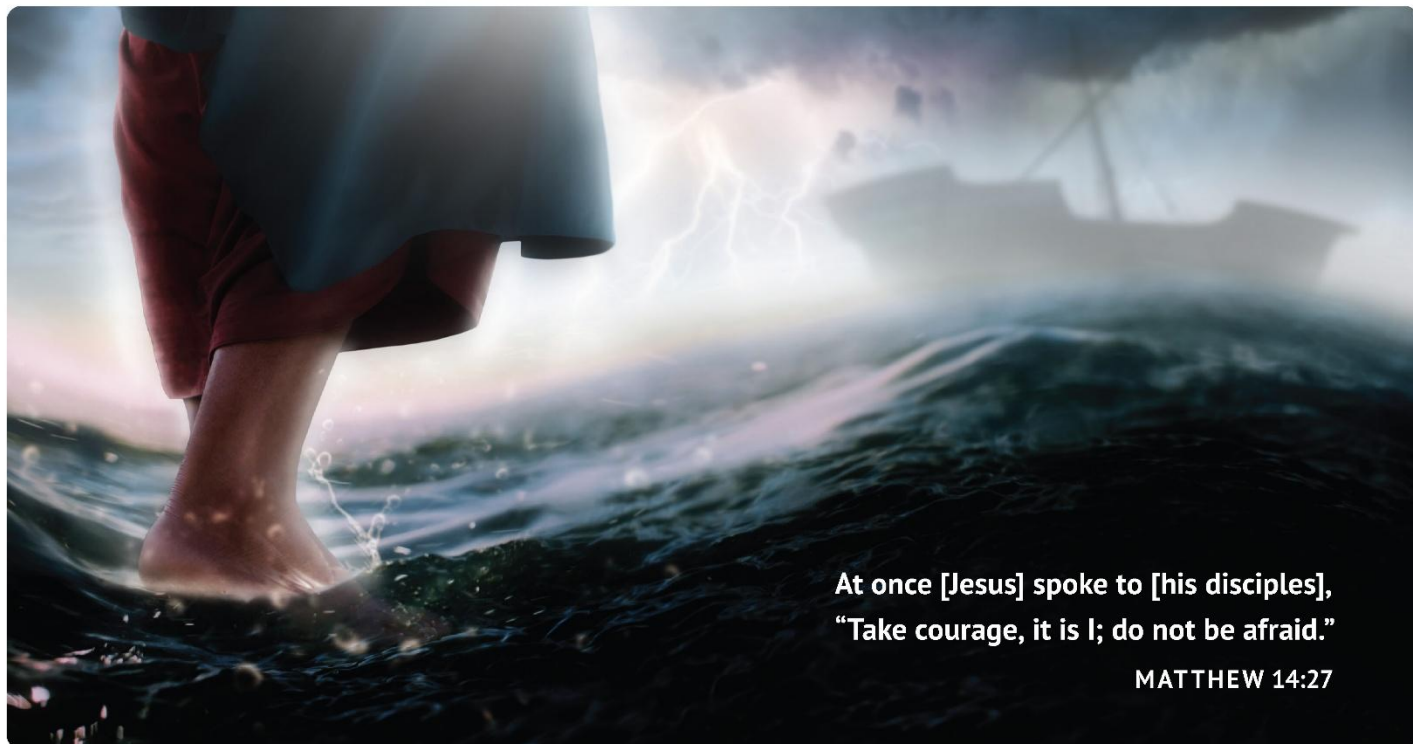




At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●

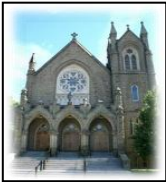


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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?

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



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Catechism Registration

IS NOW OPEN!

Help your child grow in faith,
knowledge and love of Jesus.
We look forward to walking
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"Let the little children come to me." – Matthew 19:14



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.

Introducing: Our New Rosary Apostolate!

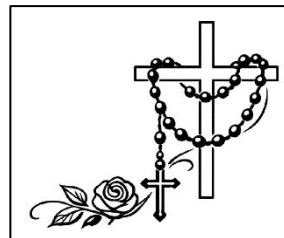
We are pleased to announce the beginning of our new parish **Rosary Apostolate**.

The four pillars of the apostolate are **Prayer, Formation, Charity, and Evangelization**.

Our apostolate has a **four-stage plan** through which this vision will gradually unfold. In these early stages, we will focus on good stewardship as we build a strong foundation and move, little by little, toward our wider mission. For more information about the activities planned for each stage, please see the infographic posted on the bulletin boards downstairs and at the back of the church.

We are currently in **Stage One**, which focuses on:

- Making custom rosaries
- Repairing broken or damaged rosaries
- Developing clear processes for the apostolate
- Preparing materials to help people learn to pray the Rosary and various chaplets



If you have a rosary in need of repair that is special to you, please contact the parish office for information about arranging an appointment with a rosary artisan. The artisan can examine the rosary, discuss possible repairs, and provide further details.

We also welcome donations of broken or unused rosaries. Donated rosaries will be restored whenever possible and given to others in the future.

This first stage will help prepare the apostolate to grow gradually toward its wider mission.

Small acts of love, one rosary at a time.



SCAN TO REQUEST
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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.

Interac e-Transfer Now Accepted!

Now Available



Send donations to: sbhf@rogers.com

Please include in the message field your full name and envelope number (for tax receipt purposes) and specify what the donation is for:

*Sunday Offering

***Special Collection** — please specify. *(Please see on later pages for the list of St. Bernard's Special Collection)*

***Mass Intention** — indicate name and "Requested by"

***Other** — please specify *(e.g. Karing Kitchen, Syrian, Baptism, Catechesis, etc.)*

*Candles

Also **email a screenshot/photo of your completed e-Transfer to sbhf@rogers.com** showing the transaction and message details so we can properly record your offering under your name for tax receipts.

Thank you for your support!

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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!** **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.

JOIN US FOR MASS AT THE DREW

Monday, August 10 at 3:00 PM. Fr. Damian 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! Fund-Raising Drive began on July 5th. 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 Allan White, uncle of Claire Hachey; **Late Clare Gaudet**, daughter of Imelda Gaudet;
Late Grace Morales; **Late Martha Cecilia Abril**



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

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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:

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Mon.	Aug 10	9:30 AM	Late Clare Gaudet	Imelda Gaudet
Tues.	Aug 11	9:30 AM	Irene Devison	Stella & Family
Wed.	Aug 12	9:30 AM	Late Clare Gaudet	Family
Thurs.	Aug 13	9:30 AM	Special Intentions	JoAnn McLaughlin
Fri.	Aug 14	9:30 AM	Late Jeanette Belliveau	Nancy Gallie & Family
Sat.	Aug 15	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Aug 16	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Al Clohossey	Lorraine Montford

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Sun.	Aug 09	11:00 AM	Garry Johnson	Patsy Murphy
Sun.	Aug 16	11:00 AM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll

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Sun.	Aug 09	9:00 AM	Late Jeanne Melanson	Thelma & Jigger
Sun.	Aug 16	9:00 AM	Vince Reinsborough	Conrad Coughlin

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: PADS + August 1 & 2, 2026

PADS	Sunday Offering - \$2580, Youth - \$30, Bldg Fund - \$1225, Karing Kitchen - 20, Syrian Relief - \$40						
Reg Envs	\$3717	Loose	\$866.60	Karing Kitchen	\$150	Candles	\$182.10
Rosary	\$160	Syrian Family	\$50	Men's Retreat	\$1200	Capital Exp.	\$791

St. Clement's Offerings: August 2, 2026

Collection	\$51	Envelopes	\$745	Donation w/ Receipt	\$210
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St. Vincent's Offerings: August 2, 2026 (to be reported next week)

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●



MARIANA C. / CATHOPIC

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



ANDREY POPOV / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63 or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
Mt 15:21–28