



The Parish of the Good Shepherd

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Welcome To Our Parish Community – Kwe' aa'qa'tuk aqq na'kmaq aqqi'kik - Bienvenidos a Nuestra Comunidad de la Iglesia – Maligayang Pagdating sa Aming Komunidad ng Simbahan -

July 5th & July 6th, 2025 – 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C - Gospel of Luke)

(1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14 2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20)

CHURCH TODAY GOD'S CREATION IS NOT A BATTLEGROUND FOR VITAL RESOURCES

In his message for the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo XIV quotes extensively from Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato si'*, denouncing environmental and social injustice and noting that God's creation is not intended to be a battleground for vital resources. As the Church prepares to mark the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1st, Pope Leo XIV's message for the occasion urges Christians and all people of goodwill to recognize the urgent need for environmental and social justice in a world increasingly scarred by climate change, conflict, and inequality. Entitled *Seeds of Peace and Hope* and released on July 2nd, the Pope's message resonates with the spirit of the ongoing Jubilee Year, calling the faithful to embrace their role as "pilgrims of hope" and stewards of God's creation.

Justice in a wounded world

Echoing the prophetic words of Isaiah, Pope Leo invites the global community to envision a transformation of today's "arid and parched desert" into "a faithful field." This biblical vision he explains, is not a poetic metaphor but an urgent call to action in the face of alarming ecological and human crises.

Quoting extensively from Pope Francis encyclical *Laudata si'* in the year of its 10th anniversary, he writes, "Injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities, and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution, and the loss of biodiversity."

Linking environmental destruction to the exploitation of the poor and marginalized, he highlights the disproportionate suffering of indigenous communities and the widening gap between rich and poor as hallmarks of a system that treats nature as a commodity rather than a common home.

Nature as a battleground

He laments the fact that nature itself has become "a bargaining chip," subjected to policies and practices that prioritize profit over people and the planet. From agricultural lands riddled with landmines to conflicts over water and raw materials, Pope Leo paints a sobering picture of a creation "turned into a battleground" for control and domination. These wounds, he says are "the effect of sin," a betrayal of the biblical command not to dominate creation, but to "till and keep it", a call to cultivate and preserve the Earth through a relationship of care and responsibility.

Environmental justice as a moral imperative

The Pope's message reaffirms the Church's commitment to an "integral ecology," a concept at the heart of *Laudato si'*. Environmental justice, the Holy Father affirms, is not an abstract or secondary concern but a "duty born of faith."

"For believers," he writes, "the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed." In this light, caring for the planet becomes not only an ecological necessity but also a profoundly spiritual and moral vocation.

Seeds that bear fruit

Encouraging concrete action, Pope Leo calls for perseverance and love in sowing "Seeds of Justice" that will, in time, bear the fruits of peace.

"This may take years," the Pope acknowledges, "but years that involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love."

Concluding his message with a prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit, Pope Leo XVI invokes the hope of the risen Christ as the guiding light for a world longing for healing.

DID YOU KNOW Holy Water is Powerful



We Catholics often forget the power of this sacramental, and take holy water for granted most of the time. If we use it regularly, this is an easy trap to fall into. But we shouldn't let ourselves remain numb to holy water's efficacy. Every Catholic knows, at least partially, how to use holy water: we dip our fingers in the font and bless ourselves as we enter the Church. Ideally, we are supposed to recall our baptism and our baptismal promises, including our renunciation of Satan and disdaining sin.

We must remember that, through a priest, holy water is blessed by God in virtue of Christ's baptism. The Catholic Church possesses enormous power in being able to impart sacramental grace, and holy water as a sacramental receives its power through the prayers and authority of the Church.

The rite of blessing that a priest says over to make it holy contains prayers of exorcism. It can banish demons, heal the sick, and send unwarranted grace upon us; yet most of the time we cross ourselves with this water without even thinking about how holy it really is. The fact of the matter is that holy water is a powerful sacramental, and we ought to use it daily. To prevent us from using it without thinking, we should consciously find ways to use it more. Holy water can be used to bless people, places, and things that are used by humans in their goal of glorifying God with their lives.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund: As you may know, the Canadian Church has committed \$30 million to Indigenous Peoples in Canada following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Each diocese is therefore invited to contribute according to a pro rata that has been established. For our Diocese, the total contribution is \$43,251. or \$8,650/year. In solidarity with Indigenous peoples and in partnership with all Canadian diocese, we are invited to do our part and contribute to this commitment of the Catholic Church in Canada. This is why we are appealing to your generosity during the special collection which will take place on July 5th and 6th. Let us stand in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.



As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year, the Jubilee Committee of the Acadian Peninsula warmly invites you to participate in THE PILGRIMS OF HOPE WALK, a spiritual journey of faith, prayer, and communion. Pilgrims can choose to depart from the Saint-Michel church in Inkerman or the St-Simon and St-Jude Church in Grande-Anse. The departure will take place on July 25 at 10 pm, with a send-off celebration. The pilgrims will walk at night to Saint-Jean-Eudes Church in Caraquet, where everyone will gather at 7 am on July 26 for a time of confession, prayer, and blessing. At 8 am, the walk will continue toward the Sainte-Anne-du-Bocage shrine, where the bishop will welcome the pilgrims and give them his blessing. Everyone will then go to the solemn mass of Saint Anne. Welcome to all pilgrims! For further information, visit the Diocese of Bathurst website at:

<https://diocesebathurst.com/news/marche-des-pelerins-2025>

Baptisms 2025: Parents who wish to have their child baptized can complete and submit the online registration form and complete the baptism preparation course; both are found on our webpage at goodshepherdparish.faith.

Weddings 2025/2026: Couples who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the Parish Office before making any other arrangements at 506-547-4737. Please note that only the couple themselves can book their wedding date and make the necessary arrangements.

Bulletin Announcements: Announcements for the upcoming weekly bulletin must be received by Wednesday at 11:00 am by email at churchesgoodshepherd@gmail.com

Cemetery Notices: Please contact the Administrative Office of The Parish of the Good Shepherd at 506-547-4737 to arrange all burials in the cemeteries; allowing us to complete the mandatory paperwork.

Saint Anne Novena: July 17th to July 26th at Saint-Anne-du-Bocage in Caraquet. The preacher will be Mr. Armand T. LeBlanc, permanent Deacon of Moncton. The theme is "Being a disciple with Jesus". More information to come. **Also**, starting Monday, June 23rd (Monday to Friday) there will be a Mass at the Sanctuary-Shrine of Saint Anne at 3:00 pm.

Saint Anne Triduum of Masses and Prayers: Join us at the temporary chapel of Saint Anne at 5B Riverside Listuguj, Quebec on Wednesday, July 23rd, Thursday, July 24th and Friday, July 25th for a bilingual recitation of the Rosary-Chaplet at 6:30 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, July 26th Saint Anne's Day, mass will be celebrated in French at 9:00 am presided by Father Delvida LeBlanc and a bilingual mass at 11:00 am presided by Bishop Claude Lamoureux, Bishop of Gaspé. Both masses will include the anointing of St. Anne's oil. Mass will be celebrated at the community centre 42 Dundee Road (aka Bingo Hall). All mass times are being celebrated in N.B. time.

Catechism Teachers: We are currently in need of catechism teachers. Our classes will resume in September and we require at least one (1) additional educator for 1-2 Sundays per month. Classes will take place at Holy Family Church. If interested please contact the Parish of Good Shepherd. Training will be provided.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myriam Family Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, July 5th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12/Adults and \$5/Children. At 1000 Rue des Chalets, Tracadie-Sheila. There will also be entertainment and prizes; for more information call 506-395-4455.

Concert: We are pleased to announce the arrival of the Petits Chanteurs de Bruxelles in Campbellton, at Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Church on Friday, July 11th at 7:00 pm. This choir of young boys of international caliber under the direction of Romain Verbeeren, and part of a Canadian tour visiting our region. Free admission and everyone are welcome.

Summer Festival Breakfast: St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Ave. on Saturday, July 19th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased in advance by dropping by the Church Office or calling at 506-546-3225.

Canadian Blood Services: The next clinic will be held at the Bathurst KC Irving Centre on Monday, July 21st from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Tuesday, July 22nd at 1:00 to 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. and Wednesday, July 23rd from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. **Let's help fill the clinic up. Please call 1-888-236-6283 or go to blood.ca.**

IN LOVING MEMORY

- ✠ **Anita Rae** (Carm Foran) (Mike & Karyn Johnston & Family) (Gail & Ron Morin) (Leonard & Beverly Parent) **SJB**
- ✠ **Raynold Chiasson** (Doug & Ruby Lidstone) **SJB**
- ✠ **Wilfred Levesque** (Aline & Bill Letourneau) **SJB**
- ✠ **Michel Boudreau** (Georgette Boulay) (Robert Boulay & Famille) (John Boulay) **SJE**
- ✠ **Jacqueline Guitard** (Lawrence & Irma Doucet) **SJE**
- ✠ **Pierre Marquis** (Anne Marie Doucet) **HF**

RECOMMENDED TO YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord console their families and lead them safely home.

- † Please pray for **Glenna Kenny** of Campbellton who passed away on May 10th at the age of 79. A Graveside Burial was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery.
- † Please pray for **Evangeline (Guitard) Carr** of Beresford who passed away November/2024 at the age of 85. A Graveside Burial was held at St. Gabriel the Archangel Cemetery.



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Brothers & Sisters (*Paulette Thibodeau*).

St. Brother Andre Candle: Deceased Family Members (*Germaine Godin*).

Weekday Mass: English mass is on Tuesday and Thursday and French mass is on Wednesday and Friday. **All are at 9:00 am.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Holy Sacrament will be exposed every Thursday, after the English 9:00 am Mass and on the first Friday of each month (August 1st) after the French 9:00 am Mass.

Heating Collection: Our next monthly heating collection will be at the week-end mass on July 19th & 20th. Envelopes are on the tables in the entrance. Thank You.

Catechism Teachers: We are currently in need of catechism teachers. Our classes will resume in September and we require at least one (1) additional educator for 1-2 Sundays per month. Classes will take place at Holy Family Church. If interested please contact the Parish of Good Shepherd. Training will be provided.

Knights of Columbus-Council 1935: Congratulations to Eliana Pitre winner of the Sandy MacDonald Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$300.00 conducted by the Knights of Columbus. Brother Knights, Hubert Lavigne, James Roy and Robert Boucher were selected as the Knights of the month for April, May & June. Council 1935 also made a \$950.00 donation to the youth mental health services in our area.

HOLY FAMILY

430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

Holy Family CWL: We are asking members of the Holy Family CWL to please contact Mary Cormier at 506-350-0716 with your up-to-date information such as your address, phone number. Thank You.

ST. ANTHONY

14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

Mass & Memorial Cards: Mass and Memorial cards are always available with receipts issued for Memorial Cards only by the central office.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

43 Andrew St. Campbellton, NB

The House of Agape Prayer Group: Join our prayer group every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the church basement. For more information call Mike at 506-753-5805.

50/50 Fundraiser Draw: Congratulations to Cindy Diblee winner of the June 50/50 draw in the amount of \$560.00.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Wildred Levesque (*Aline & Bill Letourneau*).

Visits and Communion for the Sick & Shut-Ins: Please call Deacon Chris at 506-684-2810 to make arrangements.

50/50 Fundraiser Draw: Congratulations to Billy Letourneau to winner of the June 50/50 draw in the amount of \$1,490.00.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

2601 Main Street, Belledune, NB

Rosary and Benediction: Monday, July 28th and the last Monday of every month join us for recitation of the rosary at 6:00 pm.

50/50 Fundraiser Draw: Congratulations to Gisele & Yvon Haché winner of the June 50/50 draw in the amount of \$1,400.00

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

4118 Main Street, Belledune, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Trenton Hall (*Nanny-Jackie*).

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: Intentions are now open. Please use the white envelope found on the entrance table, along with the intention information indicate your special date and phone number and place in the collection basket.

Weekday 9:00 am Mass: All are welcome to attend morning mass every Wednesday followed with fellowship and a light lunch.

50/50 Fundraiser Draw: Congratulations to Antoinette Woodcox winner of the June 50/50 draw in the amount of \$2,100.00.

DID YOU KNOW

Ways to Use Holy Water in your Everyday Life



How do you use Holy Water? Holy Water is one of those beautiful gifts (and weapons) from God to keep us sanctified and holy in our daily lives and to keep the things we regularly use sanctified and holy. If we stop and think about what a generous gift holy water is, we will use it more frequently, thoughtfully, and gratefully!

Here is a simple prayer to say when using holy water, especially for when you're blessing yourself with the Sign of the Cross:

“By this holy water and by Your Precious Blood, wash away all my sins, O Lord. Amen”

This is just a suggestion, of course. There is no correct prayer to pray when using holy water, other than making the Sign of the Cross and saying the words aloud: *“In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”* You can also pray an Our Father or even the St. Michael Prayer when using Holy Water. Keep in mind that holy water is based on the authority of the Church, and thus Christ. You don't need to add anything!

Bless Yourself - This suggestion is obvious, but if we are only blessing ourselves with holy water on Sunday, then aren't we missing out on the rest of the week? You can never have too much grace or blessings in your life. Use holy water daily. Keeping a font in the home is a great idea so that you, your family, and guests can be blessed in the comings and goings from your home.

Bless Your House – Your home is the domestic Church and is in need of spiritual protection. You can sprinkle holy water in your home yourself or have a priest formally bless your home using holy water as part of the house blessing ceremony.

Bless Your Family – Use holy water to pray and make the Sign of the Cross over your family before they go to sleep, bonding them to each other and to God.

Bless Your Work Space – Sprinkling your work space with holy water is a great idea, for spiritual protection on the work front, but also to sanctify your daily work for the glory of God.

Bless Your Car and Bless your children's bicycles and your child's school books/bag.

Bless Your Garden – It was a common practice in the Middle Ages for people to sprinkle their gardens. In times when people were very dependent on crops for their livelihood, lack of rain or early frosts could be devastating. Using holy water to bless and sanctify the plants that would be used for the family's sustenance showed their reliance on God's grace.

Bless the Sick – If you know of any sick friends or family, then blessing them with holy water probably counts as a corporeal and a spiritual work of mercy. If you visit the sick in a hospital or nursing home, bless their living space with holy water and offer them a bottle to keep as a comfort in their time of need.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

<u>June 28th & June 29th</u>	Holy Family	Sacred Heart Cathedral	St. Gabriel the Archangel	St. John the Evangelist	St. Joseph Cemetery	Saint John Bosco	St. Thomas Aquinas	Saint Anthony
Collection	1800.05	2285.00	569.50	456.75		959.25	1048.00	156.00
Toonie	186.05		81.25	61.00		142.70	52.05	
Peter's Pence/ Pope Pastoral Wks.	5.00/15.00	20.00/25.00	10.00	25.00			80.00	
Easter/Holy Land/ Develop. & Peace		20.00/20.00 /30.00						
Fundraising	750.00 (Windows)		2100.00 (50/50)	1400.00 (50/50) 161.70 (Returnable)		1490.00 (50/50)	2522.00 (Yard Sale) 560.00 (50/50)	
Cemetery/Memorial	20.00/10.00			/40.00	20.00	/110.00		500.00
Heating/Donation	/10,015.00	465.00/100.00				/75.00 (Foodbank)		
Diocesan Tax/Dues		40.00/150.00						
Candles	79.10	230.00	10.00	64.90		103.00		
Living Christ/Missal		40.00						

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (JULY 5TH – JULY 13TH)

Holy Family	Sunday, July 6th at 11:00 am + Kenneth Hills (<i>Holy Family Choir</i>)	Sunday, July 13th at 11:00 am + Kara Lavigne (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saturday, July 5th at 4:00 pm + Donald & Ruth (<i>Chris & Nancy Aube</i>) + Estelle Cormier (<i>Family</i>) + Irene Roy (<i>Colton Family</i>)	Sunday, July 6th at 9:00 + Gordon Chiasson (<i>Steve & Linda Furlotte</i>) + Thank You (<i>A Parishioner</i>) + Kevin Guignard (<i>Mom, Dad & Rita</i>)
Weekly Masses	Tuesday, July 8th at 9:00 am (English) + Sylvia Lavigne (<i>Mary Anne Kenny</i>)	Thursday, July 10th at 9:00 am (English) + Michelle Pitre (<i>Ivan and Family</i>)
	Wednesday, July 9th at 9:00 am (French) + Paul & Kathleen Roy (<i>Ralph & Junior</i>)	Friday, July 11th at 9:00 am (French) + Lilianne Saulnier (<i>Joséphine Roy</i>)
	Saturday, July 12th at 4:00 pm + Jeannine Elhatton (<i>Sacred Heart CWL</i>) + Anita Noel Hartman (<i>Emma Noel</i>) + Jean Caissie (<i>Emile Caissie</i>)	Sunday, July 13th at 9:00 am + Donald Buttimer (<i>Wife & Family</i>) + Deceased Relatives (<i>Lynn Biay-Neville</i>) + Leneth & Gary Garrett (<i>Harvey & Joan Boucher</i>)
St. Gabriel the Archangel	Sunday, July 6th at 11:00 am + Joey Lavigne (<i>Uncle Gerald</i>) Wednesday, July 9th at 9:00 am + Cecile McGregor (<i>Ann & Paul</i>)	Sunday, July 13th at 11:00 am + Jamie & Darrell Guitard (<i>Neil & Family</i>) Wednesday, July 16th at 9:00 am + Erwin Donnelly (<i>Brenda, Adam & Grant</i>)
St. John the Evangelist	Saturday, July 5th at 4:00 pm + Mary Lanteigne (<i>Carmen Comeau</i>)	Saturday, July 12th at 4:00 pm + Annette LeBlanc-Fournier (<i>St. John the Evangelist CWL</i>)
St. John Bosco	Sunday, July 6th at 9:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)	Sunday, July 13th at 9:00 am + Paul Kingston (<i>Chris Kingston & Family</i>)
St. Thomas Aquinas	Sunday, July 6th at 11:00 am + Michael Redstone (<i>Claudette Redstone</i>)	Sunday, July 13th at 11:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)
St. Anthony	Saturday, July 5th at 4:00 pm + Allan Ouellette (<i>Michael & Donna</i>)	Saturday, July 12th at 4:00 pm + Father Bill Arseneau (<i>Michael & Donna</i>)

**Pope's Prayer Intention
July/2025**

For formation in discernment:

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.
Amen

Weekly Readings

Monday – Weekday
• Genesis 28:10-22a/ Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday – Weekday
• Genesis 32:22-32/ Matthew 9:32-28
Wednesday – Weekday
• Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,17-24/ Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday – Weekday
• Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29; 45:1-5/ Matthew 10:7-15
Friday – St. Benedict
• Genesis 46:1-7,28-30 /Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday – Weekday Genesis 49:29-31, 33: 50:15-26++/ Matthew 10:24-33

Quote of the Week

