

[John said:] "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.

LUKE 3:16

Spirit-Trained

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire "eager to do what is good," as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit's voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God's Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

Reflect

How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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St. Clement's Parish Staff

Parish Secretary	Pam Van Egmond	
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Mass times / Intentions:					
St. Bernard's					
Mon.	Jan.13	9:30 AM	Late Daniel Perreault	KoC Council 1310	
Tues.	Jan. 14	9:30 AM	For the People		
Wed.	Jan. 15	9:30 AM	Late Marjorie LeBlanc	Rose Pitre	
Thurs.	Jan. 16	9:30 AM	Anniv. Late Ella Goguen	Jim & Family	
Fri.	Jan. 17	9:30 AM	Late Corry Evers	St. Bernard's CWL	
Sat.	Jan. 18	4:00 PM	Anniv. Late Whitney McCully	Family	
Sun.	Jan. 19	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Marc LeBlanc	Susan LeBlanc	
St. Clement's					
Sat.	Jan. 18	4:00 PM	Peace in the World	Joanne Carroll	
St. Vincent's					
Sun.	Jan. 19	9:00 AM	Deceased family members	Conrad Coughlan	

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – Jan 5, 2025

Envelopes	\$6161.80	Loose	\$980.60	New Year's Day	\$260.00
Syrian fund	\$45.00	Indigenous	\$40.00	Capital Exp.	\$1872.00
Karing Kitchen	\$41.00	Special Collection - Youth	\$30.00	Reconnect	\$110.00

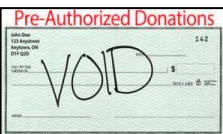
St. Clement's – January 5, 2025

Envelopes	\$890	Please note: in last bulletin, envelopes should read \$770 not \$440.			
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St. Vincent's offerings

Dec. 25, 2024	Envelopes	\$1555	Loose	\$260.10						
Dec. 29, 2024	Envelopes	\$2220	Loose	\$70	Christmas Day	\$255	St. Ed Cem.	\$100		
Jan. 1, 2025	Envelopes	\$100	Maintenance	\$5	New Year's Day	\$575	Init. offer	\$55		
Jan. 5, 2025	Env.	\$1045	Loose	\$40	Maint.	\$130	New Year's	\$15	Init. offer	\$30

Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!



PADS – If you would like to donate through the Pre-Authorized Debit system, kindly contact **Giredine Aguidi** at **506-857-0425** or send an email to **sbhf@rogers.com** to register for St. Bernard's PADS.



IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON: ST. BERNARD'S WEBSITE: www.stbernardschur.ca OR BY CALLING OUR PHONE LINE @ 506-857-0425

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

*A time to mourn...
sincere sympathies to the family of:*

all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



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

St. Bernard's

Patricia Devine	Kathleen Crosby	Glen & Doreen McCluskey	Belinda Sarmiento		
Claire Struble	Marie Godin	Dee Dee Murphy	John Glynn	Irene Cucalon	Rheal Giffard
Gigi Pena	Peter Quach	Kathleen Crosby	Sofio & Maria Floreta Conson	Stella Marie Alcalen	

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Deacon Frank Quinn	Angelia	Shawna Lane Ibbitson
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St. Vincent's

Barb DeWitt	Vince Reinsborough	Deacon Frank Quinn	Leonard Burke	Tim Nye
Vince Wood	Art Chase	Leone Campbell	Deacon Frank Quinn	Leonard Burke

As well as those who have died.



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.



YMCA ReConnect provides short-term and long-term assistance through outreach to youth and adults who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. YMCA Re-Connect is looking for donations of new or gently used sweaters, sweatpants, socks, hand / foot warmers and warm blankets. If you can donate any of these items to St. Bernard's Church, containers will be set up at the entrance of the church to receive these donations. We will ensure donations get to Re-Connect. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

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

Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	2nd Sat. of month & last Sat. of month after 25 th @ 7:00 PM
RCIA	Resumes Saturday, January 18 th , 2025: 10:00 AM to 12 noon.

	Sessions	LEVEL 1-3		LEVEL 4-6	
		Sun. @ 9:30 AM	Tues. @ 6 PM	Sun. @ 12:15 PM	Wed. @ 6 PM
	9	Jan. 19th	Jan. 21 st	Jan. 19th	Jan 22nd
	10	Feb. 2 nd	Feb 4th	Feb. 2nd	Feb.5th
	11	Feb. 9 th	Feb. 11 th	Feb. 9 th	Feb. 12 th

Confirmation Prep. In-person session

Session # 3, Sunday Jan. 19th at 2 PM_ Session # 4 Sunday Feb. 9th at 2 PM
 Session # 5 Sun. March 9th at 2 PM_ Session # 6 Sun. April 6th at 2 PM
 Session # 7th April 27th at 2 PM.



It's crucial to remain vigilant and protect us against potential fraud. Unfortunately, this festive time can attract the attention of scammers seeking to take advantage of our goodwill and increased online activity. **We would like to remind everyone that if you receive suspicious emails or text messages claiming to be Fr. Damian, Fr. Carlos or any of our parish staff, please be cautious and bring this to our attention. Call our parish offices to verify any suspicious email.**



Notice of Meeting

St. Bernard's CWL will meet on Sun, Jan. 26th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the church hall with The Rosary at 1:30 pm. Please bring your favorite finger food for social time. Any ladies of the parish interested in learning more about CWL are welcome to attend.



CWL Membership Dues

2025 Membership fees are now due and payable to our National Office. Dues can be paid at our upcoming meeting on Jan. 26th. Fees remain at \$32.50. For members not attending our January meeting, if you wish to have your dues picked up, please call Donna Shaw at 506-382-0503. If paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to St. Bernard's CWL. Thank you.

St. Clement's

- Thanks to all those who donated flowers to St. Clement's for Christmas in memory of loved ones.
- Mass will be held at 1:30 at Westford Nursing Home on Wednesday Jan. 15th.

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 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:

January 12 th @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall
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January 26 th @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall
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February 9 th @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall
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Primary group (grades 1-3) – please contact Cathy to discuss

STORM CANCELLATIONS

Please note that if mass is cancelled for any reason, but mainly winter storms this time of year, a mass email will be sent out to all parishioners who have shared their email with the Parish Office. We realize there are some parishioners who do not have access to email, so we ask that if mass is cancelled, please call any parishioners you know who do not have email to alert them to the cancellation.

MASS INTENTIONS – *We are in need of mass intentions for this year!*

As mass cannot be celebrated without a mass intention, please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 stvince@nbnet.nb.ca to arrange for a mass intention.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2024-2025

Due to a higher demand this year, additional Sunday Missals 2025 have arrived and are being offered to parishioners at a cost of \$6.75 each. Please see Lorraine at the entrance to the church.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Thank you, thank you, thank you! These two words cannot be said often enough! Many many people from the Amherst, Sackville, Dieppe, Moncton, and Riverview areas have been so very generous with donations of household goods and warm outdoor clothing for our friends from the Philippines. As more nurses will be arriving in the near future, we are still accepting donations of beds, dressers, like new bedding, tables/chairs, small appliances, etc.

Please contact Lorraine at the Parish Office if you have any items that you would like to donate 506-536-1460 or stvince@nbnet.nb.ca.

SACKVILLE FOOD BANK

With the rising cost of groceries, many local families are struggling to put nutritious food on the table. If you are able, please contribute non-perishable food items to our local Food Bank. Also needed are items such as toilet paper, tissues, paper towel, face soap, and dish and laundry detergent. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance of the church.

FORMATION FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAMS

To provide continuing formation for members of parish baptismal preparation teams, they are asked to gather on **Saturday, January 25th at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish from 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**. This formation is relevant to new members of baptismal preparation teams as well as a refresher for existing members. Facilitated by Trevor Drosbeck and Mark Mahoney, the formation will follow the themes and guidelines outlined in **Pastoral Recommendations for the Baptism of Children**, and will involve the resource that has been used in our diocese for the past several years and will include a dialogue around working with parents, the rewards and challenges of being involved in the ministry; what's working and (maybe) what's not; as well as ways we can be more effective. Please contact Trevor at adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca or 857-4879 to confirm your attendance.

SENIORS CONNECT

Our January gathering will take place on **Thursday, January 16th at 10:30 AM** at Holy Family in Moncton. At this meeting we will talk about Simple Tips for Computing and the Internet. You do not need to have a computer with you for this session.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES

Our next selection for Monday @ The Movies will be "*The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa.*" We will meet via Zoom on **Monday, January 27th at 10:00 am** to discuss the movie. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca for more information.

CELEBRATING SUNDAY LITURGICAL FORMATION

Liturgist Catherine Ecker will be offering a three-part Zoom series on the celebration of Sunday liturgy. Each session will take place via Zoom on **February 5th, 19th, and 26th at 7:00 pm** and run until 9:00 pm. These sessions will be appropriate for any involved in liturgical ministries or anyone who would like to know more about how and why we celebrate. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

"ROADMAP TO INITIATION"- R.C.I.A. FORMATION

Catherine Ecker will also be offering a three-part series entitled "Roadmap to Initiation," designed for those who are involved in parish R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) teams. These sessions will also take place via Zoom on **March 10th, 17th, and 24th at 7:00 pm** to 9:00 pm. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

2024 donations deadline extended

On December 30th, 2024, the Honorable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs, along with the Honorable Elisabeth Briere, Minister of National Revenue, announced that the federal government intends to amend the *Income Tax Act* to extend the deadline for making donations eligible for tax support in the 2024 tax year, until February 28, 2025.

This extension will mitigate the impacts of the four-week Canada Post mail stoppage. This will provide donors with additional time to ensure their contributions are received and processed by their parish.

The government will introduce legislation affecting these changes once Parliament returns in the new year.

Dear Padre,

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity.



SWEET MARSHMALLOW / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Weekday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 1:1–6 Mk 1:14–20	Heb 2:5–12 Mk 1:21–28	Heb 2:14–18 Mk 1:29–39	Heb 3:7–14 Mk 1:40–45	Heb 4:1–5, 11 Mk 2:1–12	Heb 4:12–16 Mk 2:13–17	Is 62:1–5 1 Cor 12:4–11 Jn 2:1–11



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him.... Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 7, 2024