



Love Is a Verb

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

Love makes the world go 'round." Or another saying: "Love is all you need." Love, so necessary, so welcome, and seemingly so elusive. How can something be so needed, so valued, and so treasured and at the same time be so rare and even, at times, so difficult? Philosophers, poets, and scribes all provide different insights, each capturing something of the truth yet remaining somehow incomplete.

Jesus changes the context: love understood not as a feeling or as an emotion, but as a commandment. In God's kingdom, love is not something you pursue or something you hope to find. Living in God's kingdom, love is something you *do*. It is core; it is essential. It is how you live. It is how you form your judgments and perceptions. It is what energizes your choices and your decisions.

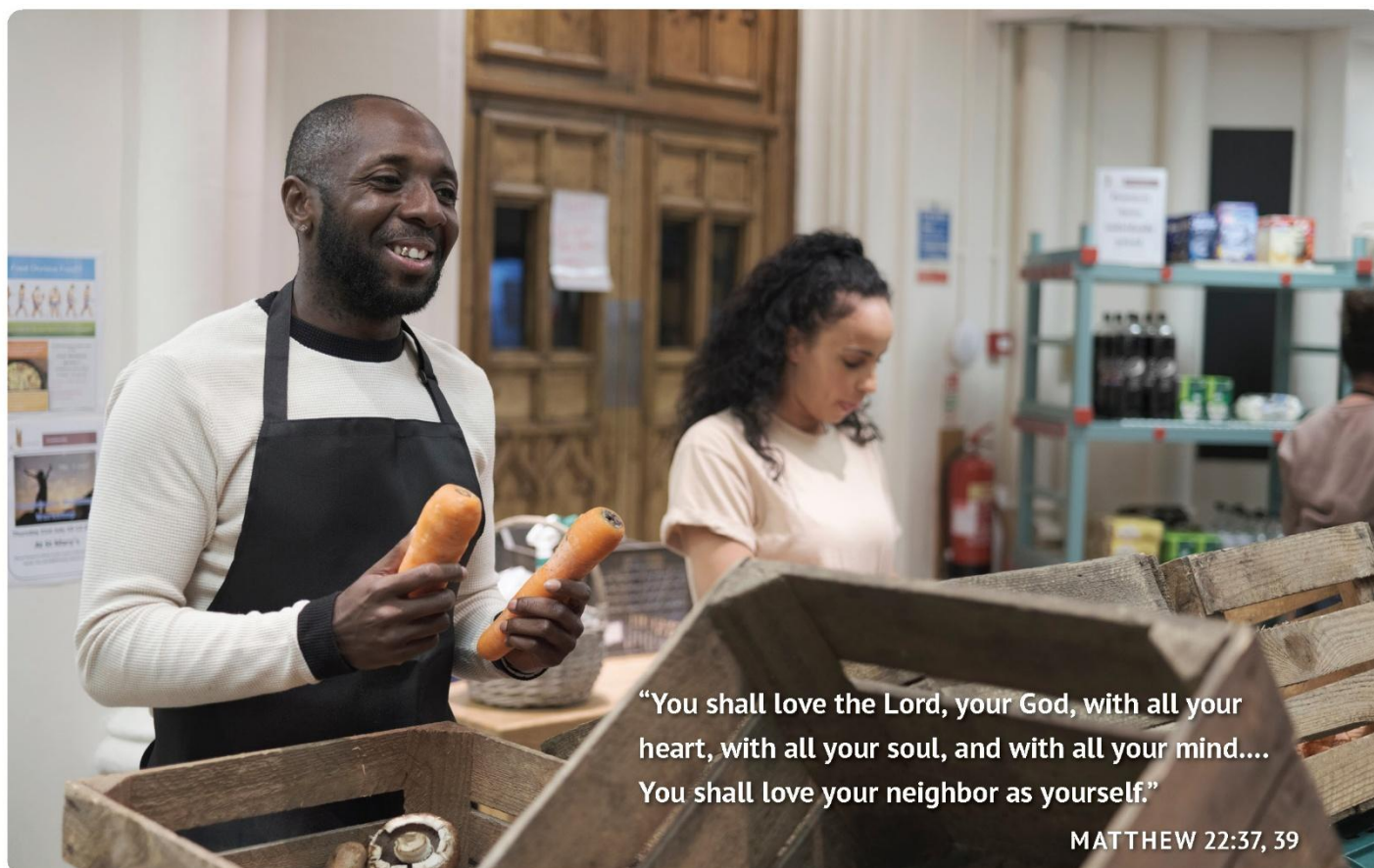
We come closer and closer each day to loving God fully when we understand the need to embrace the "unspoken" commandment: "[Jesus said,] 'For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'" (Matthew 16:25). ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Do I think of love as a feeling or as an action—as a noun or a verb?



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.

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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
The Feast	1 st & 3 rd Fridays of the month
Baptism	3 rd Sundays of the month



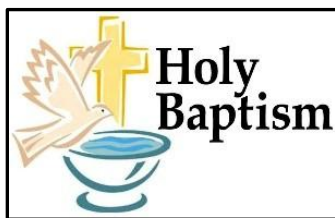
Children's Faith Formation Sessions

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
#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

BAPTISM

We joyfully celebrated the baptism of **Elizabeth Jane Murphy Giles , Gregory Michael Murphy Giles and Leona Ross So** on **October 18, 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



CALLING ALL SNACK ANGELS!

St. Bernard's is collecting boxes of assorted chocolates and snack treats for the children taking part in our Saints Costume celebration. Help us make their holy fun a little sweeter!

Please drop off donations at the parish office by **October 30th**. Thank you for helping our young saints shine!



Let's celebrate All Hallows' Eve At St. Bernard's Church Come and dress up as Saints and Biblical Characters

Schedule

2:00 PM - Arrival
2:15 PM - Group Activities
3:15 PM - Praying of the Rosary
4:00 PM - Holy Mass
5:00 PM - Distribution of treats



**October 31, 2026
Saturday
2:00 PM**

To preserve the reverence of this church event, registration is mandatory. Please register your name and the saint or biblical character you will be dressed as. Kindly send your registration to Lorella at Lorella_St.Bernards@hotmail.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, **November 8, 2026 — 1:00 PM**

Where: St. Bernard's

Registration required

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

Local Pastoral Council
Catholic Women's League
Couples For Christ
Finance Council
Building Committee
Stewardship Committee
The Feast Light
Ushers
Knights of Columbus

Young Adult Group
OCIA
Catechetical Ministry
Music Ministry
Social Justice
Altar Servers
NB Right To Life
Rosary Apostolate

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist

St. Bernard's Church Open House

November 8, 2026 | Parish Hall
Right after the 11:00 AM Mass

Curious about the future of St. Bernard's Parish? Join us at our Open House to hear what's happening in our community, explore our financial outlook, discover upcoming activities, and find meaningful ways to get involved. Come connect, ask questions, and help shape the life of our parish.

A logo for The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit. It features a shield with a cross, a lamb, and a dove. Below the shield, the text reads "THE GOOD SHEPHERD PASTORAL UNIT" and "ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON".



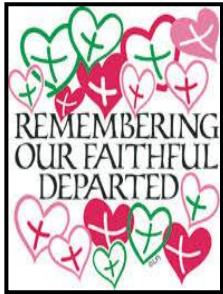
CWL - 2027 Membership Dues: For returning members to St. Bernard's CWL, 2027 Membership Dues collection will begin at our October 25th meeting and must be received by Dec. 31st for processing to our National Office. Dues remain at \$32.50. If paying by cheque, kindly make your cheque payable to St. Bernard's CWL. Please do not place dues in the collection basket. Should you wish to have your dues picked up, please call Donna Shaw at (506) 382-0503. Thank you.

SHARE THE WARMTH: DONATE SHEETS AND BLANKETS

Since 2016, the **Mother Teresa Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Moncton)** has been visiting neighbors in need, two by two, offering listening, support and practical help. Through a partnership with Sleep Country, they deliver beds to many families-and when they can, they include donated sheets and blankets, their supply of **clean, gently used bed sheets and blankets** is very low. Please consider donating to help a family sleep with dignity. To arrange a drop off or pick up, call **Denyse at 506-383-1422** or email conference.mteresa@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

2026 DIOCESAN COLLECTION — "REBUILD... TOGETHER"

The annual diocesan collection will take place on **November 7–8, 2026**, under the theme **"Rebuild... Together."** Your contribution helps strengthen our Archdiocese and supports parishes, faith formation, pastoral care, and other essential services. Please see the attached letter from Mgr. Guy Desrochers for more details.



The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit
St. Bernard's, St. Clement's, & St. Vincent's - Mass of the Deceased

All parishioners in our pastoral unit are invited and encouraged to attend the **Mass of the Deceased on Thursday, November 19 at 6 PM, followed by reception in Parish Hall.** It is an important time to come together as a Pastoral Unit to remember & honor the memory of all those who have died in the past year. Also, to show support and care to all of those who have lost a loved one.

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PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT AND E-TRANSFER

If you wish to donate by e-Transfer, please use stvince@nbnet.nb.ca. If you would like to sign up for our Pre-Authorized Debit plan, please complete one of our PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit) application cards which are available at the church entrance by the donations basket. Please check with Lorraine at the Parish Office (506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca) for further information.

WE NOW HAVE A NEW METAL ROOF ON OUR CHURCH!!

"Thank you!" to those who have very generously donated to our **Roof Replacement Fund** thus far! To date we have raised **\$11,060!** 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!**

ROSARY

You are invited to join a group of faithful parishioners who gather to pray the Rosary in **St. Vincent's Chapel** every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On November 11th each year, St. Vincent's honours the memory and legacy of fallen Canadians, Veterans and current service members who have served and sacrificed so much for our country. To support the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Campaign which ensures that veterans and their dependents are cared for and treated with respect, we purchase a cross to be placed at the Sackville Cenotaph on November 11. **Please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office (506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca) if you would like to represent St. Vincent's Parish by laying the cross at the cenotaph.**

LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS

Early in 2027, St. Vincent's will be placing an order for **Living with Christ Missals**. If you would like to order a year's subscription of this publication, please notify Lorraine at 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca. The cost will be \$45 which includes 14 issues per year (1 per month, plus Christmas and Easter issues).

ARE YOU MISSING A CLOTH BAG?

During the summer a cloth bag was left on a pew at the back of the church. If this bag is yours, please contact **Lorraine** at the Parish Office **506-536-1460**. You will be asked to describe the bag and its contents before it will be returned to you.

VOLUNTEER FOR MINISTRY ROLES — SIGN UP TODAY

HELP! — If you would like to offer your gifts as a lector, please notify Lynn Sitland (Isitland@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

The last Filipino nurse to welcome her family to Canada is still in need of a DINING ROOM TABLE AND CHAIRS. If you have one that you would like to donate, please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or

stvince@nbnet.nb.ca. **Many many thanks to all those who donated household items during the past three years for our Filipino friends!** Each and every one of them is so very grateful for the help they received upon their arrival in Sackville.

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK

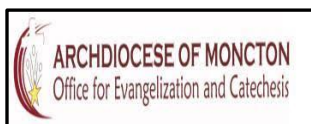
Thank you to all who have donated to the Sackville and Dorchester Food Banks in the past year. If you are able, please donate to those in need. Suggestions include **non-perishable items** such as **canned fruit/vegetables/meat, boxes of cereal, children's lunch items, pasta and sauces, dish detergent,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

Oct 25th, Nov 8th, Nov 22nd, Dec 6th at 10am	Oct 25th, Nov 8th, Nov 22nd, Dec 6th at 10am
Nov 1st, Nov 15th, Nov 29th, Dec 13th at 10am	Nov 1st, Nov 15th, Nov 29th, Dec 13th at 10am

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 date: Oct 29th, Nov 12th, 26th, Dec 3rd, and 17th at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm. Contact Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271 or Karen at 506-387-4198. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next Monday @ The Movies will be on Monday Nov 2nd, when we will talk about the movie "All Saints". Monday @ the Movies aims to use popular films to generate conversations around faith. Please contact Karen for more information. We gather regularly via Zoom.

TRANSFORMED THROUGH EUCHARIST will be held on **Thursday, November 5th at St. Bernard's church**. All parents who have children who will be preparing for first Communion in the spring are expected to attend however this session would also be of interest to anyone serving as a catechist or who works with other adults through baptismal preparation, R.C.I.A., marriage preparation and anyone who is interested in learning more about Eucharist. Registration for the parents with children who are preparing for first Communion begins at 6 :00pm, the presentation begins at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, contact Karen at youth@diocesemoncton.ca or call (506)387-4198.

PARISH MISSION – OCTOBER 25 – 28 AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

The time is here. Our parish mission begins this Sunday evening, October 25th, at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Redemptorist Fr. Eugene O'Reilly will be leading this special time of prayer and fellowship. He is a dynamic speaker who has been here before and always brings new ways for us to understand God's love for us. The mission runs from Sunday until Wednesday beginning at 7 each evening with reconciliation Tuesday and culminating with mass Wednesday evening. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Bring a friend.

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS. Let us remember the special collection taking place on November 7 and 8, 2026. We count on the generosity of each member of our community to contribute to this important collection. Our Church is a community that we build together. Thank you for giving according to your means.



*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...*

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Peter Quach	Jack Turpin	Charles Melanson	Fr. Peter Stephen	Will Silvestre
Brenda Lee Trites	Bartholomew Tran	Wayne Holt	David Legacy	Gordie Gallie

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Barbara Sadai	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.	Oct 26	9:30 AM	For the People	
Tues.	Oct 27	9:30 AM	Paul J. Gaudet & Family	Carmel
Wed.	Oct 28	9:30 AM	Celebration of Deaconate of Dr. Jose	Roberta Brine
Thurs.	Oct 29	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Vince Barrett	Charlotte & Family
Fri.	Oct 30	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Earl McDonald	Ann-Marie McDonald
Sat.	Oct 31	4:00 PM	Paul Gallant	Gloria McDonald
Sun.	Nov 01	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Gordon Montford	Lorraine Montford

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Sun.	Oct 25	11:00 AM	Donna Gallant	Pam Van Egmond
Sun.	Nov 1	11:00 AM	Ted Carroll	Frank and Joan Allen

St. Vincent's

Sun.	Oct 25	9:00 AM	Stephen Horyl	David & Lorraine Horyl
Sun.	Nov 1	9:00 AM	Lorraine and Mélas Bourgeois	The Bourgeois Family

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: October 17 & 18, 2026

PADS	Sunday Offering - \$3596.67, Youth - \$170, Bldg Fund - \$913.33, Karing Kitchen - \$75, Syrian - \$5								
Reg Envs	\$3977	Loose	\$1199.75	Karing Kitchen	\$75	Need of Church	\$20		
Ppl in Need	\$20	Evangelization	\$696.65	Candles	\$64	All Souls	\$167	Cap. Exp.	\$400

St. Clement's Offerings: October 18, 2026

Collection	\$35	Envelopes	\$395	Donation w/ receipt	\$50	Archdiocese	\$55
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St. Vincent's Offerings: October 18, 2026

Reg Envs	\$1710	Loose	\$40	Maintenance	\$65
Evangelization of Nations	\$75	Roof Replacement	\$300		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

I occasionally need to be reminded why I should remain Catholic. Can you help?

Whether our faith was inherited at birth or adopted later, it's healthy to periodically reexamine our beliefs and practices with the intent to grow closer to God. Saint Paul uses the metaphor of moving beyond milk to solid food to explain our maturing faith. (See Hebrews 5:12–14).

Questions or doubts are not necessarily signs of crisis or disloyalty to God or the Church. Indeed, it's often when we challenge pat answers that God moves us to a deeper meaning and stronger relationship—that is, if we're steadfast on the path to holiness. People remain Catholic for numerous reasons, including:

- the Church's belief in God's goodness to us through the sacraments;
- a 2,000-year tradition of living the gospel in a universal, multicultural community of faith;
- a proven track record as an agent for personal and spiritual growth and social transformation.

When Church members' behavior is contrary to Christ's mission, and our confidence to remain is tested, it's good to recall that the Church is divinely fortified and humanly composed. People remain Catholic because the Church exists to bring us into full communion with God, through Christ, by working toward the fullness of the kingdom. "The Church 'is the visible plan of God's love for humanity,' because God desires 'that the whole human race may become one people of God, form one body of Christ, and be built into one temple of the Holy Spirit'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 776). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



Health cannot be a luxury for the few.... Universal health coverage is not merely a technical goal to be achieved; it is primarily a moral imperative for societies that wish to call themselves just. Healthcare must

be accessible to the most vulnerable, then, not only because their dignity requires it but also to prevent injustice from becoming a cause of conflict.

**ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS,
ROME, MARCH 19, 2026**

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JESUS FERNANDEZ / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

October 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32–5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday

October 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday

October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday

October 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday

October 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday

October 31
Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday

November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a