



The Debt We Have in Common

THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●



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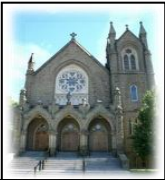
Reflect

How am I at forgiveness—with others and with myself?

Can one refuse mercy
to a sinner like oneself,
yet seek pardon for
one's own sins?

SIRACH 28:4

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



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.

SACRED HEART PILGRIMAGE - MEDJUGORJE

September 27th to Oct 9th, 2026:

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Father Mark Cherry, Spiritual Chaplain and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier, Group Leader. Cost - \$3699.00 includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax; twin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, professional local guide, day trip to "Little Lourdes" shrine, Makarska, Croatia. Single room supplement -\$350.00 Contact Rhonda-Lynn for info: 902-448-3660.

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)



We are happy to have you join us! Are you new to the parish or have you been part of our community for a while but have just never registered? Registration forms are available at the parish office, on our web site (gsmoncton.ca) or just give us a call and we'll mail you one. Fill in the information, return the form to the office and you will be formally registered. This will help us to better serve your individual needs!



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 Coordinators 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.

CATHOLIC CATECHISM
Registration
Growing in Faith • Growing Together

We invite children and families to join our Catholic Catechism Program for the upcoming year!

Our program provides an opportunity for children to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, learn about the Catholic faith, and grow in prayer and community.

Sessions begin the week of **September 20, 2026**

Please note: All registrations must be completed online.
All registrations received after our start date, will be contacted with their start date.

For more information please contact:
Lorella at
lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com

"Let the little children come to me."
MATTHEW 19:14

Join Our Catholic Catechism — Grow in Faith

Give your child the gift of faith and community.

Sessions begin the week of **September 20, 2026.**

Register **online only**, spaces fill fast; late registrations will be assigned a later start date.

For information or to register contact Lorella:

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St. Clements's

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR BAKERS!!!

Although the weather was horrible the day of the bake sale, people came out and our total sales and donations was **\$1332.10**. Our bakers arrived with several items to load up the tables. Thank you to Keepsake Crafts for hosting us. Also thank you to those who made donations to our fundraising.

PARISH COUNCIL

Anyone interested in joining the parish council, please contact Pam. We are looking for a **Youth Leader and a Maintenance Coordinator** to fill the needs of the church.

MASS AT WESTFORD NURSING HOME

A mass will be held at **Westford Nursing Home** on **Wed. 16 Sept. at 1:30**.

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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 **\$8015**! 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, families, and Mt. A. students (both returning and new)** 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.

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 - 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.

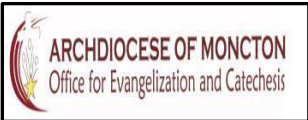
New families: please fill out registration form in the church vestibule.

September 13th 10am for families with children in all grades

September 20th at 10am for families with children in Grades 1-3

September 27th at 10am for families with children in Grades 4+

*** **Helpers are needed for a variety of roles** 😊 **Please email Cathy to discuss.** ***



Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

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

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

JOIN US: ANNUAL PAPAL SITE MASS — 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN PAUL II'S VISIT

The Archdiocese of Moncton and the Knights of Columbus invite all to the Annual Papal Site Mass. Come and help us celebrate the 42nd Anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II visit to Moncton. There will be a bilingual recital of the Rosary at the Prayer Garden at 10:00 am, followed by a procession to the Papal Site for the 11:00 am celebration of the Mass. Following the Mass, a family BBQ will be at the Prayer Garden. This celebration will be on Saturday, September 12th, 2026. In case of rain, the celebration will be at the Cathedral (224 St. George street).

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Take time away from the busyness of life this fall and rediscover the sacred beauty of your Sacrament of Marriage. Through prayer, reflection and meaningful conversation with each other (no group discussions), discover new ways to love, forgive, and grow together. October 16-18, 2026, at Between the Hearts Renewal Centre in Amherst, NS. Contact Ron and Joanne Arsenault at (506) 451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

BOTTLES FOR LIFE

Valley Redemption Centre 323 Collishaw Street, Moncton will now accept your empty bottles and cans and credit them to The Hope House Maternity Home Building Fund. Just let them know where to direct your donation. Business hours are **MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00-5:00 SATURDAY 8:00-2:00**. Thank you for your support!



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

Late Beth Purcell, daughter of Late Mike & Jeny Purcell, sister of Scott
Late Donald "Don" Gillis, son of (Late) William & Patricia, brother of Patricia "Patti" Trites



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	Alejandro Campos

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

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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.	Sep 14	9:30 AM	Late David & Verna Ryan	Bonnie Ryan
Tues.	Sep 15	9:30 AM	Souls of Sisinia & Carlos	
Wed.	Sep 16	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Patricia & Marita McCarron	Francis & Debbie McCarron
Thurs.	Sep 17	9:30 AM	Alfred Duncan & Euclide Doucet	Gloria Duncan
Fri.	Sep 18	9:30 AM	Late Bill Cavanaugh	Joanne, Betty, Anne & Barbara
Sat.	Sep 19	4:00 PM	Late Andrew Perry	Family
Sun.	Sep 20	11:00 AM (English) 3:00 PM (Spanish)	For the People Deceased Family Members	Conrad Coughlan

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Sun.	Sep 13	11:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory	Vina McGraw
Sun.	Sep 20	11:00 AM	Heather Murphy	Terry and Ann Murphy

St. Vincent's

Sun.	Sep 13	9:00 AM	Lorraine Carpenter & Marielle Carpenter	Geoffrey
Sun.	Sep 20	9:00 AM	Vasyl Hladky	Natalya Ilchkes

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: September 5 & 6, 2026 + Other Donations + August TipTap

August TipTap:		Regular		\$780		Candles		\$435			
Other Donations:		Marriage Enrichment - \$700, Men's Retreat - \$500, Rosary - \$100, Young Adult - \$250, Regular - \$250									
Reg Envs	\$3956	Loose		\$1198.25		Karing Kitchen		\$105	Religious Educ.	\$522	
Living Faith	\$6	Rosary		\$55	SV's Roof	\$100	Capital Exp		\$742	Candles	\$254

St. Clement's Offerings: September 6, 2026

Collection	\$90	Envs	\$575	Donation w/ Receipt	\$100	Fundraiser Bake Sale	\$1332.10
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St. Vincent's Offerings: August 30 & September 06, 2026

Aug 30	Reg Envs	\$1220	Loose	\$80	Maintenance	\$10	Needs of Church	\$20	Roof	\$1895
Sep 6	Reg Envs	\$1290	Loose	\$45	Maintenance	\$171	Needs of Church	\$25	Roof	\$250

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

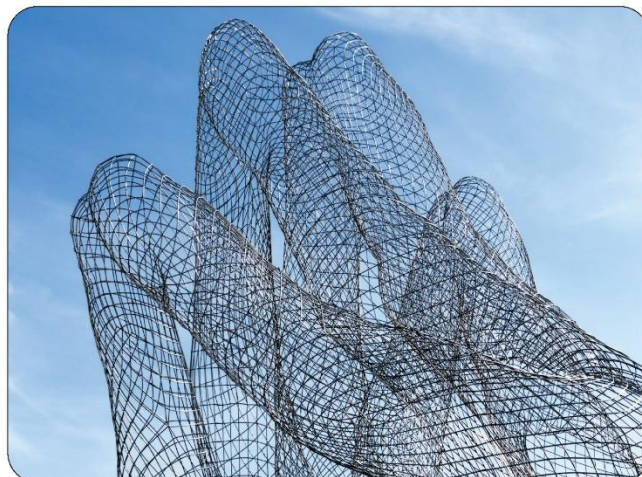
Dear Padre,

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Likewise, at Mass, we’re so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ’s love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one’s breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn’t a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (*GIRM* 46). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



ZULFUGAR KARIMOV / UNSPLASH

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus,

this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 11, 2026**

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FRANCESCO ALBERTI / UNSPLASH

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

September 20
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6–9
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a
Mt 20:1–16a