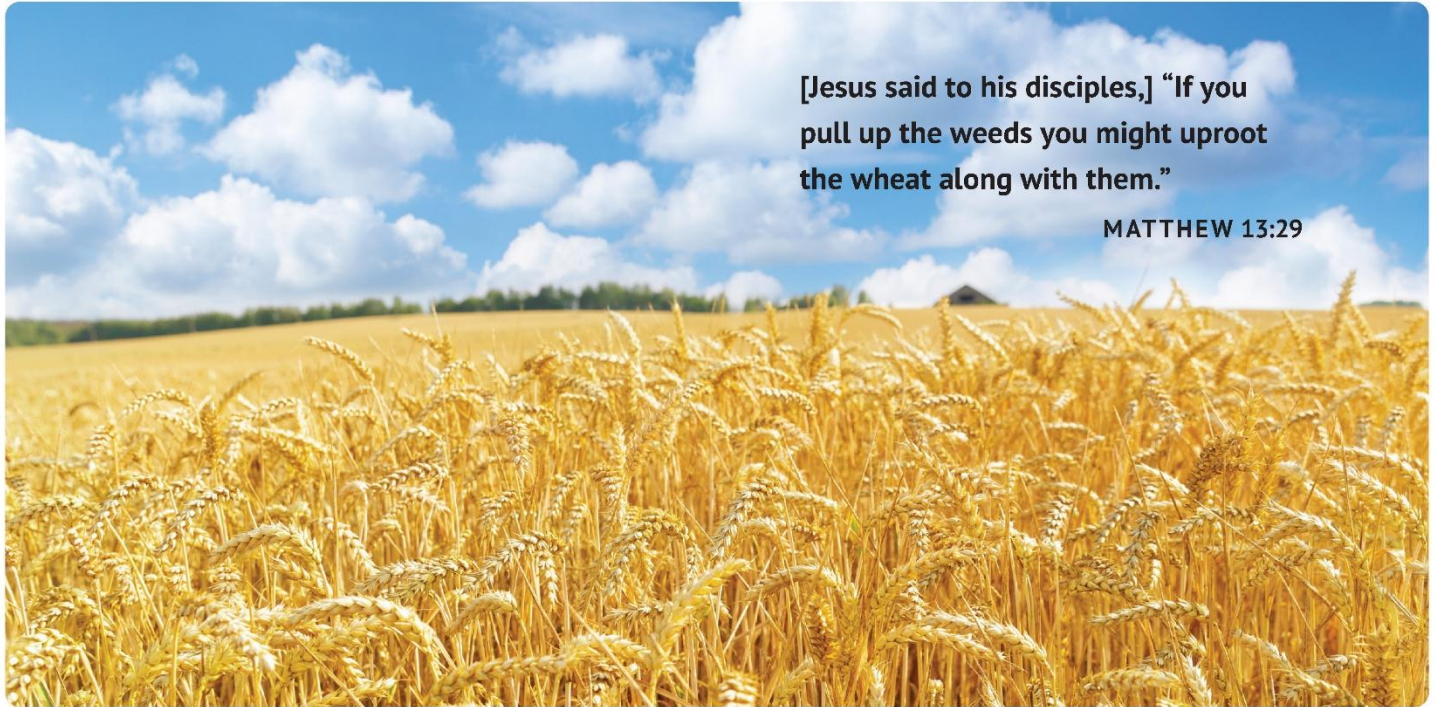




[Jesus said to his disciples,] “If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.”

MATTHEW 13:29



Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34–35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn’t force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it’s his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn’t God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

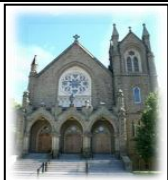
Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it’s difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God’s own time. ●

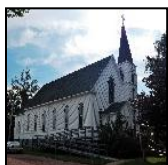


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THE AUTHORS
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Reflect

Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?

Welcome to 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



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

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference 2026



This year, the Archdiocese of Moncton was blessed to bring a delegation of 100 participants, including 35 young people from St. Bernard's Church. We are also proud to share that our archdiocese was the second-largest delegation at the conference!

A heartfelt thank you to all who generously provided financial assistance, making it possible for so many of our young people to experience this life-changing weekend. We are especially grateful to the Knights of Columbus Council 1310 and the Catholic Women's League of St. Bernard's for your generous support.



Our young people are not only the future of the Church. They are the present of the Church. We want them to know that they are loved, valued, and supported by their parish family. Thank you to everyone who invested in their faith and helped make this unforgettable weekend possible. May the Lord continue to bless our youth and ignite in them a lifelong love for Christ and His Church.

If you wish to donate for next year's conference, please reach out to our parish office. Your financial support will greatly be

appreciated by these young people.

A Note from Fr. Carlos Jacinto

This weekend reminded me why I became a priest. For the past few days, I've been surrounded by young people who are searching for Jesus. In a world that constantly competes for their attention, they chose to spend a weekend seeking the One who alone can satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart. I witnessed tears of healing, long lines for Confession, prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament, and friendships rooted in faith. These were holy encounters with the living Christ.

As a priest, it's easy to focus on the challenges of ministry. There are days when you wonder if the effort is making a difference. But this weekend reminded me that God is still calling young hearts to Himself. He is still changing lives. He is still raising up saints. These young people have inspired me far more than they will ever know. They have renewed my own desire to keep saying "yes" to the mission of bringing Christ to the next generation, even when the road is difficult. If a single young person discovers that he or she is deeply loved by Jesus, then every hour, every sacrifice, and every challenge is worth it.

Please keep praying for all who attended Steubenville Atlantic. Pray that the fire the Holy Spirit lit in their hearts will continue to burn long after the music has faded and they have returned home. The Church is alive. Christ is alive. And this weekend, I had the joy of seeing both. May the Lord keep drawing our young people to Himself. They are not only the future of the Church, they are a vibrant part of her.



Important Reminder: Food & Clothing Donations

Donations of food and clothing items - A reminder that food donations to foodbanks, kitchens and shelters **cannot be accepted** if the **expiration date has passed**, or the **package is open**. This is required for health reasons. Also **used clothing** being donated should be **clean and not in a state of disrepair**. Thank you for your concern for the needs of others.



Announcement — St. Bernard's Bursary

We are pleased to announce that **Lauren Frances Maillard** has been awarded the St. Bernard's Church **Bursary of \$1,000.00** in recognition of her dedication to parish life. Lauren will use the bursary to assist with her studies in the **Bachelor of Arts program at Crandall University**. The bursary will be presented on July 19, 2026, by our Priest Administrator, Fr. Damian Nwachukwu, SMMM. Please join us in congratulating Lauren and praying for her continued success.

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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.

PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE

"We remember in our prayers" those who have died, including **Eileen Higgins**, a former parishioner, who passed away September 15, 2025.

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!**

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

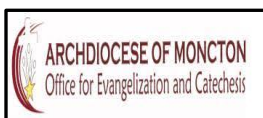
Please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church for upcoming events.

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.



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis
Trevor Droesbeck - 857- 4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca
Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

Prayer Garden Multicultural Rosary — July 29, 2026

*"The Magnetic Hill Prayer Garden Association will be celebrating a Multilingual International Praying of the Rosary for **Unity and Peace in the World**, to be held at **6 PM on July 29, 2026**, at the **Prayer Garden located at Front Mountain Road, Moncton New Brunswick**. All persons, including English and French, as well as from any other linguistic nations and cultures from around the world are invited to attend to recite the rosary in their own language and according to their own customs. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served following the celebration. For more information, call **(506) 871-3912**. Please mark on your calendars! Thank you!"*



*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..*

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Peter Quach	Stephen Fowler	Jessica Fowler	Conrad Coughlan	Charles Melanson
Brenda Lee Trites	Jack Turpin	Wayne Holt	David Legacy	
Clare	Maria Celestina Agustin	Jose Manuel Raquion	Caren Gera Muana	

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Eileen Fournier	Cullen Flood	Brian Robichaud	Margaret Schriver	Elaine Black
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:

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Mon.	Jul 20	9:30 AM	Special Intention for Kyle Smith	Alison Smith
Tues.	Jul 21	9:30 AM	Paul J. Gaudet & family	Carmel Richard
Wed.	Jul 22	9:30 AM	Late John Arsenault	Lorraine Montford
Thurs.	Jul 23	9:30 AM	Special Intentions	JoAnn McLaughlin
Fri.	Jul 24	9:30 AM	Late Art McCloskey	Joy Cormier
Sat.	Jul 25	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Jul 26	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Roger McCue	Lorraine Montford

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Sun.	Jul 19	11:00 AM	Patricia Legere	Frank and Joan Allen
Sun.	Jul 26	11:00 AM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll

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Sun.	Jul 19	9:00 AM	Valerie, Emmett, & Larry Byron	Claudia McCloskey
Sun.	Jul 26	9:00 AM	Irene LeClair	Bob LeClair & Family

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: July 12, 2026

Reg Envs		\$4342	Loose	\$1132	Indigenous Reconciliation Fund			\$40
Candles	\$143	Cap Exp	\$435	Rosary	\$20	Karing	\$25	

St. Clement's Offerings: July 12, 2026

Collection	\$95	Envs	\$445	Indigenous	\$30	Donation w/ Receipt	\$285
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St. Vincent's Offerings: July 12, 2026

Reg Envs	\$1047	Loose	\$75	Roof Project	\$1465
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●



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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



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

Monday

July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,
12-13
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Sunday

July 26
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46