



[Jesus said,]
“For where
two or three
are gathered
together in my
name, there
am I in the
midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20

Like a Gentile or a Tax Collector

ANN M. GARRIDO

As someone who works in the field of conflict management, I like to think that all situations can be worked out if we go about it in a skilled manner. If we use the right words. Ask the right kinds of questions. It’s embarrassing to admit that even the best “tools” in my “conflict belt” sometimes still effect little change. Today’s gospel can be consoling in a strange way. It acknowledges that even when we use all the tools we have on hand to heal a relationship, it doesn’t always work out. Sometimes, we may need to become strangers to one another, at least for a while—like a Jew to a Gentile or a tax collector.

Of course, when Jesus says “treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector,” it is important to consider how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. He healed the centurion’s servant. He ate in Zacchaeus’ house. Jesus did not see Gentiles and tax collectors as enemies and did not treat them as such. Rather, Jesus understood Gentiles and tax collectors as those with whom he might start a relationship should the opportunity present itself. The past cannot be rewritten, but perhaps a different kind of future is still possible.

Is there a relationship in your life that feels beyond healing at this point and from which perhaps you need some distance? Is it still possible to treat the other person with the kindness Jesus showed toward Gentiles and tax collectors? ●

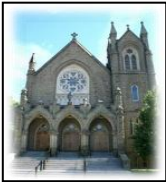


LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Could I improve how I handle conflict with others?

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: Tue - Fri : 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4PM.
Office Closed on Monday Sept. 7. Happy Labour Day to all!



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Facebook page:

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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

St. Bernard's Parish Staff

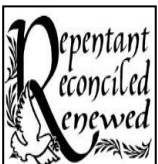
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St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule

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



CATECHISM REGISTRATION — NOW OPEN

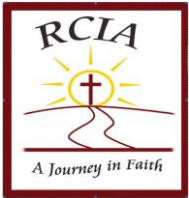
Help your child grow in faith, knowledge and love of Jesus. Sessions begin the week of **September 20, 2026**.

*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.



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.



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.



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.

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)

St. Vincent's

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.

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.

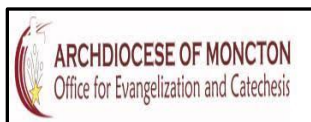
New families: please fill out registration form in the church vestibule.

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.*



*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

St. Clement's

Cullen Flood	Brian Robichaud	Margaret Schriver	Doug Purdy	Yannick Hardwood
Sharon Wall	Dwight Alder	Suzanne Leblanc	Kencil 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 07	9:30 AM	Late John Arsenault	Family
Tues.	Sep 08	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late George Robert Spare	Karen, David & Paul
Wed.	Sep 09	9:30 AM	Late Elaine Joy	
Thurs.	Sep 10	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Ruth Foran	Lorraine Montford
Fri.	Sep 11	9:30 AM	Friends of The Rosary Apostolate <i>The "Friends of the Rosary Apostolate" includes anyone who has prayed for, supported, donated to, or helped the apostolate in any way, including all proponents and volunteers. We will have a monthly mass offered in gratitude to all our friends.</i>	Bonnie Ryan
Sat.	Sep 12	4:00 PM	For the People	
Sun.	Sep 13	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Arthur LeBlanc	Hector & Cecile Caissie

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Sun.	Sep 06	11:00 AM	Brine Family	Roberta Brine
Sun.	Sep 13	11:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory	Vina McGraw

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Sun.	Sep 06	9:00 AM	Jean Robertson	Lynn Sitland
Sun.	Sep 13	9:00 AM	Lorraine Carpenter & Marielle Carpenter	Geoffrey

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: August 29 & 30, 2026 + PADS (Sep 1)

PADS	Sun Offering - \$2760, Youth - \$30, Bldg - \$1235, Karing Kitchen - \$20, Syrian - \$45									
Envs	\$3867	Loose	\$1025.75	Candles	\$133.95	ReConnect	\$10	Ash Wed	\$40	
Syrian	\$55	Karing	\$75	Needs of church	\$60	Cap. Exp.	\$455	Parish Rel	\$45	Rosary \$5

St. Clement's Offerings: August 30, 2026

Collection	\$51	Envs	\$670	Donation w/ Receipt	\$125
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St. Vincent's Offerings: August 30, 2026 - will be reported next week

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

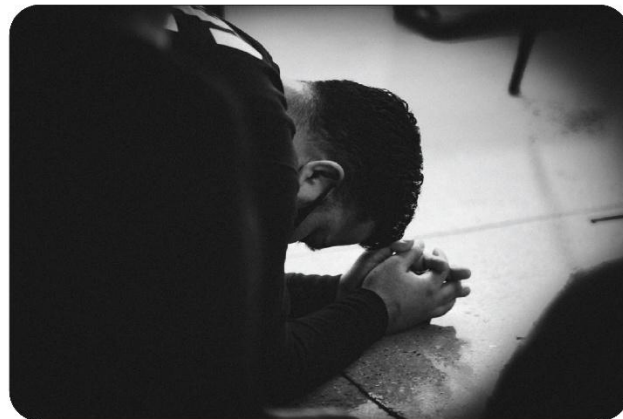
Dear Padre,

I had not been to confession for decades until recently, and I've probably committed mortal sins I can't remember. I want God's forgiveness, but I'm unsure how to get it at this time.

You ask if God has forgiven you for sins that you may have committed in the past but that you don't remember now. You say you have been to confession recently.

A mortal sin has three criteria: it is seriously wrong; the person knows it is seriously wrong; and the person is free to commit the sin or not. In the case you are describing, you don't even remember what the mortal sin might have been, or even if there was one. So, no, you don't have to confess something you don't remember. Also, you have already gone to confession recently, and you sound truly repentant for your past sins. You do not indicate that you were deliberately trying to hide any sins from the priest. So, you have already been forgiven, not only for the sins you remembered but also for those you don't remember. That is why usually we will say something like "for these sins and for those I may have forgotten" when we go to confession.

The bottom line is that confession is for you to experience God's mercy. It is not to test how good your memory is. Be at peace. God loves you and particularly wants you to experience the peace that comes from his forgiveness. ●



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Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying toward heaven (Lumen Gentium, 8; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 771). The human and divine

dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other.... [The Church] is a reality that is both human and divine.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 4, 2026**

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CHRISTIAN HARE / 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 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

Wednesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

Saturday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14–22

Lk 6:43–49

Tuesday

September 8

The Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1–4a or

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23

or 1:18–23

Thursday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16–19,

22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

Sunday

September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35