Bernard's Parish Staff**

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| <b>Project Manager</b>              | Andre McGraw         |  |
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| <b>Finance Committee</b>            | Phyllis Allain       |  |
| <b>Stewardship Committee</b>        | Glen Rollins         |  |
| <b>Marriage Preparation</b>         | Joe D'Ettore         |  |

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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**

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| <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                            |
| <b>Baptism</b>      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month  |

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

**Holy Communion Preparation for Children Schedule**

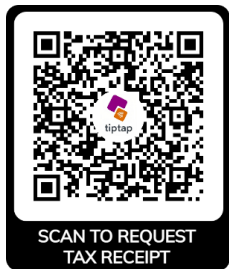
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| <b>Session</b>               | <b>Sunday: 2 PM</b> |
| May 10, 2026, Holy Communion | Church              |



**Victoria Day – May 18, 2026 (Parish Office CLOSED)**

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.



*Congratulations to the children from St. Bernard's, who received the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on **Sunday, May 10, 2026.***

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has internal life and I will raise him up on the last day "*

*John 6:54*

**Gadiel Advento  
Isabella Delso Bravo  
Michael Chikwe  
Rafielle Dichosa  
Nerfe Rose Llena  
Niña Mengote  
Samantha Reduta  
Pablo Jose Soto Mendez**

**Emma Avila Bernal  
Rafael Delso Bravo  
Michelle Chikwe  
Salome Gonzales Garcia  
Annie Martin  
Terrence Pangan  
Carter Robinson  
Andre Theriault**

**Oliver Avila Bernal  
Marcus Castro  
Alfonzeus Dichosa  
Audrey Harper  
Harriet Martin  
Stefano Parra  
Angel Romo  
Dannison Tupas**

A Special thank you to the Knights of Columbus 1310 for providing beautiful rosaries for our children.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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: **May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**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](mailto: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 Magnetic Hill Prayer Garden Association"** is looking for volunteers to assist with gardening and planting of flowers at Our Lady's Rosary Garden, on Front Mountain Road, next to Magnetic Hill Theme Park. We had a successful season last year with many rosaries said and functions held, and we are anxious to continue to enhance this beautiful place of prayer and peace. Please call or text **(506) 871-3912** or e-mail [shorehaven1@hotmail.com](mailto:shorehaven1@hotmail.com) to join our dedicated team! Thank you!"

**Econo Boutique Écono** invites you to its **Mother's and Father's Day Tea** on **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Featuring **Mariette and Yvon Cormier with Reginald Allain.**

**Location:** Christ Roi Golden Age Club 305 Dominion Street, Moncton.

**Tickets:** \$25 Proceeds will support Haiti, Christ Roi Church, the Southeast Social Pediatrics Centre, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (Mother Teresa Conference), and St. Augustine Soup Kitchen (Ray of Hope). Everyone is welcome!



*A time to mourn...*

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

**Late Henry Ernest LeBlanc: father of Paul & Gregory LeBlanc**



*Ecclesiastes 3*

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

**St. Bernard's**

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

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| Sharon Wall      | Lorraine Doiron | Margaret Schriver | Cullen Flood   | Brian Robichaud |
| Yannick Hardwood | Doug Purdy      | Margo Kennedy     | 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:**

**Mass times / Intentions:**

**St. Bernard's**

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|--------|--------|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon.   | May 18 | 9:30 AM  | Late Bill Conner          | Sam & Donna Ermen       |
| Tues.  | May 19 | 9:30 AM  | Late Denise Leger         | Hector & Cecile Caissie |
| Wed.   | May 20 | 9:30 AM  | Mary Jane Mackay          | Alison Smith            |
| Thurs. | May 21 | 9:30 AM  | Anniv. Late Jeffrey Ermen | Sam & Donna Ermen       |
| Fri.   | May 22 | 9:30 AM  | Anniv. Late Tony Dunn     | Sam & Donna Ermen       |
| Sat.   | May 23 | 4:00 PM  | Late Catherine Steeves    | Roman Steeves           |
| Sun.   | May 24 | 11:00 AM | For the People            |                         |

**St. Clement's**

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| Sun. | May 17 | 11:00 AM | Jacques Christian Legere | Parishioners   |
| Sun. | May 24 | 11:00 AM | Peace in the World       | Joanne Carroll |

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| Sun. | May 17 | 9:00 AM | Mary Ann Manuel Venteres               | Rodel Manuel      |
| Sun. | May 24 | 9:00 AM | Claudia, Gerry, Valerie, & Linda Adams | Claudia McCloskey |

**OFFERINGS**

**St. Bernard's Offerings: May 10, 2026**

|                         |          |                    |          |                       |       |                  |       |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| <b>Envelopes</b>        | \$4072   | <b>Loose</b>       | \$984.40 | <b>Candles</b>        | \$146 | <b>Donations</b> | \$155 |
| <b>Papal Chharities</b> | \$50     | <b>Archdiocese</b> | \$170    | <b>Karing Kitchen</b> | \$15  |                  |       |
| <b>Spanish Mass</b>     | \$588.85 | <b>Capital Exp</b> | \$410    |                       |       |                  |       |

**St. Clement's Offerings: May 10, 2026**

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| <b>Envelopes</b>             | \$335 | <b>Collection</b>    | \$32.85 | <b>Papal Charities</b> | \$15 |
| <b>Donation with Receipt</b> | \$70  | <b>Building Fund</b> | \$2000  |                        |      |

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| <b>Envs</b> | \$1395 + \$135 e-Transfers | <b>Loose</b> | \$85 | <b>Maintenance</b> | \$40 | <b>Papal Charities</b> | \$10 |
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**Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!**

# Dear Padre,

*I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?*

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

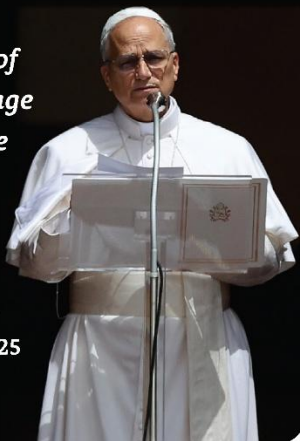
Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Where are you...when the poor are blamed for their poverty, forgotten and discarded, in a world that values profit more than people? [W]here are you in a hyper-connected life where loneliness corrodes social bonds and makes us strangers even to ourselves?...*

*Fraternity...means rediscovering the face of the other...the very image of God in the face of the poor, the refugee, and even the adversary.*

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### Monday

May 18

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

### Thursday

May 21

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

### Saturday

May 23

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

### Tuesday

May 19

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

### Friday

May 22

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

### Sunday

May 24

*Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

### Wednesday

May 20

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19