



I Just Told You!

MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

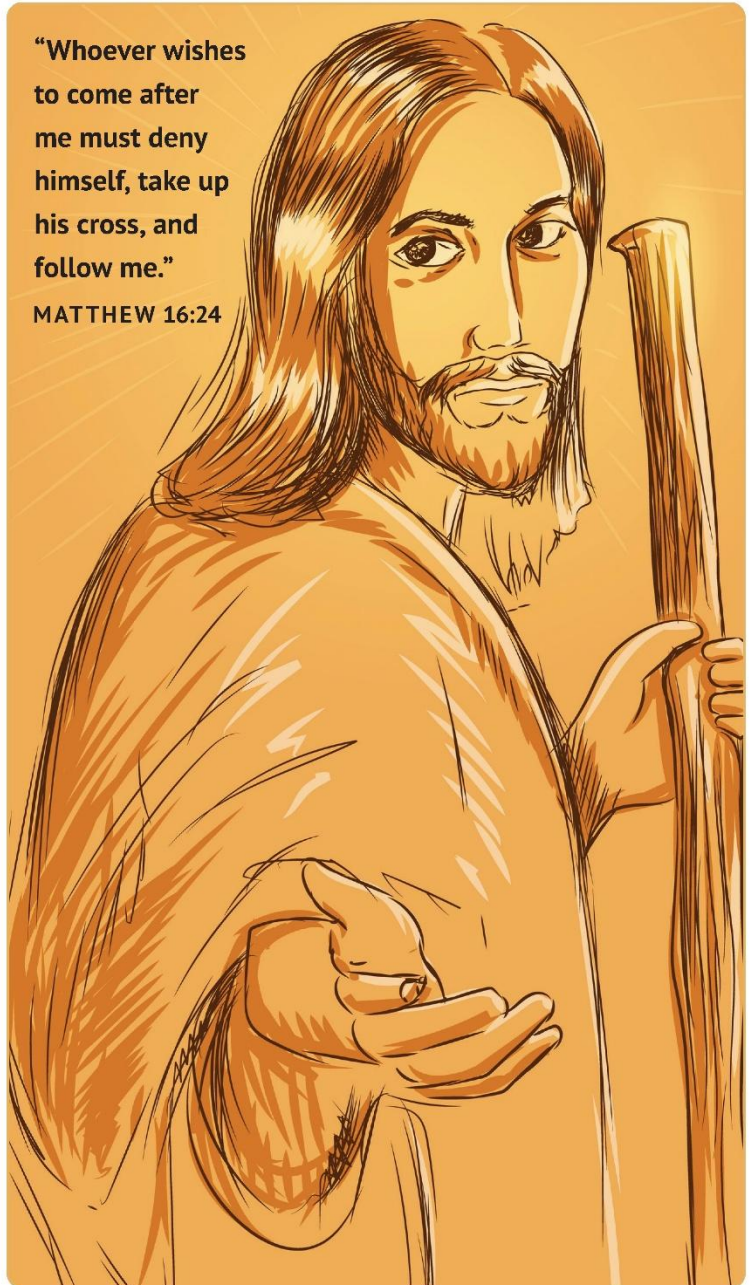
How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

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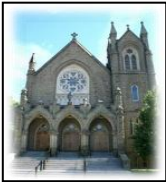
MATTHEW 16:24



Reflect

What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus’ cross and offer it as prayer?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9

Phone: (506) 857- 0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com

Office hours for next week: Mon - Fri : 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4PM.

Tuesday, Sept 1 - No 9:30 AM Mass, join Mass of the Holy Spirit at 7:00 PM.

Office Closed on Monday Sept. 7. Happy Labour Day to all!



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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
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 — Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 7:00 PM



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

This Eucharistic celebration asks the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, and renew our parish as we begin the new pastoral year. It is especially meaningful as **Fr. Carlos Jacinto** and **Fr. Frank Quinn** begin their ministry with the Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit. Let us pray for God's wisdom and grace for our shared mission.

Please note there will be no 9:30 AM Mass on the morning of Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

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.

ST. BERNARD'S — BAPTISM & BAPTISM PREPARATION



Welcoming a new child? Baptism is the first step in introducing them to God and our Christian community. Our archdiocese requires parents to attend a baptism preparation course before Baptism. **Baptism Preparation Course**

When: Sunday, September 13 — 1:00 PM

Where: St. Bernard's

Registration required

Contact **Genevieve Alo** to register: sbhf@rogers.com / 506-857-0425.



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.



Blessings to Fr. Damian

St. Bernard’s parishioners warmly wish Fr. Damian every blessing as he begins new assignment on September 1, 2026. Thank you for your faithful service.



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.

Registration deadline: October 4

Payment: Please send by e-transfer to atvnonno@gmail.com

E-transfer comments: Men's Retreat

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)



First Friday Devotion on September 4, 2025, at St. Bernard's Church

8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 AM – Benediction - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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BAKERS WANTED FOR KEEPSAKE CRAFTS FUNDRAISER

We are looking for people to bake for our fundraiser at Keepsake Crafts on Saturday, 5th September. Please call **Pam** if you can help **506 3821835**

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

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 **\$5870!** 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.

BEST WISHES TO FR. DAMIAN

The parishioners of St. Vincent's send best wishes to Fr. Damian as he begins his new assignments on September 1, 2026. We are grateful for his dedicated service to St. Vincent's during the past two years!

SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

Age Friendly Tantramar will host a **Spotlight on Seniors** event on October 1, 2026, 1:00-3:00 pm at Church on the Lake, 14 Church St., Sackville, NB, as well as upcoming focus groups and town halls. There's also an **Age Friendly Tantramar Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587877570570> to follow for more information. Tantramar residents are also invited to complete a survey which will enable us to identify what's working and where improvements can be made. You can access the survey on the Facebook page or by emailing agefriendlytantramar@gmail.com. Paper copies can be picked up at the Sackville and Dorchester libraries. Please spread the word; we'd like as many responses as possible. ***What matters to you?***

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 and Dorchester Food Banks 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 Donna Robichaud, wife of Donald Robichaud



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

St. Bernard's

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		

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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.	Aug 31	9:30 AM	Soul of Herman Vringer	Martha, David, Dennis & family
Tues.	Sep 01	7:00 PM	Soul of Elma Evangelista	Gina Evangelista
Wed.	Sep 02	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving - Florence Chikwe's Birthday	Family
Thurs.	Sep 03	9:30 AM	Soul of Mick Coughran	Family
Fri.	Sep 04	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving - Fr. Carlos Jacinto's Birthday	Genevieve & Vin Lozano
Sat.	Sep 05	4:00 PM	Thanksgiving - Genevieve Alo's Birthday	Vin Lozano
Sun.	Sep 06	11:00 AM	For the People	

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Sun.	Aug 30	11:00 AM	Special Intentions	Bill Allen
Sun.	Sep 06	11:00 AM	Brine Family	Roberta Brine

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Sun.	Aug 30	9:00 AM	Leonard Landry	Roberta Brine
Sun.	Sep 06	9:00 AM	Jean Robertson	Lynn Sitland

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: August 22 & 23, 2026

Reg Envs	\$2816	Loose	\$1117.10	Candles	\$152	ReConnect	\$15
		Karing Kitchen	\$9	Living Faith	\$11	Capital Exp.	\$130

St. Clement's Offerings: August 23, 2026

Collection	\$45	Envs	\$375	Donation w/ Receipt	\$95
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St. Vincent's Offerings: August 23, 2026

Reg envs	\$1025	Loose	\$445.25	Maintenance	\$100	Roof Proj.	\$1120	Funeral	\$250
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



Happy Birthday, Fr. Carlos Jacinto — September 4, 2026
Happy Birthday, Fr. Carlos! Praying for grace, wisdom, and joy in your new role.

Dear Padre,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God’s revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●



MIND AND / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World



War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one’s own dominion.

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 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

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1–5

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b–16

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1–9

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor of

the Church

1 Cor 3:18–23

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1–5

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b–15

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 6

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7–9

Rom 13:8–10

Mt 18:15–20