



Leaving Room for the Unexpected

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●



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OF OUR PARISH
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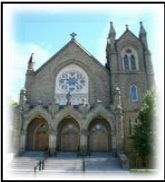
Have you ever been surprised by grace? Could you have missed it?

[God said,] So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11



Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Parish Office hours:

Monday to Friday @ 9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM – 4 PM



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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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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.

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

Important Notice - Q3-2026 Envelopes

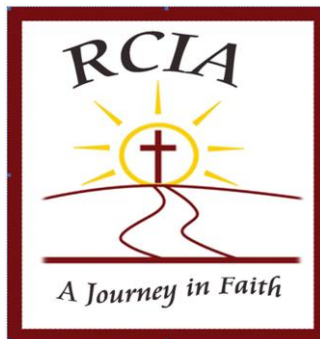
The printing company made an error that caused only the first three characters of postal codes to be printed on the Q3-2026 mailing envelopes (the last three characters were omitted). Canada Post advised that mail with incomplete postal codes may be significantly delayed or returned to sender. We have had the envelopes reprinted and replacement packages will be mailed shortly.

What to expect:

- *Envelopes may **arrive later than usual**.
- *Some parishioners may **receive two Q3-2026 packages**.

If two packages are received, please discard the one with the incorrect postal code and use the package with correct postal-code information.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. The printing company and our office have taken steps to prevent this from happening again. Please contact the parish office with any questions.



RCIA Invitation - St. Bernard's Church

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or deepening your faith? Join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

When: **September 12, 2026 – June 26, 2027**

Where: **St. Bernard's Hall**

Who is RCIA for?

- * **Unbaptized adults** who wish to join the Catholic Church.
- * Candidates for full communion: **adults baptized in another Christian denomination** who wish to become Catholic.
- * **Baptized Catholics** who were baptized as infants but **never received First Communion or Confirmation**.

To register or for more information, contact the parish office: **(506) 857-0425 or sbhf@rogers.com**.

Fixing of Falling Tower (77 Queen) – PARKING UPDATE

While construction is underway, until further notice, **parishioners may park in the City Hall parking lot and on the surrounding streets in the Botsford, Queen, Victoria and Wesley block area when attending Mass.** See map below.



Please note:

***City Hall lot: FREE on Saturdays and Sundays until 6:00 p.m.**

***On-street parking: FREE at ALL TIMES on Saturdays and Sundays**

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!** Please check with Lorraine at the Parish Office (506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca) for further information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please note that we ask for a donation of \$15 for each mass intention requested.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Jane Cabaluna** and **Ariane Saldua** on the baptism of their son, **Ian Matteo**, on **June 25, 2026**. May God always look after little Ian Matteo and guide him on his journey of faith.

FUND RAISING FOR A NEW ROOF

In the spring of 2024, the Archdiocese of Moncton established a buildings and properties committee which enlisted the services of Real View Home Inspection to conduct a

comprehensive diagnosis of all buildings within the diocese. An assessment of St. Vincent's buildings was completed on June 16, 2025. One of the many recommendations arising from this assessment was the notation that the roof on the church and chapel "is at the end of its service life and must be replaced." After receiving three quotes from local contractors, council decided to award the contract to MetalGuard and replace the existing shingles with a metal roof. The cost of the 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 all donations ... large or small! Thank you for your generosity!**

CHALICE

Dianna Smith, the manager of our Chalice account, reports that **\$227.90** was deposited in **May** and **\$306.70** was deposited in **June**. Thank you to St. Vincent's generous supporters!

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***

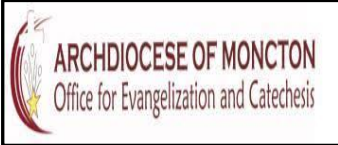
Faith Formation: the program for families with children in Grade 1 and older will begin in early September for 2026-27, taking place in St. Vincent's hall after Mass on Sundays.

St. Clement's



St. Clement's is 100 Years Old!

A celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Clement's Parish will be held on **Sunday, July 19th at 11:00**, with his Excellency Archbishop Guy Desrochers present, plus many special guests from the past. A reception will follow downstairs. Everyone is welcome!!



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Trevor Droesbeck - 857- 4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca

Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

Weekend of Prayer and Evangelization

Join us **July 31–August 2, 2026**, at **Sainte Thérèse Church, Dieppe**, for a Weekend of Prayer and Evangelization led by Abbé Jules Pascal Coly.

The retreat theme will be: **"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me..." (Isaiah 61:1)**. The teachings throughout the weekend will be guided by this Scripture passage. The retreat will also include intercessory and healing prayer, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Although the teachings will be given primarily in French, everyone is warmly welcome. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in both English and French, the Rosary in several languages, and the times of prayer will reflect the universal nature of the Church, inviting all to participate beyond language barriers.

Posters with additional information will be available in parishes. The full schedule will be posted on the diocesan website and the Marie Reine de l'Acadie Parish website and Facebook page.



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	Stephen Fowler	Jessica Fowler	Conrad Coughlan	Charles Melanson
Brenda Lee Trites	Jack Turpin	Wayne Holt	Anne Marie Lea	
Gaspar Zape	Maria Celestina Agustin	Trevor Droesbeck	Caren Gera Muana	

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Eileen Fournier	Cullen Flood	Brian Robichaud	Margaret Schriver	Terissa Salmon
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
<i>And those who have died, including Janet Landry</i>			

Mass times / Intentions:

St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Jul 13	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Ed Muisse	Susan, Liam & Hannah
Tues.	Jul 14	9:30 AM	Late Charles (Chuck) Kinney	Jessie & Peter
Wed.	Jul 15	9:30 AM	Special Intention for Daniel O.	Jeanne Wood
Thurs.	Jul 16	9:30 AM	Souls of Purgatory	Gloria's Family
Fri.	Jul 17	9:30 AM	Mike McKenna	Charlotte, Kate & Patrick
Sat.	Jul 18	4:00 PM	Theresa Tran	Anna Tran
Sun.	Jul 19	11:00 AM	For the People	

St. Clement's				
Sun.	Jul 12	11:00 AM	Patricia Legere	
Sun.	Jul 19	11:00 AM	Richard Leblanc	Roberta Brine

St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Jul 12	9:00 AM	Janet Landry	Claudette Shea
Sun.	Jul 19	9:00 AM	Valerie, Emmett, & Larry Byron	Claudia McCloskey

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: July 05, 2026

Reg Envs		\$3707	Loose		\$961	Indigenous Reconciliation Fund			\$100
Candles	\$83.75	Cap Exp		\$902	Papal Charities		\$100	Karing	\$30

St. Clement's Offerings: July 05, 2026

Donation with Receipt	\$40	In memory of Richard Leblanc	\$175
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St. Vincent's Offerings: July 05, 2026

Reg Envs	\$1385 + \$15 e-Transfer		Loose	\$65	Maintenance		\$270
Roof Replacement Fund			\$210	Indigenous Reconciliation Fund			\$50
Share Lent	\$5	Holy Thursday	\$5	Good Friday	\$5	Easter	\$5

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18–20.) ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Mission is not so much about “departing,” but instead “remaining” in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.



HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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Monday

July 13
Weekday
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

July 15
St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

July 16
Weekday
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday

July 17
Weekday
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

July 18
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

July 19
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–30 or
13:24–30