



They left everything
and followed him.

LUKE 5:11

Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

Reflect

***Do you experience God calling you?
What is your answer?***

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office hours for next week:

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM.

Fridays: CLOSED

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

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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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Mass times / Intentions:					
St. Bernard's					
Mon.	Feb. 10	9:30 AM	Late Catalina & Krausie	Lida Mae Tiongzon	
Tues.	Feb. 11	9:30 AM	Late Cheryl Simpson	Roy & Dee Dee Carter	
Wed.	Feb. 12	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving	Pascal Okeke	
Thurs.	Feb. 13	9:30 AM	Late Jeanne Arsenault	Eileen Saunders	
Fri.	Feb. 14	9:30 AM	Deceased family members	Conrad Coughlan	
Sat.	Feb. 15	4:00 PM	For the People		
Sun.	Feb. 16	11:00 AM	Late sister Mary Magaret Murphy	St. Bernard's CWL	
St. Clement's					
Sat.	Feb. 15	4:00 PM	For the People		
St. Vincent's					
Sun.	Feb. 16	9:00 AM	Tim Nye	The LeClair Family	

OFFERINGS

St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – February 1 & 2, 2025									
Envelopes	\$8,328.25	Loose	\$784.20	Syrian Relief	\$35	Indigenous	\$40		
Reconnect	\$120	Capital Expenditure	\$2380.25		Special Coll. Youth	\$30			
New Year's Day	\$ 20	Karing Kitchen	\$40	Donations w/receipt	\$25				
St. Clement's offerings – February 1, 2025									
Envelopes	\$330	Donation w/receipt	\$20						
St. Vincent's offerings – February 2, 2025									
Envelopes	\$1735	Loose	\$35	Maintenance	\$70	Fuel	\$185	Christmas	\$10
Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!									



No Scent Policy
 Out of respect for those with sensitivities, please avoid wearing scented products in the Church, Parish Office & the Church Hall.
Thank you for your understanding!

World Day of the Sick - February 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.



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

Patricia Doiron, wife of the late Dr. Edgar Doiron.

And to 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	John Glynn	Peter Quach	Jerome Escalona	Kathleen Crosby	Walter Best
Claire Struble	Denis Surette				

St. Clement's

McGraw Family	Deacon Frank Quinn	Sharon Cole		
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St. Vincent's

Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Deacon Frank Quinn	Leone Campbell	Art Chase
Vince Wood	Yvette Long			

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.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat – Pilgrims of Hope

Strengthen your love, deepen your faith, and grow together in Christ at our **Marriage Enrichment Retreat**. This special retreat offers a time for renewal, reflection, and practical guidance to enrich your relationship. Whether you've been married for one year or fifty, this retreat will bless your journey together.

Date: February 22, 2025 - **Time:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM - **Location:** St. Bernard's Church (43 Botsford St. Moncton). **Speakers:** Mr. & Mrs. Joe and Deb D'Ettore, Deacon Frank Quinn, Fr. Carlos Jacinto.

Fee: \$60 per couple. This fee will cover the costs for lunch, refreshments, and retreat materials.

Join us for a day of faith, fellowship, and inspiration. Register now and invest in the gift of your marriage! For more information or to sign up, contact Joe and Deb D'Ettore: atvnonno@gmail.com / (506) 961-3526.



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

**Ash Wednesday is approaching!
Lent begins Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer.

Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent normally come from the palm branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



REMINDER TO BRING IN LAST YEAR'S PALM

A basket is set up at the main entrance of the church to receive last year's palms. It would be helpful if your palm were cut into small lengths, as that saves much time for those who will be burning them to make this year's ashes.

St. Bernard's

*In case of
Inclement
Weather*



St. Bernard's Church Inclement Weather Policy


At least 1 hour before scheduled event: Mass cancellation & any other closures will always be noted on: Parish Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca

Parish Phone Message: by calling 506 857 0425 - Facebook: facebook.com/gsmoncton

Call ahead or check website before heading out.

Mark Your Calendar

Carmelites	2 nd Saturday of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	2nd Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25 th @ 7:00 PM
RCIA	Resumes Saturday, February 15 th , 2025: 10:00 AM to 12 noon
Baptism preparation	Sunday, February 16 @ 1:30 PM
"Hello There"	Sunday February 16 th after mass

 <i>Faith Formation</i>	SESSIONS	LEVEL 1-3		LEVEL 4-6	
			Sun. @ 9:30 AM	Tues. @ 6 PM	Sun. @ 12:15 PM
	11	February 9 th	February 11 th	February 9 th	February 12 th
	12	February 23 rd	February 25 th	February 23 rd	February 26 th
13	March 9 th	March 11 th	March 9 th	March 12 th	

Confirmation Prep. In-person session

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.



Baptism and Baptism Preparation

The arrival of a new member of the family is a time of great excitement and joy. As you welcome your new child into your family, you also begin to plan and provide the best for them. Like you, Jesus Christ wants the best for your child, as well. One of the first steps in introducing your child to God and to your faith is through baptism. Asking to have your child baptized shows that you recognize the importance of God in your life, and that you want your child to be a child of God and to be a member of a Christian community. In preparation for baptism, our archdiocese requires that parents attend a baptismal preparation course. **St. Bernard's will be offering a Baptism Preparation Course on Sunday, February 16 at 1:30 PM. Registration is required prior to the course.** Please contact Darlene McGraw either at darlenemcgraw@rogers.com or at the parish office at **(506) 857-0425** to register.



THANK YOU FOR SHARING!!!

With the postal strike and so many donations being made anonymously, we have not been able to connect personally with all who have been so generous with donations of hats, mitts, scarves, socks, clothing and food for those in need. We make the rounds to shelters, schools, Moncton Headstart, the Moncton Pregnancy Center, ReConnect, St.

George's Anglican Church and the Peter McKee Food Centre to deliver the items which they are so grateful to receive. Our parish has a representative on the board of the Karing Kitchen and the funds you donate are gratefully received to provide meals to those who are hungry. Your kindness, understanding and generosity are very much appreciated.



Hello There! We are back! Join us, chat with friends, and make new ones! Come to the parish gathering, on February 16th ~noon, offered by volunteers & Knights #1310. Speak to Linda or Mike if you can lend us a helping hand sometime.

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:

Sun Feb 9 th @ 10am	Elementary group (Grades 4+) – St. Vincent's hall
Thurs Feb 13 th @ 5pm	<i>Sacrament prep: 1st Reconciliation session</i>
Sun Feb 23 rd @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall
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.

MASS CELEBRATION AT THE DREW NURSING HOME – Fr. Carlos will celebrate Mass with the residents of the Drew Nursing Long Term Care Home in Sackville once per month, beginning on Monday, February 10, 2025. The following dates are also scheduled for Mass: Monday, March 3; Monday, April 7; Monday, May 5; and Monday, June 2. ***Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate mass with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home.***

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS – Tax receipts for 2024 will be available before the end of February 2025 and will be distributed at mass. If you are unable to attend mass, your receipt will be mailed to you via Canada Post.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS – Thank you to all who have donated household items for the use of the Filipino newcomers in the past year.

As we very recently received a large gift of household furniture, we are currently ***putting a pause on accepting donations for the time being.*** However, if you have a kitchen table and chairs and/or like-new bedding for twin, double, or queen size mattresses, please be in touch with Lorraine at the Parish Office 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.

SENIORS CONNECT - Welcome to Seniors Connect, a safe space for seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday February 20th at 10:30 am** at the Holy Family Church Hall, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. *Our theme for that day will help us learn how to move through the process of downsizing your stuff and letting it go.* Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

“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 12th, 19th, and 26th (please note change of dates) 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 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.



Anointing the sick

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK FEBRUARY 11th

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the sick as part of our Mass at St. Augustine's, Tuesday February 11th at 7:00pm. *All are welcome!*

Gospel Study Group February 13th and 14th - Weekly in person or by zoom, Thursdays at St. Lawrence O'Toole 6:00pm followed by adoration at 7:00 pm AND Fridays at St. Augustine's 11:00 am, followed by mass at 12:00 (noon) and adoration. For information contact Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@gasmoncton.com. For 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time click on the following links and read:

Pope Francis

<https://cruxnow.com/commentary/2019/02/sermon-on-the-mount-recalls-gods-constant-invitation-to-be-better>. St. Augustine Chapter 19 : <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/1602219.htm>

SHARE LENT 2025 CAMPAIGN: TURN DEBT INTO HOPE

This year's Development and Peace-Caritas Canada Share Lent Campaign takes place in the global context of the Jubilee of Hope decreed by Pope Francis. The theme of the campaign is Turn Debt into Hope. Workshops are being held in dioceses across Canada to explain the campaign's issues to participants and present materials for use in parishes. In New-Brunswick we'll be holding an online workshop in English. **ENGLISH WORKSHOPS IN THE MARITIMES (DIOCESES OF BATHURST, EDMUNDSTON AND MONCTON)**. If you would like to get some information about the campaign, please see the registration link: [Lenten workshop | Saint John, NB | Development and Peace](#). Contact in Halifax: Adah Ogbe, English Animator for the Maritimes Tel. (902) 429-9489 or e-mail dpatlantic@dev.org. **Thanks, Nicolas Kalgora, Regional Office of Development and Peace in Moncton.**

Eucharistic Adoration at the Chapel of Mercy, Sainte-Thérèse-de-L'Enfant-Jésus, Acadie Street, Dieppe. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Open: Monday after 9 am mass until 10:30 am; Wednesday from 1 to 6 pm; Friday from 2 to 5 pm.

We need one person on Wednesday from 2 to 3 pm and another person from 3 to 4 pm. For more info, call Yolande at 506-204-2204 or email: ysarsenault@gmail.com.

The Chapel of Mercy is an endeavor of the Knights of Columbus, Local 6796.

Dear Padre,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



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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
February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 11 Weekday Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13	February 12 Weekday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 13 Weekday Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 14 Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 15 Weekday Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



ANTHONY V. MELAKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done."

Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 6, 2022