



Next Up!

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day's pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. “You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?” But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your “pay”? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God's grace. It's not a competition; it's our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God's generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!

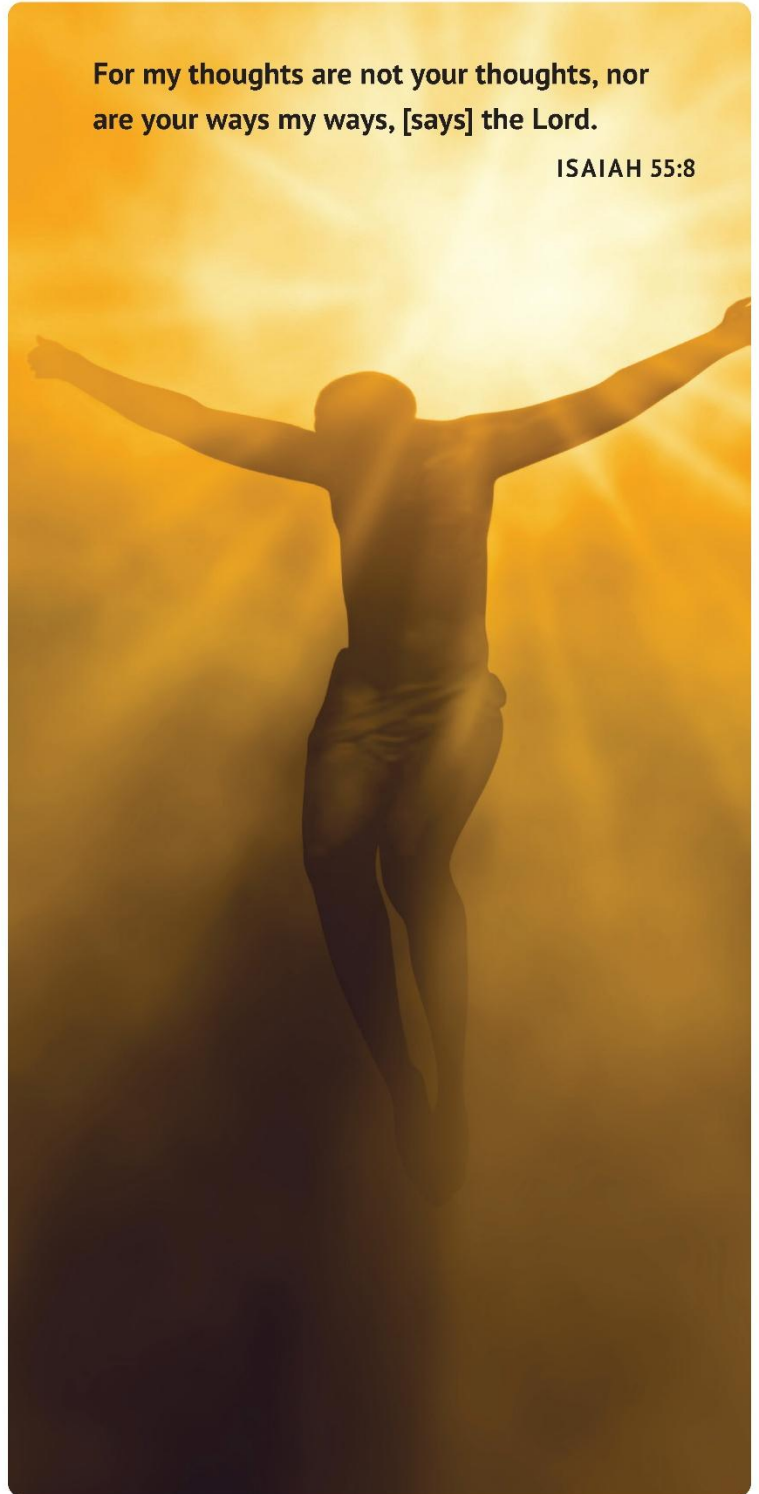


LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

If you don't like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: “I long to depart this life and be with Christ” (Philippians 1:23). As he says, “To me life is Christ, and death is gain” (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the “fruitful labor” of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don't be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church. ●

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor
are your ways my ways, [says] the Lord.

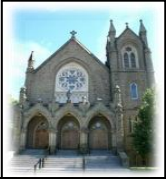
ISAIAH 55:8



Reflect

Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9
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St. Clement's, 14 Church St., Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9
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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Website:

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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

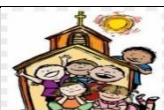
Prior to Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM.

Saturdays: 10:00 AM; First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM.

St. Bernard's

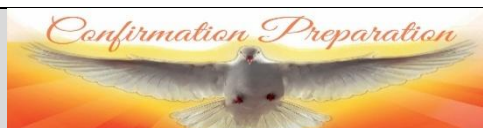
Mark Your Calendar

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
Baptism	3 rd Sundays of the month



Children's Faith Formation Sessions

Session	Sunday: Year 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM Year 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM	Tuesday: Years 1-2-3 @ 6 PM	Wednesday: Years 4-5-6 @ 6 PM
#1	September 20, 2026	September 22, 2026	September 23, 2026
#2	October 4, 2026	October 6, 2026	October 7, 2026
#3	October 18, 2026	October 21, 2026	October 22, 2026
#4	November 1, 2026	November 3, 2026	November 4, 2026
#5	November 15, 2026	November 17, 2026	November 18, 2026
#6	November 29, 2026	December 1, 2026	December 2, 2026
#7	December 13, 2026	December 15, 2026	December 16, 2026



Session	Monday	Time
Candidate and Parent meeting	September 21, 2026	6 PM-7PM

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. Kenneth LeBlanc, L.C.** 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)



*There is a promise of marriage between:
Brandon Scott MacNeil & Rebecca Brynn Laffoley
September 26, 2026 @ 2:00 PM at St. Bernard's*



*There is a promise of marriage between:
Patrick Andrew Green & Tiffany Robin Groves
October 10, 2026 @ 1:00 PM at St. Bernard's*



*Happy Golden Anniversary, Teresa & Tadeusz Rachwal!
Wishing you peace, joy and continued blessings.*



Rosary Apostolate
— A Grateful Update —



Rosary Apostolate: A Grateful Update

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped our Rosary Apostolate in so many ways, including through the generous donation of rosaries.

More than 15 parishioners who wanted a rosary have already received one. In addition, 19 donated rosaries were collected, repaired, and given to prison chaplains to share with those they serve in prison!

We were told that they do not receive enough donations of this kind, so, God willing, we hope to send more in the future! This has been an unexpected gift. In Stage One of our four-stage plan, we never imagined that charitable giving would already be possible. Our Lord and Our Lady seem to have had other plans!

Booklets explaining how to pray the Rosary are also being sent to the prison chaplains this coming week. Copies will also be available at the back of the church and in the parish office.

And, in case you missed it last week, the first monthly Mass for the **Friends of the Rosary Apostolate** was offered on Friday.

Who are the Friends of the Rosary Apostolate? **Anyone who has supported the Apostolate in any way** — by praying for us, donating, volunteering, encouraging the work, or helping connect us with people who may need what the Apostolate can offer, or who may be able to help us.

We are very grateful for every prayer, every gift, and every helping hand. Please continue to keep the Rosary Apostolate and its mission in your prayers.



JOIN US: ROSARY AT ST. BERNARD'S (WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 PM)

We are a small group who gather to pray the **Rosary outside St. Bernard's Church every Wednesday evening**, starting at **6:00 with the Angelus**. **Our Lady of Fatima** repeatedly urged the children to recite the Rosary daily to obtain world peace, and she continues to bring us this message to this day. We hope you can join us in response to our Blessed Mother's request.

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, **November 8, 2026, at 1:00 PM**

Where: St. Bernard's

Registration required

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



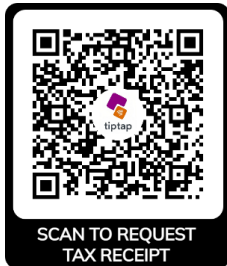
The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit is on Facebook!

Like and follow our Facebook Page for updates and faith-sharing. There are three ways to locate our Facebook Page: In the Facebook search bar, type Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit of the Archdiocese of Moncton; or in your Google or Safari search bar, type facebook.com/gsmoncton; or simply scan this QR Code.



Holy Communion for the homebound

If you are aware of someone who is homebound or in a special care home who would like to receive Holy Communion, please have them contact the parish office @ 506-857-0425.



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.

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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**



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.

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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 **\$8105!** 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!**

VOLUNTEER FOR MINISTRY ROLES — SIGN UP TODAY

HELP! – If you would like to offer your gifts as a lector, please notify Lynn Sitland (lsitland@live.com); as a member of our choir, please notify Karen Olscamp (kolscamp@live.com); or any other areas, please notify Lorraine (stvince@nbnet.nb.ca).

HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS

We are once again collecting household goods for a **Filipino nurse** who has been working at the **Drew Nursing Home** in Sackville for the last two years. Her husband and two children are finally able to join her in Canada (!) and will be arriving within the next couple of months. She will need **bed frames and mattresses/boxsprings, dressers, table and chairs, sofa and chairs, small appliances**, etc. Please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

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

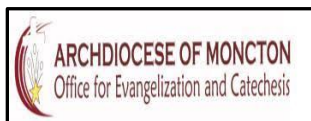
Thank you to all who have donated to the Sackville and Dorchester Food Banks in the past year. If you are able, please donate to those in need. Suggestions include **non-perishable items** such as **canned fruit/vegetables/meat, boxes of cereal, children's lunch items, pasta and sauces, dish detergent, 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 - The Faith Formation schedule for the upcoming weeks are as follows (location is St. Vincent's hall):

Sept 20 th , Oct 4 th , Oct 25 th at 10am	Primary group session (gr. 1-3)
Sept 27 th , Oct 18 th , Nov 1 st at 10am	Elementary group session (grades 4+)

Preparations for the sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation: winter-spring 2027.

For questions and inquiries, please contact Cathy Crinnion at ccrinnion@yahoo.ca



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Trevor Droesbeck - 857- 4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca

Karen LeBlanc – 387- 4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

COFFEE FOR CAREGIVERS is an opportunity for fellowship with others providing care for an adult spouse, family, or friend with needs. Please join us as we gather on the following dates: Sept 17th, Oct 1st, Oct 15th and Oct 29th at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm. Contact Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271 or Karen at 506-387-4198. Everyone is welcome.

LIVING FOR GREATNESS: Youth from grades 6 to 12 are invited to a NET retreat at St Augustine's Church on October 1st from 5PM until 9 PM. The NET team's theme will be Living for Greatness. Supper is provided. Please RSVP to charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com to save a spot.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next Monday @ The Movies will be on Monday Oct. 5th, when we will talk about the movie "Sinners" (2025 Version). Monday @ the Movies aims to use popular films to generate conversations around faith. Please contact Karen for more information. We gather regularly via Zoom.

SENIORS CONNECT Our next Seniors Connect will be held on **Thursday, Oct 15th, 10:30 am at Holy Family Parish** (52 Falkland Street). Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca. We will be joined by Ellen Jeffries a Community Development officer for Recreation of Youth and Seniors in the city of Moncton. **Ellen will highlight free and low-cost recreation opportunities for older adults in Moncton.**

TENDING THE SOIL, TENDING THE SOWER This year's annual catechist formation is scheduled for **Saturday, October 24th**, when we will be joined by Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R. who will facilitate this year's session. Please watch your bulletin announcements for more detailed information.

LAUNCH OF THE PASTORAL YEAR: Bishop Guy Desrochers invites you to attend our upcoming launch event in large numbers. Mr. Pierre-Alain Giffard, author of the book "Revive and Thrive," will be our guest speaker. This invitation is sent out to all priests, deacons and volunteers that give of their time in the pastoral mission of the Church in the Archdiocese. Come join us on Thursday October 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dan Bohan Family Centre, 5 Fatima Drive, Riverview. Registration is required; please contact Karen LeBlanc by phone at 506-387-4198, or by email at youth@diocesemoncton.ca by Friday September 25.

ROSARY CELEBRATION FOR UNITY IN FAMILIES

Come, Let Us Pray Together! Join us in prayer as we pray for FAMILY UNITY AND CLOSENESS, and all our personal and family needs and intentions. Let us come together in faith, placing our intentions before the Lord and seeking the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, | 6:00pm –7:00 pm at the Magnetic Hill Prayer Garden - Front Mountain Road, next to Papal Site. Everyone is warmly welcome! Info.: (506) 871-3912. Refreshments will be served following the celebration. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

IS CANADA ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE?

This fall, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (DPCC) encourages you to take part in its ***Is Canada on Track for Justice*** campaign to call on the Government of Canada to increase funding for official development assistance at a time when the world is facing multiple crises and aid for impoverished countries is becoming increasingly scarce. Together, let's make international solidarity a priority through three simple actions: Become a member of DPCC; Meet your MP, and Organize an awareness-raising event in your community. To learn more, visit devp.org/campaign. Also, don't miss the **national launch webinar** to promote this campaign Join us on **Saturday, September 26, at 1:30 p.m.** ET to discuss the impact of cuts to official development assistance and how to take action here in Canada:

- o **Bishop Martin Laliberté**, member of the DPCC National Council;
- o **Wesley Chibamba**, Advocacy Officer at Caritas Africa;
- o **Dean Dettloff**, Advocacy and Research Officer at DPCC;
- o **Lea Mannari**, Youth Programming Officer at DPCC.

To learn more and register, visit devp.org/events.

LIFE CHAIN 2026

Will take place **Sunday, Oct. 4th from 2:30pm to 3:30 pm** (Champlain and Paul St. Dieppe). We will stand in silent prayer for the protection of our precious unborn babies and for their families. Info.: **Karl Frigault 506 229 0740.**

2026 HARVEST BANQUET

Date & Location: Friday, **October 2, 2026, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm** at **Shediac Multipurpose Centre** (58 Festival St.)
Highlights: 4-course meal by 4 local chefs, live shows by 8 artists, silent auction, and 50/50 draw
Tickets & Contact: **\$65** each or **\$500** for a table of 8 — Call 506-531-0252



*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...*

St. Bernard's

Peter Quach	Robert Flonedo	Charles Melanson	Fr. Peter Stephen	André
Brenda Lee Trites	Bartholomew Tran	Wayne Holt	David Legacy	Gordie Gallie

St. Clement's

Barbara Sadai	Beverley McWilliams	Cullen Flood	Brian Robichaud	Margaret Schriver	
Doug Purdy	Yannick Hardwood	Sharon Wall	Dwight Alder	Suzanne Leblanc	Ken Elliott

St. Vincent's

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.	Sep 21	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Richard Christie	Phyllis Christie
Tues.	Sep 22	9:30 AM	Paul J. Gaudet & Family	Carmel
Wed.	Sep 23	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Eiko Villarias-Hernaez	Genevieve Alo
Thurs.	Sep 24	9:30 AM	Late Donna Robichaud	Donald Robichaud & Family
Fri.	Sep 25	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Eleanor Jaleco Rosali	Paz Rosali Hart
Sat.	Sep 26	4:00 PM (English) 7:00 PM (Filipino)	Late Gerald Ramsay Late Primavera Saldares	Family
Sun.	Sep 27	11:00 AM	Late Kevin Coyle	Michael, Abby Coyle & Family

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Sun.	Sep 20	11:00 AM	Heather Murphy	Terry and Ann Murphy
Sun.	Sep 27	11:00 AM	Pat Legere	Gerry Legere

St. Vincent's

Sun.	Sep 20	9:00 AM	Vasyl Hladky	Natalya Ilchkes
Sun.	Sep 27	9:00 AM	Marilyn Downs, Gerard & Victor Landry	Edgar & Rosie

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: Sep. 12 & 13, 2026 + PADs - Sep 15

PADs - Sep 15:	Sunday Offering - \$3496.67, Youth - \$170, Bldg - \$913.33, Karing Kitchen - \$75, Syrian Fund - \$5								
Reg Envs	\$4711	Loose	\$1109.25	Karing Kitchen	\$205	Religious Educ.	\$280		
Living Faith	\$19.50	Rosary	\$50	Syrian	\$250	Capital Exp	\$530	Candles	\$162
Canadian Church	\$30	Papal Charities	\$100	Pancake Breakfast	\$1267	State Donation	\$5000		

St. Clement's Offerings: September 13, 2026

Collection	\$25	Envelopes	\$200	Donation w/ Receipt	\$65
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St. Vincent's Offerings: PADs - Sep. 10 + Sep. 13, 2026

PADS - Sep 10:	\$1866 PAD's (Reg Envs = \$1611; Maintenance = \$255)								
Sep 13:	Reg Envs	\$1088.25	Loose	\$90.25	Maintenance	\$80	Initial Offering	\$10	
Papal Charities	\$5	HR-SV Cemetery	\$5	Roof Replacement	\$90	Funeral	\$250		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



Dear parishioners,

Our archdiocese's annual collection will take place on the weekend of November 7 and 8, 2026. Once again, this year, our campaign is being organized in all parishes under the inspiring slogan: **“REBUILD... TOGETHER.”**

Your contribution is essential to guiding the archdiocese's financial recovery we need. Since the near-bankruptcy situation in 2024, the archdiocese has been rebuilding its financial foundations step by step while continuing to actively support our parishes. Significant progress has been made, but much more needs to be done to stabilize our situation for the long term.

In recent years, the archdiocese has supported many communities (and perhaps yours) through land transfers or sales for community projects, as well as through direct financial assistance for major renovations or the purchase of essential equipment, such as heating systems. We need your generosity to continue supporting parishes in this way on a daily basis.

In addition to this structural support, the archdiocese works every day to provide a wide range of essential services:

- Faith formation: Catechesis, liturgy, youth ministry, summer camps, the catechumenate, and the diaconate program.
- Ministry to the most vulnerable: Pastoral care, hospital chaplaincy, and initiatives promoting solidarity and fraternity.
- Administrative support: Property and insurance management, tribunal and chancery services, and direct support for priests.

Let us not forget that our Church is present at every important stage of your life,

whether it is celebrating baptisms, confirmations, and weddings, or accompanying you during visits to the sick and at funerals. To carry out our Church's mission, a small, dedicated team of employees works every day. It is thanks to them that these valuable services can exist and be sustained.

To build on the archdiocese's achievements and ensure the long-term viability of our mission, financial resources are essential. We appeal to your generosity—each according to their means—to preserve this spiritual and communal heritage.

We also invite you to become ambassadors and share this information with those around you, especially with your business partners or people who have drifted away from our churches.

Together, let's breathe new life into our Church and give it a future. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your valuable and generous contribution to the 2026 diocesan collection.



Mgr Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton



Ronald Drisdelle BSS, MBA
Director of Finances
Archdiocese de Moncton

Dear Padre,

Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●



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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

FADHIL ABHIMANTRA / UNSPLASH



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

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Monday

September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1–7, 11–13

Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday

September 22

Weekday

Prv 21:1–6, 10–13

Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 30:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

September 24

Weekday

Eccl 1:2–11

Lk 9:7–9

Friday

September 25

Weekday

Eccl 3:1–11

Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

September 26

Weekday

Eccl 11:9–12:8

Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

September 27

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25–28

Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5

Mt 21:28–32