



## Who Do People Say You Are?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**P**ain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus. ●

### Reflect

*Does your suffering reflect your values,  
your commitment to follow Jesus?*



[Jesus asked the disciples].  
"But who do you say that I am?"  
Peter said to him in reply,  
"You are the Messiah."

MARK 8:29

*Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit*



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<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Pam Van Egmond	
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Mass times / Intentions:				
St. Bernard's				
Mon.	Sept. 16	9:30 AM	Special intention for Wedding Anniv. of Donna & Sam Ermen	Tiffany
Tues.	Sept. 17	9:30 AM	Late Filippo Marini	Ada Si Saverio
Wed.	Sept. 18	9:30 AM	Late Doris Lirette	Henry LeBlanc
Thurs.	Sept. 19	9:30 AM	For the people	
Fri.	Sept. 20	9:30 AM	Late Larry Byron	Norma Gibson
Sat.	Sept. 21	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Inez Kervin	Heather
Sun.	Sept. 22	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Richard Christie	Phyllis Christie
St. Clement's				
Sat.	Sept. 21	7:00 PM	Susan Whelan	In memory of my good friend Pam Van Egmond
St. Vincent's				
Sun.	Sept. 22	9:00 AM	For the people	

## OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings +PADs & online – September 7 & 8, 2024					
Envelopes	\$4000.15	Loose	\$900.00	Capital expenditure	\$300.00
Karing Kitchen	\$33.00	Canadian Church	\$50.00	Syrian fund	\$50.00
Parish Religious Education	\$160.00		Building Fund	\$12.90	
St. Clement's Offerings – September 7, 2024					
Envelopes	\$285.00	Donation w/ Receipt	\$25.00	Collection	\$10.00
St. Vincent's Offerings – September 8, 2024					
Envelopes	\$1330.00	Loose	\$42.00	Maintenance	\$35.00
<b><i>Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!</i></b>					



### Tues., Oct. 22, 2024 at 7:30 PM Riverview Arts Centre (400 Whitepine Rd.)

Fr. Ray Kelly, the singing priest from Ireland, a semi-finalist on Britain's Got Talent 2018, and a YouTube sensation, is coming to Moncton for his first-ever concert in Canada. Fr. Kelly will uplift and entertain us with songs and stories that celebrate hope, love, and joy. There will also be a 50/50 draw that evening, with the proceeds benefiting Maison Albert House- SENB Hospice. Don't miss this event! Secure your tickets now at [riverviewartscentre.ca](http://riverviewartscentre.ca) / Phone: 508-852-7189 / or by visiting the box office at 400 Whitepine rd Riverview. See you there!

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

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

*And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.*

<b>Ediser Castrillo</b>	Father of John Ed (Irene)
<b>Ken Jaillet</b>	Father of Eric and Luc



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

**St. Bernard's**

Patricia Devine	Raymond T-John LeBlanc	Verna Ryan	Gigi Pena
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**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	Evelyn Ayer	Leone Campbell
Teresa Vermette	Deacon Frank Quinn	Vince Reinsborough	Elise Landry	



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

**Prior to weekday masses:**

**Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20AM**

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



**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.

## St. Bernard's

### Mark Your Calendar

<b>Carmelites</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Sat, September 14 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>RCIA</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
<b>Baptism Preparation</b>	Sunday, Sep 22 @ 1 PM
<b>Next baptisms</b>	September 29 @ 11 AM Mass



**Catechism start date is the week of Sunday Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

**Years 1-2-3-** Sunday morning, 9:30 AM or Tues. evening 6 PM.

**Years 4-5-6-** Sunday afternoon 12:15 PM or Weds evening 6 PM

**Confirmation** Sunday afternoon 2 PM.

If you have not yet registered, **please register online at:** [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca), ministries and groups, faith formation, children's catechism, fill in both Catechism registration and Parish Registration. (please complete all 3 pages) **Register no later than September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** For more information you can contact Lorella at [lorella\\_st.bernards@hotmail.com](mailto:lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com)

### ST. BERNARD'S PARISH REGISTRATIONS:

In trying to determine the various nationalities St. Bernard's is serving, and to provide our Archdiocese with parish statistics, ***we kindly ask that all parishioners register in one of the following ways: (Even if you have previously registered, as it allows us to update information and ensure information is current.)***



**Online** at: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca) Click on join our parish, fill in accordingly & submit to us.

**QR Code** for St. Bernard's parish registration ←

**Paper registration** may be picked up at the entrance of the church, the parish office or we can mail one to you.

**When registering: In the section that says "Other" on page 2, please indicate your place of birth. City, province, & country.**

### St Bernard's CWL

The monthly meeting of St. Bernard's CWL will be held in the church hall on Sunday, Sep. 29 2 PM, preceded by the rosary at 1:30. New members are always welcome. We would like to extend an invitation to all ladies in our parish to join us if you would like to know more about our Council and the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

### CWL 2025 Dues

Dues collection for 2025 will begin at our September 29th meeting and are due by Dec. 31st for submission to our National Office. Dues remain at \$32.50. If paying by cheque, please make out to St. Bernard's CWL.

## St. Clement's

Every 3rd Monday of the month, St. Clement's Parish celebrate Mass at Westford Nursing home. Our Mass at Westford this month is on Sep.16 1:30 PM. All parishioners are invited to join and assist at Mass. Thank you.

## St. Vincent's

**FAITH FORMATION** - St. Vincent's provides the diocesan catechism program for children in grades 1-3 (Primary Group) and grades 4+ (Elementary Group), as well as specific preparation for the Sacraments. Please email or call Cathy Crinnion to inquire about the program and confirm your family's participation: [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca) or 536-4470.

**In-person sessions begin on September 15th for both age groups**, and will take place in our church hall (basement) on Sunday mornings following Mass.

**SEEKING NEW FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS** - St. Vincent's is seeking new catechists to help guide our youth and their parents during our Faith Formation sessions on Sundays after Mass, and/or for Sacramental preparations. The diocese has prepared easy-to-follow plans, and all activity materials will be ready to go ahead of each session. We welcome anyone who would like to attend our sessions as a helper to see how the sessions run! You are also welcome to attend this year's catechist formation day ("Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower") for the diocese on Saturday September 14, 2024, which will be an enriching day for all, and especially for new catechists. Pre-registration is required, so please check your availability and contact Cathy Crinnion [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca)

**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** – You are invited to join a group of faithful parishioners who gather to pray the rosary in St. Vincent's chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

**PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES** – are extended to Andrea Mathieson and family, on the death of her mother, Elise "Tootsie" Landry, who passed away at the Sackville Memorial Hospital on September 7, 2024. The funeral mass was held on Friday, September 13, 2024, at St. Vincent's. May she rest in the arms of our loving God.

**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@nbnnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnnet.nb.ca)

**SACKVILLE FOOD BANK** – If you are able, please give non-perishable food items to the Sackville Food Bank. Covering Sackville and surrounding area, the Food Bank provides essential help to many individuals and families who struggle financially to put food on their tables. The Food Bank basket is located at the entrance to the church on the right side.

**CHALICE** - John Blakely has reported that he recently sent a cheque to our Charity in Kenya in the amount of \$600! Since that donation was sent, St. Vincent's has collected an additional \$373! God bless all our generous donors!! Thank you!



**SEASON OF CREATION 2024:** Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith, we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action, but one embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity.

**MONDAY @ THE MOVIES:** Our next film discussion will take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm via Zoom when we will talk about faith themes from the 1992 film *Sister Act*. Monday @ The Movies is film discussion series where we discuss faith themes found in popular films. Please register with Karen at [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca) or 387-4198.

**A GREAT SYMPHONY OF PRAYER:** On behalf of the *Ad hoc* Committee for the Preparation for the Jubilee 2025, I am pleased to announce a two-part webinar series titled, “A Great Symphony of Prayer” which will enable the faithful one meaningful way to participate in the Year of Prayer which was announced by Pope Francis on 21 January 2024. The Jubilee Office in Rome has prepared a series of booklets on prayer, the themes of which will be taken up during the webinar series. For each official language, there will be one four-part webinar series in the spring and one more four-part webinar series in the fall. Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine’s Seminary) will present eight English-language webinars on prayer.

**Fall Series on Prayer:**

Thursday, October 3 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Praying with Mary/The Rosary

Thursday, October 10 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Praying with the Saints/St. Teresa of Avila

Thursday, October 17 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): The Prayer of Jesus/John 17

Thursday, October 24 (1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT): Lectio Divina/The Storm at Sea



**We are all invited to participate in Truth and Reconciliation Week 2024!**

Together, let us embark on a 5-day journey, learning about our Canadian history from First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples! Let us join together to unlearn the myths. **Lunch and Learn for All! Daily webinars from Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.** Each of these ZOOM webinars will feature a different topic and speaker, and each will last approximately 40-50 minutes. To learn more and/or to register, go to: <https://trw-svr.nctr.ca/lunch-and-learns/>

**St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers** Monday, Wednesday or Friday, sorting and hanging clothes from donations. Please contact Serge Dufour 506-857-2088 or in person at 113 Norwood Ave. during regular depot hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30am to 12:45pm. Thank you.

**CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY:** Join us for the Rosary Rally on St. Bernard’s church steps, Sat., Oct. 12 at 12 noon. For more information contact Jennifer @ 506 878 2869.

# Dear Padre,

*Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?*

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ....Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?".... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.*

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

### Monday

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33  
Lk 7:1–10

### Tuesday

September 17  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a  
Lk 7:11–17

### Wednesday

September 18  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13  
Lk 7:31–35

### Thursday

September 19  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 15:1–11  
Lk 7:36–50

### Friday

September 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 15:12–20  
Lk 8:1–3

### Saturday

September 21  
*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mt 9:9–13

### Sunday

September 22  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 2:12, 17–20  
Jas 3:16–4:3  
Mk 9:30–37