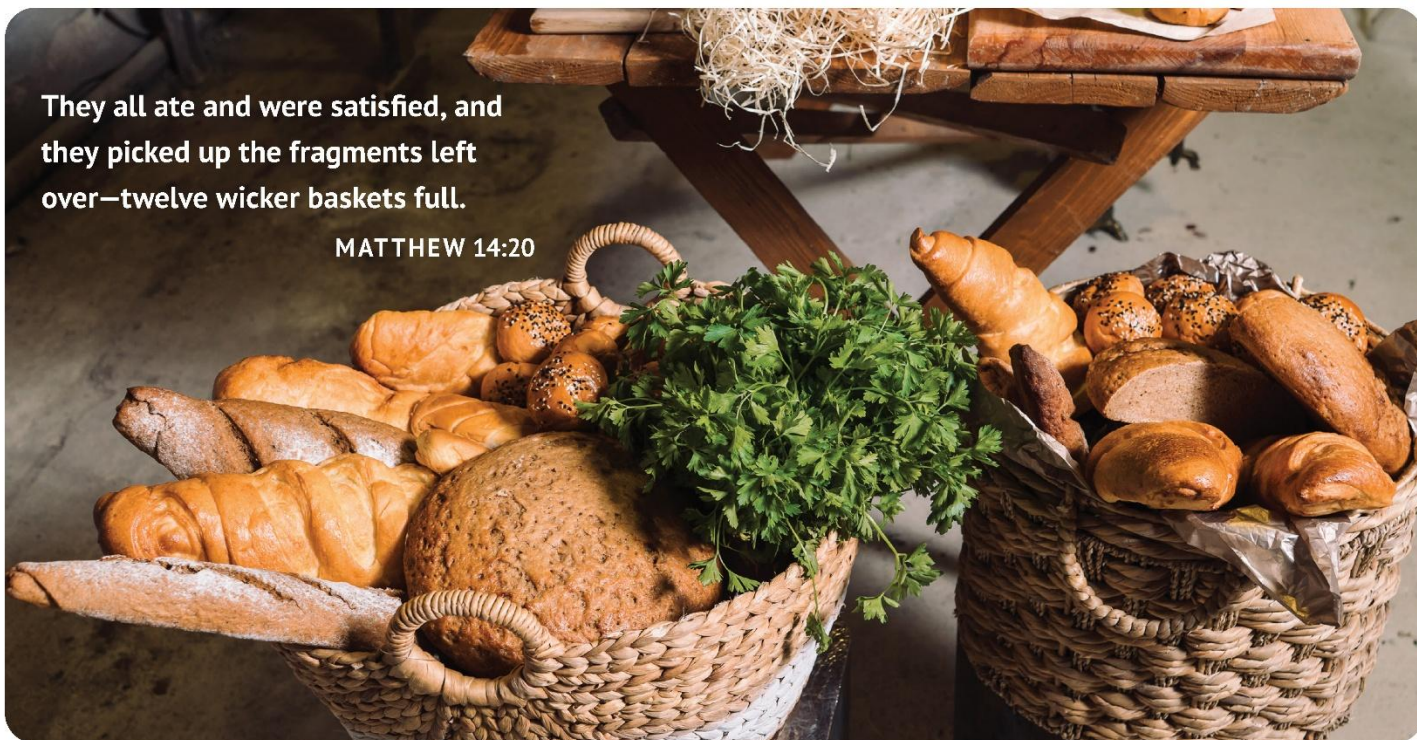




They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.

MATTHEW 14:20



Seeing as God Sees

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●

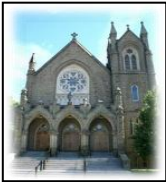


LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Do you wish you could see a certain person or situation more like the way God sees?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Parish Office hours next week: Closed on Monday August 3, 2025.
Tuesday to Friday @ 9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM – 4 PM



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Office hours: Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM - 2 PM



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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
The Feast	1 st & 3 rd Fridays of the month @ 6PM
Baptism Preparation Course	2 nd Sundays of the month
Baptism	3 rd Sundays of the month



HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 4, 2026, FR. CARLOS JACINTO!

Thank you for your faithful service, wise guidance, and loving heart. may God continue to bless and strengthen you.

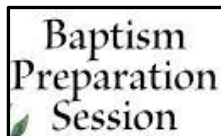


OFFICE CLOSED – NEW BRUNSWICK DAY (MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026)

Please note: Our **office will be closed** on **Monday, August 3, 2026**, for **New Brunswick Day** and will reopen on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**. New Brunswick Day celebrates the province's history, culture, and community. A day for residents to enjoy local festivals, family gatherings, and outdoor activities. **Mass will still be celebrated on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 9:30am.**

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION ON AUGUST 7, 2026, AT ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH

8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Sacrament of Reconciliation
 9:00 AM – Benediction - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 9:30 AM – Holy Mass



BAPTISM PREPARATION – AUGUST 09, 2026

The arrival of a new member of the family is a time of great excitement and joy. As you welcome your new child into your family, you also begin to plan and provide the best for them. Like you, Jesus Christ wants the best for your child, as well. One of the first steps in introducing your child to God and to your faith is through baptism. Asking to have your child baptized shows that you recognize the importance of God in your life, and that you want your child to be a child of God and to be a member of a Christian community. In preparation for baptism, our archdiocese requires that parents attend a baptismal preparation course. **St. Bernard's will be offering a Baptism Preparation Course on Sunday, August 09 at 1:00 PM.** Registration is required prior to the course. Please contact **Genevieve Alo** either at **sbliturgy@gmail.com** or at the parish office at **(506) 857-0425** to register.

ST. BERNARD'S — MISA EN ESPAÑOL

St. Bernard's Spanish Mass **Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 3:00 PM**

You're warmly invited to join our Spanish-language celebration of the Eucharist. All parishioners, families, and friends are welcome, bring loved ones and neighbors to worship together in community.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – PARISH CELEBRATION

St. Augustine's Saturday, August 15th

9:00 AM – Multilingual Rosary Gather in the church for a multilingual recitation of the Holy Rosary.

10:00 AM – Holy Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

11:00 AM – Eucharistic Procession around the block with the Blessed Sacrament.

Altar servers, Marian banner bearers, children singing a Marian hymn, and parish groups accompany the procession.

Rain plan: Procession will take place inside the church.

11:30 AM – Parish Social & Marian Activities, Lemonade social in church, Tables for children to colour Marian images. Cookies and biscuits available. **Rosary-making kits** available for youth and families.

Statement of Fr. Carlos Jacinto on His Appointment as Administrator and Moderator of The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

Jeremiah 3:15

With gratitude to God and a heart full of hope, I receive the appointment announced this past weekend by His Grace, Archbishop Guy Desrochers, naming me Administrator and Moderator of The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit, effective September 1, 2026.

Our pastoral unit is blessed to serve three wonderful faith communities: St. Bernard's in Moncton, St. Vincent's in Sackville, and St. Clement's in Port Elgin. These churches have allowed me to grow as a priest over the past three years. It is now a great privilege to serve them in this new capacity.

I am especially grateful that I will not walk this road alone. I look forward to serving alongside Frank Quinn, who has been appointed our new Parochial Vicar. Together, with our dedicated staff, volunteers, parish leaders, and all the faithful, I pray that we may continue building vibrant communities where Christ is known, loved, and encountered.

It is fitting that this appointment was first announced on July 25, the Feast of Saint James the Apostle, patron of pilgrims. His feast reminds us that the Christian life is never lived standing still. We are always on pilgrimage, encouraging one another as we make our way toward the Father's house.

Over the coming weeks, I will begin meeting with our parish councils, committees, ministries, and volunteers as we prepare for this new chapter. Together, we will prayerfully discern how the Lord is calling us to grow as one pastoral family while continuing to honour the unique identity and strengths of each church. In the weeks ahead, I will also be sharing more of the pastoral vision that I hope, with God's grace, we can pursue together.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Fr. Damian for his ministry over these past two years. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his new assignment.

As I prepare to embrace this responsibility, I humbly ask for your prayers. Pray that I may always lead with the heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd. If we keep our eyes fixed on Him, I have every confidence that the best days of our pastoral unit are still ahead.

Finally, I entrust this new ministry to the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Under the beautiful title by which she is known in my hometown in Gapan, La Virgen Divina Pastora, may she watch over our families and all who call The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit their spiritual home.

May God bless you all, and I look forward to walking this journey of faith with you.

PARKING UPDATE — APARTMENT LOT NEXT DOOR

The new fencing is now in place around the apartment lot beside the church. Amico Construction will have the gates open this weekend for temporary parking.

Effective Sunday following Mass parking in this area will no longer be permitted...as apartment construction will commence August 4, 2026.



WITNESSTO LOVE
A MARRIAGE MOVEMENT

Bulletin Announcement

Important Notice !!

Calling all Married Couples, Engaged Couples, couples who wish to have their current union Blessed by the Church and even those dating and contemplating Marriage in the Church in the foreseeable Future!

Starting in 2027 couples wishing to get married in the Church will be required to go through a **new Marriage Preparation Course** endorsed by our Archbishop.

What is Different ?

Instead of a weekend course where couples listen to a series of talks by a group of married couples on a host of topics this new course, **“Witness to Love”**, is mentor based. Each couple will choose a Mentor Couple, or be introduced to a “Showcase Couple”, from their Parish and the two couples will journey together through this program over a series of a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 6 meetings.

The program is scheduled for 1 meeting per month for about 1 hour and is normally to be held at the Mentor couple’s home.

What is “Witness to Love” and Why the Change ?

“Witness to Love” leads the renewal of formation and support for the Sacrament of Matrimony through a approach rooted in mentoring, friendship, and virtue. What makes Witness to Love unique is that the engaged couple chooses their own mentor couple—one they admire and see as a source of faith formation. If they can’t identify a Mentor couple, they choose one from a list of Showcase couples identified through the Parish. This mentor couple gives them a concrete connection and integration into the parish. Through the sharing of the mentor couple’s own marriage journey, the engaged couple inherits a “lifeline” of support in their commitment to Jesus and His Church. As we begin to offer this new method of forming couples, we anticipate that mentors will experience a reinvigoration in their own marriages as they work alongside their mentees in growing in virtue

“Witness to Love” is being used throughout North America as well as parts of Europe with great feedback from the Local Diocese/Parish leaders, Mentor couples and, first and foremost, the couples seeking marriage in the church.

The program is extremely easy to follow and comes with all the tools and resources needed including the support of trained Co-ordinators who will assist with initial set up, review & any follow up required.

So, where do you come in ??

- **Couples looking for Marriage in the Church**

- You must communicate with the Parish with 12 months of your wedding date
- You must complete the “Witness to Love” program within 1 month of your wedding

- **Married Couples in the Parish**

- You are called to be a “Witness to Love” for these couples by being open to becoming a Mentor/Showcase Couple
- You don’t have to have a perfect marriage or be an expert on Church teachings; you just need to bring your love for each other, your love for Marriage & Family and your experience.

If you have any questions and/or if you would like to inquire about being a Mentor/Showcase couple please contact:

Joe & Deb D’Ettore – 506-588-5958 / atvnonno@gmail.com.

St. Vincent's

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT AND E-TRANSFER

In addition to accepting cash or cheques, St. Vincent's is now able to accept donations via **pre-authorized debit and e-transfers!** **PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)** application cards are available by the donations basket at the entrance to the church. Please check with **Lorraine** at the Parish Office (506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca) for further information.

A JOYFUL BAPTISM — EMMA SANTANGELO (JULY 24, 2026)

Congratulations to Cristina Navarro-Molina and Mathew Santangelo on the baptism of their daughter, Emma Santangelo, on July 24, 2026. May God always look after little Emma and guide her on her journey of faith.

JOIN US FOR MASS AT THE DREW

Monday, August 10 at 3:00 PM. Fr. Damien Nwachukwu will be the celebrant. Everyone is invited to worship with the residents.

MASS INTENTIONS

We **are in need of mass intentions!** Please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office to reserve a mass time. We ask for a donation of **\$15** for each mass intention requested.

FUND RAISING FOR A NEW ROOF

"Thank you!" to those who have very generously donated to our **Roof Replacement Fund** thus far! Since the Fund-Raising Drive began on July 5th, we have raised **\$2,075!** The cost of a new metal roof will be \$65,759.14. Our Parish has some savings to help with this expense but will undertake some fundraising so that we will not deplete all our savings. We appreciate any and all donations ... large or small! Thank you for your generosity!

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.



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

Late Clare Gaudet, daughter of Imelda Gaudet



*Ecclesiastes 3
Under every season there is a time...A time to heal..*

St. Bernard's

Peter Quach	Jeannette O' Brien	Jeanne Wood	Conrad Coughlan	Charles Melanson
Brenda Lee Trites	Jack Turpin	Wayne Holt	David Legacy	
Bartholomew Tran	Dora Valderrama	Jose Manuel Raquion	Caren Gera Muana	

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Eileen Fournier	Cullen Flood	Brian Robichaud	Margaret Schriver	Doug Purdy
Yannick Hardwood	Sharon Wall	Dwight Alder	Suzanne Leblanc	

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John Blakely	Mary Blakney	Alvin Bernard	Vince Wood
Kathy Mattatall	Art Chase	Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke

And those who have died:

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's

Mon.	Aug 03	9:30 AM	Late Peter Dowd	Therese Dowd & Family
Tues.	Aug 04	9:30 AM	Late Peter Dowd	Therese Dowd & Family
Wed.	Aug 05	9:30 AM	Late David & Ron Nowlan	Gloria & Paul Nowlan
Thurs.	Aug 06	9:30 AM	Paul J Gaudet & Family	Carmel
Fri.	Aug 07	9:30 AM	Late John Arsenault	Nancy Gallie
Sat.	Aug 08	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Lois Gallie	Gordie & Family
Sun.	Aug 09	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's

Sun.	Aug 02	11:00 AM	Rachel Allen	William Allen
Sun.	Aug 09	11:00 AM	Garry Johnson	Patsy Murphy

St. Vincent's

Sun.	Aug 02	9:00 AM	Angus & Ellen Sitland	Lynn Sitland
Sun.	Aug 09	9:00 AM	Late Jeanne Melanson	Thelma & Jigger

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: July 25 & 26, 2026

Reg Envs	\$3104	Loose	\$998.30	Karing Kitchen	\$44	Candles	\$108.70
Rosary	\$50	Indigenous	\$20	ReConnect	\$10	Capital Exp.	\$665

St. Clement's Offerings: July 26, 2026

Collection	\$28.95	Envelopes	\$225	Donation w/ Receipt	\$45
Capital Fund	\$250	Cemetery	\$150	IMO	\$100

St. Vincent's Offerings: July 26, 2026

Reg Envs	\$995	Loose	\$146	Indigenous	\$50	Roof Project	\$750
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, “Do this in memory of me.” But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

“The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed” (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, “Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds” (*GIRM* 281). “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors “should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation” (*GIRM* 282). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer.... Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME,
JANUARY 14, 2026



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

Monday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday

August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15,
18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

August 6
The Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Friday

August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12–2:4
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday

August 9
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33