



Who Do You Say That I Am?

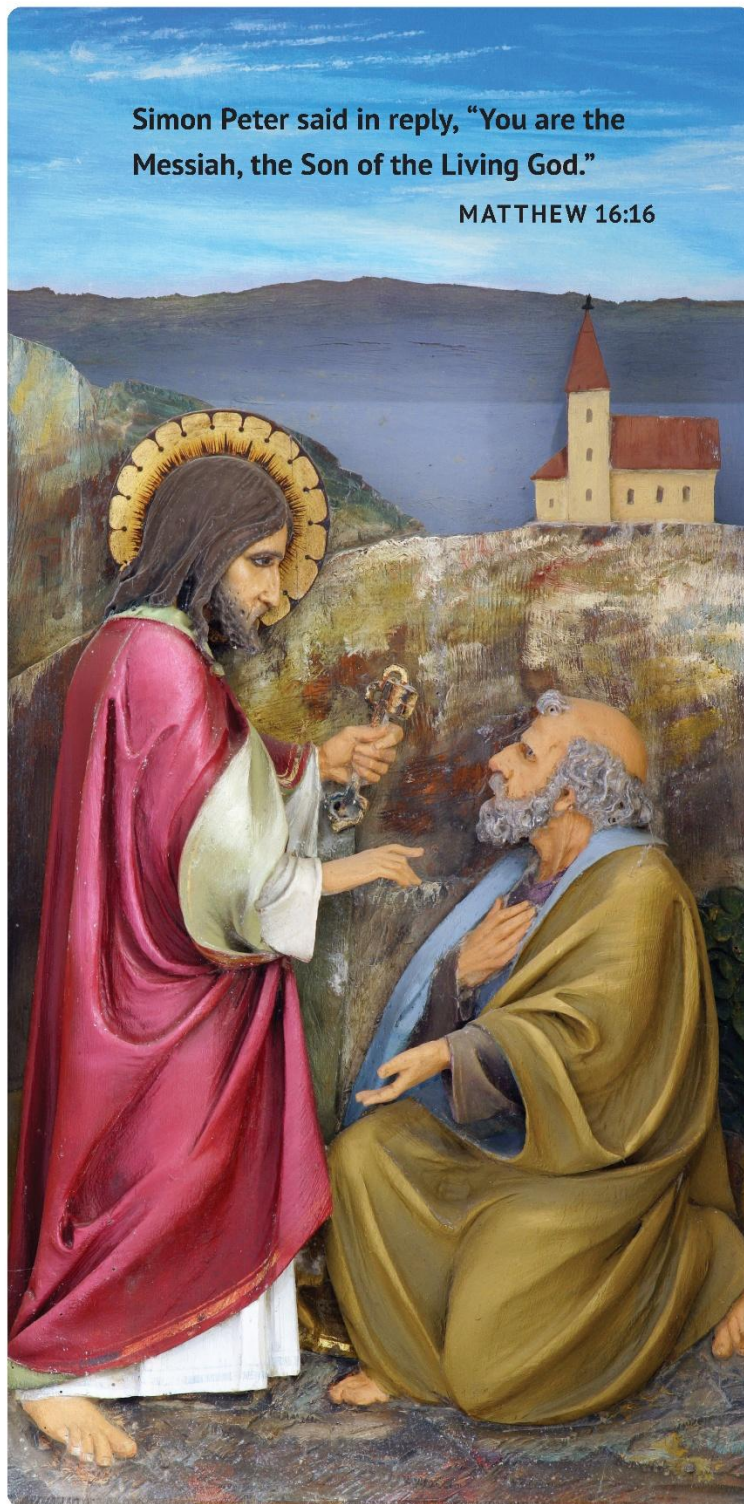
FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●



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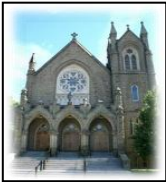
Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the
Messiah, the Son of the Living God.”

MATTHEW 16:16

Reflect

How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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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. 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.

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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
Baptism Preparation Course	2 nd Sundays of the month
Baptism	3 rd Sundays of the month



CATECHISM REGISTRATION — NOW OPEN

Help your child grow in faith, knowledge and love of Jesus. Sessions begin the week of **September 20, 2026**.

*Deadline to register: **September 11, 2026**

*Registration form and details: gsmoncton.ca → **Faith Formation** → **Children Catechesis**

*Payment by e-transfer: sbhf@rogers.com (include your name & catechism fee in the message)

We look forward to walking this faith journey with your family.

JOIN US: MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (SEPT. 1, 7:00 PM)

You are invited to the **Mass of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 7:00 PM at St. Bernard's.**



The Mass of the Holy Spirit is a **Eucharistic celebration in which we implore the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, and renew our parish community**. As we begin a new pastoral year, we gather to seek God's wisdom and grace for all that lies ahead.

This Mass is especially meaningful as **Fr. Carlos Jacinto and Fr. Frank Quinn** begin their ministry with The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit. Let us come together to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to bless our shared mission.

Everyone is encouraged to wear red or white, the traditional colours of the Holy Spirit, as a visible sign of our unity and joy. All are welcome!



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.

BAPTISM



We joyfully celebrated the baptism of **Olivia Francesca Yvonne Balon, Reon Isaiah Rodas Cabello, Edric Allen Decano, Ciaran Edgar Lionel LeBlanc, Rosalyne Helen Elizabeth LeBlanc, Gavin Isaiah Per Carlon, Mikayla Amelie Soriano, and Zev Kyler Soriano** on **August 16, 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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST – SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a delicious **Pancake Breakfast** on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, 84 Broadway Street, Moncton**, from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Enjoy pancakes, sausage, pan fries, tea, coffee, and juice for only **\$10/adult, \$5/child (ages 6–12)**, and **free for children 5 and under**.

This breakfast is a collective effort between the **Knights of Columbus and St. Bernard's Parish**, with all **proceeds supporting St. Bernard's Youth** as our parish continues to grow.

A **50/50 draw** will also be available!

The Knights' breakfasts are always a favourite, welcoming over 300 guests, so bring your family and friends and join us for great food, fellowship, and support for our youth.

We look forward to seeing you there!

MEN'S RETREAT – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

Join us for a morning of faith, fellowship, and personal growth at our **Men's Retreat on Saturday, October 10**, from **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Hosted by the **Knights of Columbus Council 1310**, this special event is an opportunity to connect with fellow men, deepen your faith, and learn about the Knight of Columbus organization.

Featured Speakers:

***Fr. Ken LeBlanc** speaking about *"Being a Catholic Man in the Modern World"*

***Scott Wright** speaking about *"Men's Health: Caring for the Mind, Body, and Spirit"*

No matter where you are on your faith journey, you are invited to attend. Whether you are actively involved in parish life, rediscovering your faith, or simply seeking fellowship and encouragement, this retreat is for you. ***Come and spend the morning with other men growing in friendship, faith, and purpose.*** We encourage you to invite a friend and join us for this enriching morning.

Date: Saturday, October 10

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Knights of Columbus Council 1310, Moncton - 84 Broadway Street Moncton

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information or to register, please feel free to catch us in person after mass or via email

Scott Wright – skscottwright@gmail.com

Scott Miller – sdmille1975@yahoo.ca

Joe D'Ettore – atvnonno@gmail.com

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17)

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WARM WISHES FOR FATHER DAMIAN

Sunday, August 30, 2026, will be Father Damian's last Sunday with our parish. We will miss him dearly and wish him every blessing and success in his new assignment. Please join us for **a reception downstairs after the 11:00 AM Mass** to thank Father Damian and share memories. All are warmly invited.



Condolences from the parishioners are sent to Guy Fournier and family in the loss of his wife **Eileen**.

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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.

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! To date we have raised **\$4750!** The cost of a new metal roof will be **\$65,759.14**. ***We appreciate any and all donations ... large or small! Thank you for your generosity!***

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS TO ST. VINCENT'S!

As September approaches and new individuals and families are moving to our region, we would like to say **WELCOME!** We encourage you to introduce yourself to the greeters at the front door and complete a parish registration form (yellow) which is available there. If you would like to offer your gifts:

- * To volunteer as a **lector**, contact **Lynn Sitland** at lsitland@live.com.
- * To join the **choir**, contact **Karen Olscamp** at kolscamp@live.com.
- * For other **ministries or enquiries**, contact **Lorraine** at stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

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.

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. New families: please fill out registration form in the church vestibule.

September 13th at 10am for families with children in Grades 1, 2 and 3

September 20th at 10am for families with children in Grades 4+



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

Late Rudy Singh, uncle of Michelle (Tim) Perry
Late Gerald "Gerry" Power, father of Susan MacDonald
Late Melda Rossiter, mother of Pat, Tim, Marianne, and Kelly
Late Euclide Doucet, father of Gloria Duncan



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

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Peter Quach	Jeannette O' Brien	Jeanne Wood	Robert Flonedo	Charles Melanson	Fr. Peter Stephen
Brenda Lee Trites	André	Bartholomew Tran	Wayne Holt	David Legacy	Alejandro Campos

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

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

And those who have died John Blakely and Margaret Milton

Mass times / Intentions:

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Mon.	Aug 24	9:30 AM	Late Heather Beleski	Roger Bastarache
Tues.	Aug 25	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Gregory Murphy	Cathie Murphy
Wed.	Aug 26	9:30 AM	Late Heather Beleski	Wally, Cam & Kenneth MacNeil
Thurs.	Aug 27	9:30 AM	Paul J. Gaudet & Family	Carmel
Fri.	Aug 28	9:30 AM	Late Vernon Gaudette	Bonnie Ryan
Sat.	Aug 29	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Aug 30	11:00 AM	Late Maura Dalton	Earl & Wanda Garland

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Sun.	Aug 23	11:00 AM	Heather Murphy	Terry and Ann Murphy
Sun.	Aug 30	11:00 AM	Special Intentions	Bill Allen

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Sun.	Aug 23	9:00 AM	Joanne Manore	Lynn Sitland
Sun.	Aug 30	9:00 AM	Leonard Landry	Roberta Brine

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: August 15 (PAD's) + August 15 & 16, 2026

Aug 15 – PAD's:	\$4620 = \$3476.67 (Sun Offering) + \$170 (Youth) + \$893.33 (Bldg) + \$75 (Karing Kitchen) + \$5 (Syrian)						
Reg Envs	\$4758	Loose	\$998.95	Living Faith	\$49	Candles	\$130.50
Youth	\$540	Karing Kitchen	\$20	Syrian Fund	\$10	Capital Exp.	\$130

St. Clement's Offerings: August 16, 2026

Collection	\$45	Envs	\$475	Donation w/ Receipt	\$325	Painting Fundraiser	\$275	Candles	\$117.10
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St. Vincent's Offerings: August 1, 12 & 16, 2026

Aug 1 :	PAD's = Reg Envs - \$1701; Maintenance - \$165				Aug 12 :	HST Rebate = \$1294.96; Burial = \$150; Funeral = \$250			
Aug 16:	Reg Envs	\$1195	Loose	\$95	Maintenance	\$20	Roof Replacement	\$675	

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●



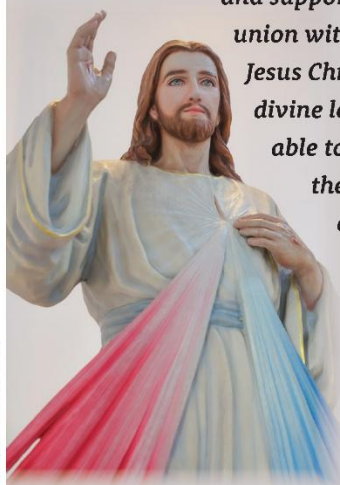
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.

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



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

Monday

August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday

August 25
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17
Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 26
Weekday
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18
Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1–9
Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the
Church
1 Cor 1:17–25
Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

August 29
The Passion of St.
John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mk 6:17–29

Sunday

August 30
Twenty-second
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Jer 20:7–9
Rom 12:1–2
Mt 16:21–27