



Best Friends

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Henry David Thoreau was a naturalist and philosopher who lived in Concord, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s. He spent a year living in a small one-room cabin in the woods at Walden Pond “because,” he said, “I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear.” Thoreau seems to have sought the same reality pursued by the author of the Book of Wisdom, who preferred Lady Wisdom to power, deemed riches to be nothing, and loved wisdom more than health or beauty.

Like the man who comes to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to inherit eternal life, most of us have a difficult time surrendering that to which we cling. It may be our possessions, our power to control others, the need to be youthful and stylishly dressed, or an addiction to drugs or gambling or pornography—anything that has become our “best friend.” Just as the apostles wonder who can then be saved, all of us wonder, because we, too, have one or another such “best friends.” It is God who breaks through, says Jesus. It may be a painful breaking through; it may be an upheaval; it may not be until the end of our lives. Always, it is God who ultimately turns us around. ●

Reflect

Who or what is your “best friend” that replaces God in your life?

[Jesus said,] “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

MARK 10:21

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit



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Office hours for next week:

Monday, October 14 – Closed - Thanksgiving

Tuesday - Friday: 9AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM

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The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit

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Mass times / Intentions:**St. Bernard's**

Mon.	Oct. 14	9:30 AM	Late Shirley Clement	Jean-Guy Côté
Tues.	Oct. 15	9:30 AM	Late William "Bill" Pellerin	Ronald LeBlanc
Wed.	Oct. 16	9:30 AM	Special intention	Roberta Brino
Thurs.	Oct. 17	9:30 AM	Late Ghita Gaudet	K Of C 1310
Fri.	Oct. 18	9:30 AM	Late Jim Farrell	Mary Kelly & Wally Best
Sat.	Oct. 19	4:00 PM	For the people	
Sun.	Oct. 20	11:00 AM	Anniv. Late Mae Clark	Family

St. Clement's

Sat.	Oct. 19	7:00 PM	Camille Legere	Jan Legere and family
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St. Vincent's

Sun.	Oct. 20	9:00 AM	Eric Wheaton	Nancy, Leighann, and Josie
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OFFERINGS**St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – October 5 & 6, 2024**

Envelopes	\$4616.05	Loose	\$801.15	Karing Kitchen	\$15	All Souls	\$30
Canadian Church	\$70	Religious Ed.	\$50	Capital Expenditure	\$1277		
Building Fund	\$10	Needy Fund	\$10	Evangelization of people	\$75		

St. Clement's Offerings – October 5, 2024

Envelopes	\$430	Donation w/ Receipt	\$25	Spec. Offering	\$10		
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St. Vincent's Offerings – October 6, 2024

Envelopes	\$1315	Loose	\$20	Maintenance	\$115	Aug & Sept PAD's	\$2530
Evangelization of Nations	\$35	St. Edward's Cemetery	\$100				
HR-SV Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$100						

*Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!***CHANGE OF LOCATION****St. Bernard's 9:30 AM weekday Masses**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - October 16, 17, & 18
WILL BE HELD DOWN IN THE PARISH HALL NOT IN THE CHUCH

(to allow the team to work on the sound system)

Happy Thanksgiving Day!
Have a blessed and happy long weekend!

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

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

Greg Cohoon

Husband of Mary, father of Shawn, Jocelyn, and Beth.

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

Shelly Rizk

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



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.



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 1st Sun. of each month.

St. Bernard's

Mark Your Calendar

Carmelites	2 nd Sat of the month: 9:30 AM
Prayer Group	2nd Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25th
RCIA	1 st and 3 rd Saturday of month, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
Baptism preparation	To be decided



Sessions for Fall 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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.



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 and Tuesday at 6 PM -Thursday at 10:15 AM and 7 PM - Friday at 7 PM. Please send an email to sbhf@rogers.com if you have any question or if you would like to register.

St. Bernard's CWL Raffle

Hand crafted bedspread and 5"x7" painting. Proceeds for parish repairs, Food Depot, Pregnancy Center, NB Right to Life. Lottery License #2073754. **Draw Date- Dec.8/24** - Value \$150.00 - Tickets: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5



Please take note: During Mass times, it has been reported that persons have been seen pulling on car door handles looking for unlocked doors for the purpose of theft.



Hello There'' meet and greet after the 11 am mass on October 27th 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. Clement's

Starting November 2nd, mass will be held at 4:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm for the winter

St. Vincent's

FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's – For any participant or volunteer inquiries, please contact Cathy Crinnion at crrinnion@yahoo.ca or 536-4470.

The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

October 13th ~ Thanksgiving ~ *reflect on what we are grateful for, and remember to help and share!*

October 20 th @ 10am	next Elementary group session – St. Vincent's hall
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Oct. 27 th to be determined	Primary group – please contact Cathy to discuss
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November 3 rd @ 10am	Elementary group – St. Vincent's hall
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*November 7 th @ 6pm	*for parents of youth preparing for 1 st Eucharist – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Riverview (discuss carpooling with Cathy)
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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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – If you wish to sign a card of support for Development and Peace Defending Peasants' Rights, they are available on a table at the entrance to the church. In the new year, all signed cards will be sent to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, Montreal, PQ, when a delegation will go to Parliament Hill in Ottawa to hand over signed action cards and petitions.

SEEKING ASSISTANT CARETAKER – Holy Rosary-St. Vincent's Cemetery is looking for an Assistant Caretaker. Interested persons should contact the Parish Office at 506-536-1460.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS – With the influx of many new families to our parish, we need to update our parish list. If you have not yet completed and submitted a parish registration form, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. There is 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

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. We recently welcomed more nurses from the Philippines, along with their families! As the newcomers continue to arrive and then are required to find accommodations, we will be accepting specific donations as needed by them such as MATTRESSES AND BED FRAMES, LIKE NEW BEDDING AND WARM BLANKETS, AND SMALL APPLIANCES. Please contact the Parish Office if you have particular items that you would like to donate. Thank you!!

CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION

Please note the email address for Trevor Drosbeck has changed to adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca and Karen LeBlanc's has changed to youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES

Our next film discussion will take place on October 21st @ 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 or 387-4198.

Welcome back to SENIORS CONNECT!

Our next gathering will take place **Thursday November 7th**, 10:30 am at Holy Family Church. The theme of the gathering will be "Happy Feet," where we will learn how to care of our feet as we age. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

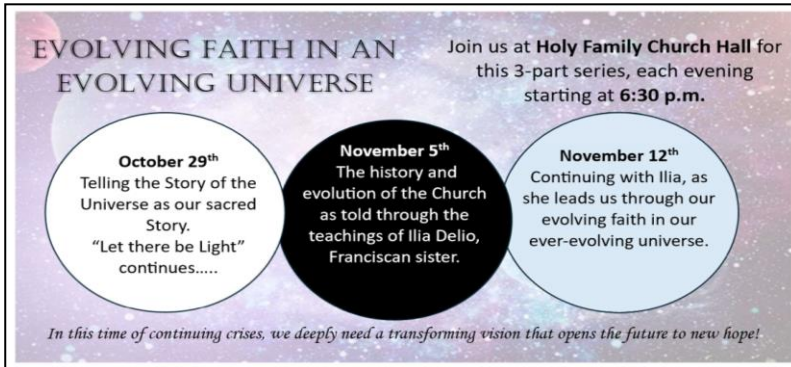
A GREAT SYMPHONY OF PRAYER

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:

Fall Series on Prayer:

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



EVOLVING FAITH IN AN EVOLVING UNIVERSE

Join us at **Holy Family Church Hall** for this 3-part series, each evening starting at **6:30 p.m.**

- October 29th**
Telling the Story of the Universe as our sacred Story.
"Let there be Light" continues.....
- November 5th**
The history and evolution of the Church as told through the teachings of Ilia Delio, Franciscan sister.
- November 12th**
Continuing with Ilia, as she leads us through our evolving faith in our ever-evolving universe.

In this time of continuing crises, we deeply need a transforming vision that opens the future to new hope!

Rebuilding ... together

Moving forward with confidence in Christ means: Facing challenges: Facing trials with courage, remembering that Christ is always present to support and help; Practicing love and compassion: Acting according to the principles of Christian love, serving others and living in community and growing spiritually: Engaging in activities that nurture faith, devotion and practicing community spirit. Your special contribution on November 02 and 03 will help the archdiocese and your parish, as 10% of proceeds will remain with the parish. Let's share generously according to our means. Thank you for your support!

Dear Padre,

When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●



The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 14	October 15	October 16	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20
Weekday	St. Teresa of	Weekday	St. Ignatius of	St. Luke,	Sts. John de	Twenty-ninth
Gal 4:22-24,	Jesus, Virgin	Gal 5:18-25	Antioch, Bishop	Evangelist	Brébeuf and Isaac	Sunday in
26-27, 31-5:1	and Doctor	Lk 11:42-46	and Martyr	2 Im 4:10-17b	Jogues, Priests,	Ordinary Time
Lk 11:29-32	of the Church		Eph 1:1-10	Lk 10:1-9	and Companions,	Is 53:10-11
	Gal 5:1-6		Lk 11:47-54		Martyrs	Heb 4:14-16
	Lk 11:37-41				Eph 1:15-23	Mk 10:35-45
					Lk 12:8-12	or 10:42-45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home “sorrowful” with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: “At what point is my faith?”

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