



The Gradual Road to Ruin

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

A wise old sage once observed, “When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid.” The parable in today’s gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It’s time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son, they think, and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from “don’t pay the rent” to “kill the son”? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all—your very self. And the corruption you’ve embraced convinces you that you’re making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again. ●



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OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

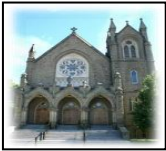
Reflect

Am I aware of a sin that has become easy to commit?

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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	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
#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



ST. BERNARD'S VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

Celebrating the Hands and Hearts of Our Parish

An evening of fellowship and gratitude

Potluck | Games | Open Mic | Dances

St. Bernard's Church Hall

October 9, 2026

6:00 PM

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

**PLEASE CONTACT ST. BERNARD'S PARISH
OFFICE BY OCTOBER 5TH.**



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

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)



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.

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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 **\$9585!** 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!**

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.**

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 (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

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. Household items arrived from people in Sackville, Amherst, Dorchester, Memramcook, Dieppe, Moncton, Riverview, and Shediac! Two donations of money were also received and were used to help Filipino nurses and their families ease their financial burden.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT

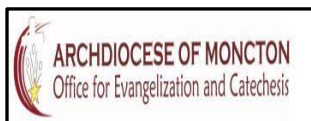
For the health and comfort of those with allergies, we ask that you refrain from wearing colognes or perfumes when attending mass.

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 schedules for the upcoming weeks are as follows (location is St. Vincent's hall):	
Oct 4th, Oct 25th, Nov 8th, Nov 22nd, Dec 6th at 10am	Primary group session (gr. 1-3)
Oct 18th, Nov 1st, Nov 15th, Nov 29th, Dec 13th 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: 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.

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.

MISSION
 You are invited to attend the **Mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish the week of October 26th**. It will run from **Sunday until Wednesday night** and be conducted by **Redemptorist Father Eugene O'Reilly**. Join us and allow Jesus Christ through the richness of His Word, to love you into fullness of life and a deep sense of personal well-being.



*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	Roy Carter
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:

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Mon.	Oct 05	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Sophie Rose Quinn	Maria & Theresa
Tues.	Oct 06	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Bill Parsons	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Wed.	Oct 07	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Richard McDonald	Gloria & Family
Thurs.	Oct 08	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Arthur Collette	Hector & Cecile Caissie
Fri.	Oct 09	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving - 61 st Birthday of Brigette Lozano	Vin & Genevieve
Sat.	Oct 10	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Nora Despres	David Mitchell
Sun.	Oct 11	11:00 AM 3:00 PM	Late Ruby Prest Deceased Family Members	L. R. Fitch Conrad Coughlan

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Sun.	Oct 04	11:00 AM	Special Intentions	Joanne Carroll
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Sun.	Oct 04	9:00 AM	Thanks for answered prayers & blessings received	Jane Cabaluna & Ariane Saldua
Sun.	Oct 11	9:00 AM	Patrick Lafford	Patricia Lafford

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings: Sep. 26 & 27, 2026 + Oct 1 PADS

PADS	Sunday Offering - \$2380, Youth - \$30, Bldg Fund - \$1235, Karing Kitchen - \$20, Syrian Relief - \$35						
Reg Envs	\$4001	Loose	\$771.80	Candles	\$188.35	Spanish Mass	\$348.45
Fil. Mass	\$742.65	Rel. Educ.	\$60	Evangelization	\$30	Karing Kitchen	\$70
CA Church	\$457	Youth	\$2000	Fr. Kelly CD	\$15	Rosary	\$20
All Souls	\$30	ReConnect	\$10	Donation	\$95	Cap. Exp	\$385

St. Clement's Offerings: will be reported next week

St. Vincent's Offerings: September 27, 2026

Reg Envs	\$1140	Loose	\$42	Maintenance	\$5	Roof	\$720	CA Church	\$50
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Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!

Dear Padre,

My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?



HLEB RAHOISHA / PEXELS

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, “The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love” (“Why We Bless Animals,” *Catholic Update*). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it’s especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

“PRAY WITH THE POPE” VIDEO MESSAGE, MARCH 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

October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10