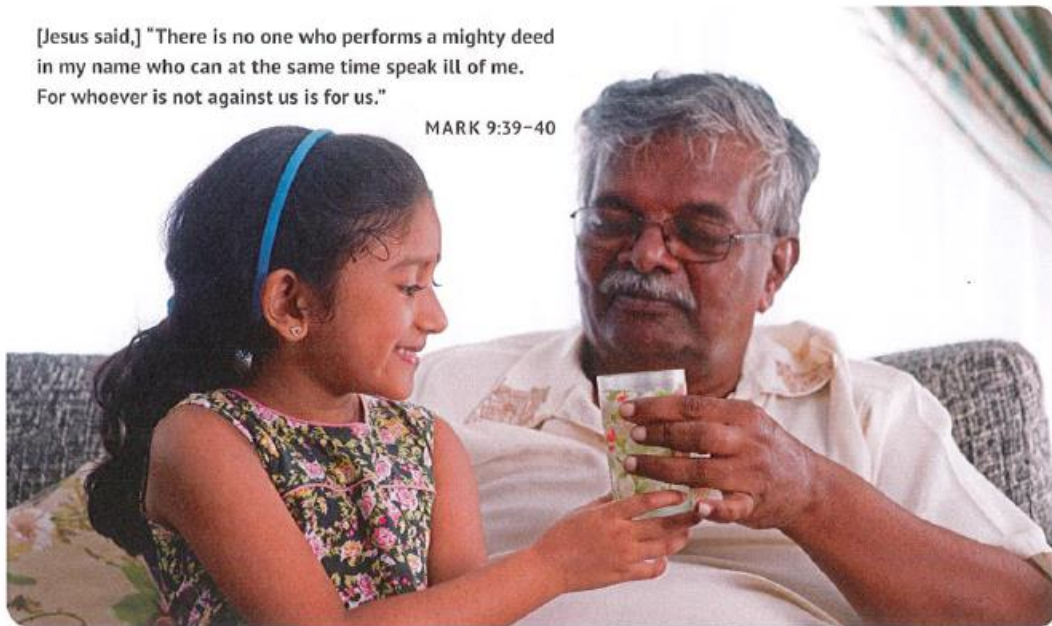




[Jesus said,] "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."

MARK 9:39–40



## Spirited Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It's not always easy to figure out where God's spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After "the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses," some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that "outsiders" may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in

defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we've been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We've been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life. ●

### Reflect

*How have you been surprised by someone unexpectedly speaking God's truth and wisdom?*

*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:**

**Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 noon & 1-4 PM**

*Please note that the Parish Office will be opened on Monday, Sept. 30.*

**Website:** [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)



**St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St., Sackville, NB, E4L 2Y5**

**Phone:** (506) 536-1460 **Email:** stvince@nbnet.nb.ca

**Office hours:** Monday & Thursday @ 10 AM- 2 PM



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**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**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Gerald Benoit	Joy Cormier
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Oct. 1</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Special intention	Alison Smith
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Special intention	Philomena
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Oct. 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Dominador Salazar	Family
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Herman Vringer	Martha, David, Denis & Family
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Anniv. Late Walter Carroll	Jessie & Peter Kinney
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For the people	

**St. Clement's**

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Special Intention	Danielle Grant
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**St. Vincent's**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Delia Burke	Sister Aline Beal & Children
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**MASS CANCELLED - 9:30 AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**

**OFFERINGS**

**St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – September 21 & 22, 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$4135	<b>Loose</b>	\$906.80	<b>Indigenous</b>	\$200	<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	\$440
<b>Canadian Church</b>	\$55	<b>Religious Ed.</b>	\$85	<b>Capital Fund</b>	\$455	<b>Build. Fund</b>	\$10

**St. Clement's Offerings – September 21, 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$385	<b>Donation w/ Receipt</b>	\$65	<b>Collection</b>	\$100
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**St. Vincent's Offerings – September 22, 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2245	<b>Loose</b>	\$85	<b>Needs of Can. Chur.</b>	\$50	<b>Maintenance</b>	\$50
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*Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!*



**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.

**Bible studies:** We are planning to start Bible studies and need to know which day of the week or at what time is better for everybody. Please put suggestions inside the collection basket. Thank you.



**Moncton K of C Council 1310 - 84 Broadway St., Moncton:** A Catholic organization, with 300 plus members. Interested in Joining? Contact Norman Gallant, Grand Knight at 506 853-7333. Bingos: Thurs. & Sun. 6:30 PM - Sunday Brunch 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of each month.

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

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

Gerald Ramsay

Husband of Matilda "Tille", father of Charlene, grandfather of Daniel & Erin

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

*Prayer*  
Request

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

**St. Bernard's**

Patricia Devine	Raymond T-John LeBlanc	Gigi Pena	Glen & Doreen McCluskey
Gerry Lorette	Ava Duchesne	Fr. Allison Carroll	

**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**

Barb DeWitt	Vince Reinsborough	Deacon Frank Quinn	Teresa Vermette	
Tim Nye	Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell	



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

**Prior to weekday masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM**

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



**Why Catholic? (Book 2 – Prayer)**

Last February, we launched the Small Group Faith Sharing initiative in our pastoral unit. The first book, *Believe*, concluded last summer. As we enter the fall season, we are excited to announce the commencement of our second book, *Prayer*. We are inviting you to join us in this journey. Here is the schedule for this season:

Monday at 6:00 PM - Tuesday at 6:00 PM -Thursday at 10:15 AM

Thursday at 7:00 PM - Friday at 7:00 PM

Please send an email to [sbhf@rogers.com](mailto:sbhf@rogers.com) if you have any question or if you would like to register.



**Moncton K of C Council 1310 - 84 Broadway Street, Moncton**

Monthly Breakfast – Oct. 6 from 8:30AM - 12:30PM \$12 for Adults, \$5 for children.

Menu includes: bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, pan fries, baked beans, toast, tea, coffee and juice. All are welcome!

## 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>Next baptisms</b>	September 29 @ 11 AM Mass



Faith Formation

### Sessions for Fall 2024

**Sundays Level 1-2-3 @ 9:30 AM and Level 4-5-6 @ 12:15 PM:**

Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15

**Tues. Level 1-2-3 @ 6PM:** Oct. 8, Oct 22, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec.17

**Wednesday Level 4-5-6 @ 6PM:** Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

**Confirmation In-Person Session:** Oct.6, Nov.3, Dec. 15

### The Queen of Peace



On September 19, 2024, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the assent of Pope Francis, grants approval for devotion link to Medjugorje. The Holy See recognizes the abundant spiritual fruits received at the Sanctuary in Medjugorje: healing, conversion, messages of peace. "We can see a nucleus of messages in which Our Lady does not place herself at the center but shows herself to be fully directed toward our union with God."

The Vatican has not yet made any declaration regarding the supernatural nature of the Marian apparitions, as reports of these apparitions are still ongoing. Once the apparitions cease, the Vatican will be able to begin its investigations.

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje is scheduled for May 16 to 26, 2025, with Fr. Carlos Jacinto as the accompanying priest. Reservations fill up quickly, so if you are interested in learning more, please contact Hector Caissie at 506-857-2295.



Coffee & Chat

**"Hello There"** meet and greet after the 11 am mass on September 29th in the hall.

Please join us as we meet new friends and greet everyone back after summer. Coffee/tea/juice and a treat will be supplied by the St Bernard's Knights of Columbus #1310. Enter by the Hall doors near the elevator on the parking lot.



### 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. Vincent's

**FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's** – In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact Cathy Crinnion at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca) or 536-4470. For parishioners who are past Confirmation, no previous experience is necessary for you to share your time with our Faith Formation families, as a helper or as a catechist!

### **The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:**

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10am - Elementary group (grades 4+) – St. Vincent's hall

October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10am - Primary group – St. Vincent's hall

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Thanksgiving ~ *reflect on what we are grateful for and remember to help and share!*

October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10am - Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall

October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10am - Primary group – St. Vincent's hall

November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am - Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall

\*November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm - \*for parents of youth preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist –Immaculate Heart of Mary, Riverview (discuss carpooling with Cathy)

**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 increased from \$10 to \$15, effective April 1, 2023.

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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!!

**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.



### SEASON OF CREATION 2024

His Holiness, Pope Francis, in his letter *Laudate Deum* (2023) tells us; “Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident... I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful.”

### MONDAY @ THE MOVIES

Our next film discussion will take place on October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 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.



### Welcome back to SENIORS CONNECT!

Our next gathering will take place **Thursday October 3rd** at 10:30 am at Holy Family Church. We will have a **Health Fair** where you can have your blood pressure checked, blood glucose and oxygen saturation measured and receive some health information brochures. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca).

### 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:

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

Thursday, October 10 (2:00 – 3:30 pm AST): Praying with the Saints/St. Teresa of Avila

Thursday, October 17 (2:00 – 3:30 pm AST): The Prayer of Jesus/John 17

Thursday, October 24 (2:00 – 3:30 pm AST): Lectio Divina/The Storm at Sea

### What's Wrong with Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)?

An overview of the three arguments against MAiD, current MAiD practice in Canada, and recent Catholic teaching on euthanasia will be presented on **Wed Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Holy Family church**, 52 Falkland St in Moncton. “*What is Wrong with MAiD?*” runs approximately 60 minutes and will be presented by guest speaker Deacon Laurence Worthen from the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Archbishop Desrochers urges all our faithful to attend this informative session. There will be an opportunity for Q&A. Deacon Worthen is the Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) of Canada, a position he's held for 12 years. CMDA's mission is to engage, encourage and equip Christian doctors and dentists to integrate Faith in their professional practice, and also to help Canadian Churches evangelize on issues surrounding end of life. He has been a permanent deacon during that time as well. In his diaconal ministry he chaired pastoral care for his parish. Deacon Larry has a master's in theology from AST, as well as a Diploma in Adult Education from St FX. He also has a Law degree from Dalhousie so is able to comment on the legal issues of MAiD as well. Please reserve your seat by registering with Trevor at 506-857-4879, [adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca) or online at <https://form.123formbuilder.com/6629042/what-s-wrong-with-m-a-i-d>.

# Dear Padre,

*After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?*

"The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus' warning not to despise "little ones" because "their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we'll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. "This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called 'heaven.' Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (CCC 1024). Even though "this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description" (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
<i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Lk 9:51–56	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Mt 18:1–5, 10	Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Lk 10:13–16	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	Gn 2:18–24 Heb 2:9–11 Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



YARA NARDI / CNS

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church.... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word "devil" means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.*

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021