

Joshua said to all the people....,  
"As for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD."

JOSHUA 24:2, 15C

## Taking a Stand Matters

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day I happened to be sitting and chatting with some teenagers. When the discussion turned to parents, expectations, and how they respond, I asked them, "What's really important to you? What do you value and try not to compromise on?" "Why do you want to know?" one asked. "Just wondering," I said. Silence. Then one said that being honest was really important to her, that she always tried to tell the truth. Another said "family." Another, respecting his body, said, "No drugs, no alcohol." More silence, and then one spoke of her faith and how it really mattered and made a difference in her life. Their conversation then moved on to other things, friends, movies, and what to do later that day.

In reality, I had another reason for asking my question, one beyond a simple inquiry. There is something good about saying aloud what is truly important to us, what we won't compromise on. Saying it out loud makes it more real, something we can stand for. Some of those teens didn't say anything, maybe because they had never thought about what their values were. Perhaps hearing others speak up inspired them to think about it, maybe for the first time in their lives. Saying aloud where we stand in life makes a difference.

Jesus reminds us that it is the spirit that gives life, that the flesh is of no avail. Some of those teens have already begun to realize this truth. ●

### Reflect

***What are some values that you do not forsake easily? Why?***

*Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit*



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**Mass times / Intentions:**

**St. Bernard's**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Special intention	Alison Smith
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Alice & Eddy Mackony	Alison Smith
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	For the people	
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Aug 31</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. Late Andrew Perry	Family
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Thanksgiving Wedding Anniv.	Cindy & Danny Tupas

**St. Clement's**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Aug 31</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	For the people	
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**St. Vincent's**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Jinson Joseph</b>	<b>His family</b>
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**St. Bernard's Offerings – August 17 & 18, 2024 + PADs**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2484.00	<b>Loose</b>	\$ 827.25	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	\$ 25.00
<b>Reconnect</b>	\$ 40.00	<b>All souls</b>	\$ 15.00	<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	\$ 10.00
<b>Indigenous</b>	\$ 100.00	<b>Building fund</b>	\$ 10.00		

**St. Clement's Offerings – August 17, 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 365.00	<b>Collection</b>	\$ 6.00	<b>Bake sale</b>	\$ 930.00
<b>Donation w/receipt</b>	\$ 65.00				

**St. Vincent's Offerings – August 18, 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 1890.00	<b>Loose</b>	\$ 134.80	<b>Maintenance</b>	\$ 180.00
<b>HR-SV Cemetery</b>	\$ 40.00	<b>Papal Charities</b>	\$ 20.00	<b>Christmas</b>	\$ 20.00
<b>Evang. of Nations</b>	\$ 20.00	<b>Fuel</b>	\$ 20.00	<b>Needs Canadian Ch.</b>	\$ 20.00

***Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!***

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

*A time to mourn...  
sincere sympathies to...*

Alyre Williams Jr.	Brother of Yvonne Williams
Peter Lebans	Husband of Krista, father of Ryan & Robert, brother of: Reginald (Cecile), Jackie, Faye, Richard, Terry, John, Pam and Paul.
<i>And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.</i>	

*Prayer*   
Request

*Ecclesiastes 3  
Under every season there is a time...  
A time to heal...*

**St. Bernard's**

Patricia Devine	Raymond T-John LeBlanc	Maria Plante	Judy LeBlanc
Verna Ryan			

**St. Clement's**

McGraw Family	Hudson Sweeney	Baby Owen	Emma Cormier	Angelia
Genie Coates	Olga Bateman	Deacon Frank Quinn	Shawna Lane Ibbitson	

**St. Vincent's**

Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell
Teresa Vermette	Deacon Frank Quinn	Vince Reinsborough	Elise Landry



**St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule**

**Prior to weekday masses:**

**Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 – 9:20AM**

**First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM and Saturdays: 1:00 PM**

**Diocesan celebration of Thanksgiving** for the presence of the Trappists and the Trappistines in our Diocese from 1902 to 2024. Come celebrate with us at the St-François de Sales Church in Rogersville on Saturday August 31, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

## St. Bernard's

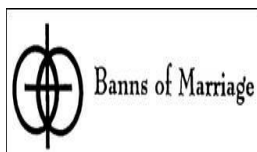


**CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE  
AT ST. BERNARD'S**

**EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024**  
**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES WILL BE:**  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT 9:30 AM**

### Mark Your Calendar

<b>Carmelites</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Sat, August 31
<b>RCIA</b>	Resumes Saturday, September 7, 10-11:30 AM

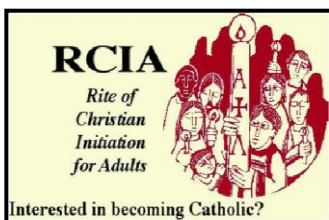


*There is a promise of marriage between:*  
*Tyler Ryan & Jennifer Bueno*  
*Saturday, September 7, 2024, 2:00 PM @ St. Bernard's*



**Catechism start date is the week of Sunday Sep. 22, 2024**

**Catechism registration will be held on Sunday Sep. 8  
12:30PM-2:30 PM. In the church hall. See you then,  
Blessings, Lorella**



**Do you believe? About Jesus? About the Sacraments?  
About Salvation? Interested in becoming Catholic?**

**Then please feel welcome to join the RCIA team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children) here at St. Bernard's.** The RCIA team here at St. Bernard's exists to welcome individuals who are wondering about the Roman Catholic Church and to help them in their search for spiritual guidance and a sense of church

community. We also welcome those Catholics who haven't yet completed their preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist and wish to do so. Whether adult or child inquirer, candidate or catechumen, the team provides the elements for preparation including prayer, reflection on the Sunday liturgy of the Word, education about our faith and mutual support during the ups and downs of our individual journeys of faith. If you know someone who is thinking of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please invite him or her to call St. Bernard's parish office at 506-857-0425 for more information on RCIA.

## PLEASE NOTE

### Fr. Carlos Jacinto's letter

Dear Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit, I have been with you for one year now, and I cannot thank God enough for giving me the opportunity to serve this pastoral unit. The past year has flown by so fast. I thank all of you for making my first year of priesthood an incredible one. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you on your faith journey.

As I reflect on my past year with you, I realize that there is still so much more for me to learn and understand. Growth is an ongoing process, and I believe that further studies will help me serve you better. Archbishop Desrochers has agreed to send me to school to deepen my knowledge in parish administration and management. I have been accepted into the ecclesial administration program at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Do not worry; I am not leaving the parish. I will complete my studies online, so I will still be with you 24/7! I am committed to investing the time and effort needed to deepen my knowledge and skills. The total cost of the program is around USD 25,000. The diocese has committed to paying USD 10,000, leaving me with USD 15,000 to cover from my own pocket. Therefore, I will need to organize a fundraiser. In times of need, God sends help. When I was in Medjugorje for a pilgrimage this May, I met Fr. Ray Kelly, the Irish priest who was a semi-finalist on Britain's Got Talent 2018. He first became popular when he surprised a couple on their wedding day with his own version of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." On BGT, he received a standing ovation from the audience and the judges (including Simon Cowell) when he performed "Everybody Hurts." Fr. Ray will be doing a show in Moncton to help me raise funds. The funds will also be shared with other priests in our diocese who would like to attend retreats or undergo ongoing priestly formation. Those who were with me in Medjugorje can attest to how great he was on stage. Fr. Ray Kelly is coming to Moncton! You will have the chance to see and meet him at one of our Masses! **The fundraiser concert is on October 22, 2024, at 7:30 PM at the Riverview Arts Centre (400 Whitepine Road, Riverview NB).** There will also be a 50/50 draw that evening, with the proceeds benefiting Maison Albert House- SENB Hospice. Please consider purchasing tickets for the concert. Your support will greatly help me improve my parish administrative skills, allowing me to serve you better. I appreciate your support and understanding as I pursue these opportunities for growth. You can get your concert tickets by visiting the Riverview Arts Centre website: [riverviewartscentre.ca](http://riverviewartscentre.ca). Ticket sales open on August 25 at 1:00 PM. Secure your tickets and your spots before they sell out. Please do not hesitate to ask me or call the parish office if you need help purchasing tickets. God bless you! I remain ever in your service, *Fr. Carlos Jacinto*



### INVITATION to the first Annual General Meeting of Housing for Life, Inc.

Thursday, September 5th at 7 p.m. at the Christ-Roi Golden Age Club, 305 Dominion Street, Moncton. Come and see the achievements of this charitable organization, which is planning the construction of fifteen affordable housing units for single mothers and single women living in poverty. Confirm your attendance with Auréa Cormier at 854-0675 or [aureamcommier@gmail.com](mailto:aureamcommier@gmail.com)



### St. Clement's

**BAKERS NEEDED!** Bake sale was a huge success - thank you again to all the bakers and ladies who helped - profit \$930.

### St. Vincent's

**MASS INTENTIONS** – If you wish to have a mass said for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. The requested donation for each mass is \$15.

**PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES** – are offered to George Bourque and family, on the death of his wife, Irene, who passed away on August 15, 2024. A funeral mass was held at St. Vincent's on August 20, 2024. May she rest in the arms of our loving God.

**PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS** – With the influx of many new families to our parish, we need to update our parish list. Over the next few weeks, parish registration forms will be distributed at the door. We ask that you complete them and return them as soon as possible. There will be a box at the church entrance to deposit your completed forms. **This information is important for many reasons:** *enrolling children in our Faith Formation Program; Income Tax receipts; Canada Post mailings and emails for important notices; statistics for the diocese.* Thank you!

**PRAYING THE ROSARY** – Praying the rosary in St. Vincent's chapel on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. will recommence in September 2024.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – St. Vincent's is looking for a parishioner to lead Baptism preparation for parents wishing to have their children baptized. If you have an interest in this area and are able to offer your time, please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office. 506-536-1460 or [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca)

**2024-2025 SUNDAY MISSALS** – If you wish to order a 2024-2025 Sunday Missal, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Orders will be placed with Novalis Publishing in August 2024.

**DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS** – Many, many thanks to those who have donated household goods for our new nurses at the Drew Nursing Home who have come from the Philippines, as well as other parts of the world. As the influx of new nurses has slowed for the time being, **WE ARE PUTTING A PAUSE ON ACCEPTING ANY FURTHER DONATIONS AT THIS TIME.** We are expecting a new group of nurses to arrive in the coming months and may once again ask for your assistance in helping them furnish their apartments. Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!

# Dear Padre,

**A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?**

Your friend might be experiencing what are called "private" revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called "private" revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history" (CCC 67).

It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●



FRANCIS IN FRONT OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LORAIN, MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, DINKO HONIG / SHUTTERSTOCK

**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Monica</i>	<i>St. Augustine,</i>	<i>Passion of St.</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-second</i>
2 Thes 1:1–5,	2 Thes 2:1–3a,	<i>Bishop and</i>	<i>John the Baptist</i>	1 Cor 1:17–25	1 Cor 1:26–31	<i>Sunday in</i>
11–12	14–17	<i>Doctor of the</i>	1 Cor 1:1–9	Mt 25:1–13	Mt 25:14–30	<i>Ordinary Time</i>
Mt 23:13–22	Mt 23:23–26	<i>Church</i>	Mk 6:17–29			Dt 4:1–2, 6–8
		2 Thes 3:6–10,				Jas 1:17–18,
		16–18				21b–22, 27
		Mt 23:27–32				Mk 7:1–8, 14–15,
						21–23



STEVE LOVORNIEK / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: "But who do you— you!—say that I am?" Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!**

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 27, 2023