



[Solomon said to the Lord,]
“Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your
people and to distinguish
between good and evil.”

1 KINGS 3:9

What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●

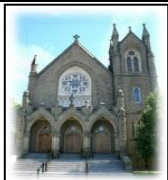


LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

What image of God's kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Parish Office hours next week: **Closed on Monday August 3, 2025.**

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



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Facebook page:

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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.**



Pastoral Appointments – Effective September 1, 2026

The Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., announces the following pastoral appointments and changes, effective **September 1, 2026**:

Fr. Carlos Jacinto: appointed **Priest Administrator and Moderator of The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**. He will serve **St. Bernard's** (Moncton), **St. Vincent's** (Sackville), and **St. Clement's** (Port Elgin).

Fr. Frank Quinn: appointed **Assistant Priest to Fr. Carlos** in The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit. He will serve alongside Father Carlos at **St. Bernard's** (Moncton), **St. Vincent's** (Sackville), and **St. Clement's** (Port Elgin).

Fr. Damian Nwachukwu, SMMM: appointed **Chaplain to Moncton's two regional hospitals**, the **Dr. Georges L. Dumont University Hospital Centre** and **The Moncton Hospital**. He is also appointed **Assistant Priest to Fr. Angus Johnston**, Moderator of **St. Augustine's** (Moncton), **St. Lawrence O'Toole** (Irishtown), and **Our Lady of Mercy** (Pointe du Chêne).

Please join us in praying for these priests as they begin their new ministries.

Request a Mass Intention - \$15 per Mass

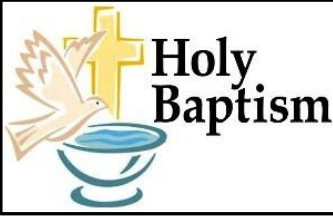
Would you like a Mass offered for a loved one, a special intention, or in thanksgiving? **Stipend: \$15 per Mass.** To request: **1. Fill blank envelope** (at pews or church entrance) with stipend, and drop it at the parish office or in the collection basket. **2. E-transfer to sbhf@rogers.com** — put the intention details in the message field. Please include the intention name, whether living or deceased, and a contact phone/email (e.g., "for the repose of the soul of...", "for healing for...", "in thanksgiving for..."). We will notify you of the Mass date. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Help with Church Bills — Thank you for supporting us

Going away this summer? Please remember our parish, regular bills continue even when attendance is lower.

You can help with a one-time gift or your regular offering by **e-transfer to sbhf@rogers.com**. Every gift helps! Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

BAPTISM



We joyfully celebrated the baptism of Ellis Wininongma Amuah, Ethan James Berganio, Charles Jayden Tabisaura and Grayson Micheal Wood on July 19, 2026, at a special service held at 1:00 PM at St. Bernard's Church. Please continue to uphold these children and their families in prayer as they grow in faith.

"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." — Galatians 3:26



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.

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.



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS: CONGRATULATIONS OZZIE & JUDY LEBLANC!

Congratulations to **Ozzie and Judy LeBlanc**, long-time parishioners of St. Vincent's! For many years they provided leadership of the music ministry.

On **July 28, 2026**, they will be celebrating their **70th wedding anniversary!** We give thanks for their many years of commitment to the parish and pray for God's continued blessings on them.

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.

St. Clement's



St. Clement's 100 Years Celebration – THANK YOU!

Our celebration was wonderful, and we thank everyone who was involved including Archbishop Guy Desroches and our priests, our wonderful volunteers, those who provided food and the parishioners who attended. I believe we all celebrated St. Clement's Parish existence in a blessed way.

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

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

Prayer
Request

*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	
Clare	Dora Valderrama	Jose Manuel Raquion	Caren Gera Muana	

St. Clement's

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

St. Vincent's

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.	Jul 27	9:30 AM	John Arsenault	Family
Tues.	Jul 28	9:30 AM	Healing of Clare	Imelda
Wed.	Jul 29	9:30 AM	Cathy Closhossey	Lorraine Montford
Thurs.	Jul 30	9:30 AM	Dr. Michael Clow	Danny, Nellie Wright & Family
Fri.	Jul 31	9:30 AM	Paul J. Gaudet & Family	Carmel Richard
Sat.	Aug 01	4:00 PM	Pio Tran	Anna Tran
Sun.	Aug 02	11:00 AM	For the People	
St. Clement's				
Sun.	Jul 26	11:00 AM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
Sun.	Aug 02	11:00 AM	Rachel Allen	William Allen
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Jul 26	9:00 AM	Irene LeClair	Bob LeClair & Family
Sun.	Aug 02	9:00 AM	Angus & Ellen Sitland	Lynn Sitland

OFFERINGS							
St. Bernard's Offerings: PADS + July 18 & 19, 2026							
PADS		Sunday Offering - \$3636.67, Youth - \$170, Bldg Fund - \$923.33, Karing Kitchen - \$75					
Reg Envs	\$2709	Loose	\$813.75	Karing Kitchen	\$54.35	Candles	\$139.65
Donation	\$70	Capital Exp	\$60				
St. Clement's Offerings: July 19, 2026							
Collection	\$642	Envs	\$650	Donation w/ Receipt	\$115		
St. Vincent's Offerings: July 1 & 19, 2026							
July 1, 2026 - PADS		Regular Envelopes	\$1595		Maintenance	\$271	
July 19, 2026	Reg Envs	\$780	Loose	\$20	Roof	\$400	Cemetery \$100
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!							



Dear Padre,

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●



BOGDAN SONJACHNYI / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, JANUARY 14,
2026**

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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

July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21