



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

August 2nd & August 3rd 2025 – 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C - Gospel of Luke)

(1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21)

DID YOU KNOW

Raising Hands During the “Our Father”.
Why nowadays some raise their hands and other don't.
Which is right?



This is a good and practical question; many share your confusion. In some churches, everyone holds hands during the Lord's Prayer; sometimes the congregation raises both hands at the doxology at the end of the prayer; and in some churches, no one does either. So, what's correct?

Let's start with the value of holding hands while praying and even raising hands during prayer. From there, we can look at doing this within the Liturgy itself.

It's worth noting that the priest raises his hands in prayer as part of the liturgical rite. The raising of one's hands in prayer is spoken of in the Psalms and is a very holy act. There is nothing wrong with it, and in fact, there is something very holy about this external posture when it is expressing an interior intention. The interior intention that raised hands represents is that of worship and openness to God. It's a sign of abandonment to God and surrender to His holy will. So, raise your hands high when you pray, especially when alone.

As for holding hands during prayers, there are certainly very appropriate times to do so. This is an external sign indicating that you are united with those with whom you are praying. Oneness comes primarily through our joint union with God, but oneness is also expressed externally at times by the joining of hands or the raising of hands together. This is especially the case among family members and close friends.

But now to the point of the question. What about doing these practices within the Liturgy? Is this good? The problem we face with this question has to do with the importance of uniformity within the Liturgy. Liturgical prayer is intended to unite us on a spiritual level. But the external unity is also important. Therefore, it's important that we strive to pray in union with what we call the rubrics of the Mass.

As for the rubrics at the time of the Lord's Prayer, there is no instruction given to the congregation to hold hands or to lift them at this time. It's not that it is a bad idea; it's just that it's not in the rubrics. Therefore, it seems best to refrain from this act if it is a distraction or imposition on others. For example, to grab a stranger's hand next to you during the Lord's Prayer might be well-intentioned, but is not part of the Mass rubrics, so it should be avoided.

One suggestion is that if this is a local custom and is expected, feel free to just go with the direction the priest gives. If he asks you to hold hands or to raise them, then it's fine to do so. The priest should offer some guidance on this but if he doesn't, try to keep it discreet among family members if this is your family practice. Ideally, the universal Church will eventually offer some direction on this so that all confusion is avoided.

CHURCH TODAY

**Scores killed in DR Congo
attack on Catholic Church by
Allied Democratic Forces
(ADF)**

A brutal attack in a church in eastern Congo was carried out on Sunday, July 27th by rebels supported by the Islamic State. Witnesses said members of the ADF stormed the premises in the town of Komanda during the night, killing approximately forty people. According to Associated Press, the attackers stormed the church at around 1:00 am. Several houses and shops were also burned. “The bodies of the victims are still at the scene of the tragedy, and volunteers are preparing how to bury them in a mass grave that we are preparing in a compound of the Catholic Church,” a civil society leader said.

An UN-backed radio station said the attackers came from a stronghold located about 12 kilometers from the center of Komanda and fled before security forces arrived.

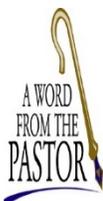
As the search continues for victims and those wounded in the attack, Lieutenant Jules Ngongo, spokesperson for the Armed Forces of the DR of the Congo in Ituri, told the AP news agency that the raid was carried out by men armed with machetes and guns.

Yet another deadly attack on Civilians

The ADF operates in the border area between Uganda and Congo and has frequently launched attacks on the civilian population, killing thousands.

Just two weeks ago, 66 people were killed in the Irumu area. The group's leader, Jamil Mukulu, a Christian convert to Islam, reportedly fled to Kenya. He was succeeded by Yusuf Kabanda, who allied with a secular Ugandan rebel group, the National Army for the Liberation of Uganda (NALU).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



In light of the new appointments taking affect on August 1st in our Diocese, Father Anthony and I will be once again responsible for all pastoral duties in the greater Parish of The Good Shepherd (Bathurst to St. Anthony's). Due to the fact, that there are too many masses at the same time the only option we have is to return to the old schedule. The new mass schedule will be as follows and will take effect August 2nd/3rd weekend.

Friday	St. Anthony Mass at 4:00 PM
Saturday:	Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass at 4:00 PM St. Gabriel the Archangel Mass at 4:00 PM St. John the Evangelist Mass at 6:00 PM
Sunday:	Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass at 9:00 AM St. John Bosco Mass at 9:00 AM Holy Family Mass at 11:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Mass at 11:00 AM

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.

AMOS-Jubilee Year: (In French only) In the spirit of the Jubilee, to be tangible signs of hope in the face of today's social and environmental challenges, a series of **four virtual meetings** based on the *Amos Journey* will be offered free of charge this fall on the following dates to anyone interested. October 25, November 1st and 8th and 15th all at 10 a.m. to noon. **For more information contact Jennifer at 506-546-1420 or jenniferp@nb.aibn.com and to register: <https://diocesebathurst.com/jubile-avec-amos>.**

IN LOVING MEMORY

- ✠ **Archie Babcock** (7th Ann.) *Georgina & Family* **SA**
- ✠ **Nephew, Dale Dobson** *(Carl & Lorraine Dobson)* **STA**
- ✠ **Janice Guitard** *(Donald & Nancy Arseneault)* **STA**
- ✠ **Laura Lavoie** *(Gail & Ron Morin) (Frances MacPherson) (Mark Roy) (Cletus Henry) (Margie Harris) (Priscilla Laffoley) (Cathie Brown)* **SJB**
- ✠ **Shirley Williams** *(Doris Arseneault & Family) (Gail & Ron Morin) (Leonard & Beverly Parent) (Doug Mintie)* **SJB**
- ✠ **Evangeline Vienneau** *(Norman & Simonne Boudreau)* **HF**
- ✠ **Michael Landry** *(John & Johanne Robbins)* **HF**
- ✠ **Gordon & Iva Fournier** *(Darlene & Jim Lang)* **HF**
- ✠ **Mildred, Harvey & Clary Wilbur** *(Marilyn Morgan)* **HF**

TO YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord console their families and lead them safely home

- † Please pray for **Shirley Williams** of Dalhousie who passed away on January 1st at the age of 85. A Funeral Mass was held at St. John Bosco Church.
- † Please pray for **Richard Cormier Jr.** of Bathurst who passed away on June 28th at the age of 60. A Graveside Service was held at South Bathurst Cemetery.
- † Please pray for **Regina deGrasse** of Bathurst who passed away July 6th at the age of 93. Spouse of the late Lawrence Boudreau.
- † Please pray for **Laura Lavoie** of Dalhousie who passed away on July 15th at the age of 90. A Funeral Mass was held at St. John Bosco Church.
- † Please pray for **Michael Landry** of Bathurst who passed away on July 18th at the age of 85. A Chapel Service was held at Elhatton's Funeral Home.

Praying Every Day? Do I have to Pray Every Day?

Here are a few other questions to ask as well: "Do I have to eat every day?" "Do I have to sleep every day?" "Do I have to brush my teeth every day?" For a day, maybe even more, one could forgo doing these things, but a person would not like the results, which could actually do harm. By not praying, one could become self-centered, selfish, and depressed. These are just a few of the consequences. Perhaps that is why Christ commands *His* disciples to pray always.

Christ also tells *His* disciples that when one prays, he should go to his inner room and pray alone. Yet, Christ also says that when two or three are gathered in *His* name, *He* is present. Christ wants both private and communal prayers. Prayer, whether private or communal, may come in many forms: blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, praise, and thanksgiving. In all these forms, prayer is a conversation with God. At times it is a dialogue but many times it is listening. Sadly, many people think that prayer is telling God what they want or need and are disappointed when they do not get what they want. This is why it is important to see prayer as a conversation where you allow God to communicate what *He* wants for you.

Would one ever ask, "Do I have to speak to my closest friend every day?" Of course not! That's because one usually longs to speak with his or her friend to strengthen that friendship. So too, God wants *His* disciples to grow closer to *Him*. This is done through prayers. If one practices praying every day, one grows closer to God, to the Saints in Heaven, and one becomes less self-centered and, therefore, more God-centered.

So, start praying to God! Try not to do too much in one day. Prayer, like physical exercise, needs to be built up. One who is out of shape cannot do a marathon on his or her first day of exercise. Some people get discouraged when they cannot do all-night vigils in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Talk with a priest and come up with a plan. If you can visit a Church, try stopping in for five minutes of adoration. Find and recite a daily morning prayer and, at the very start of your day, dedicate it to Christ. Read a passage from the Bible, especially from the Gospels and the Book of Psalms. While reading the passage, simply ask God to open your heart to what *He* is telling you. Try praying the rosary. If that seems a little much at first, try praying just one decade. The important thing to remember is not to get frustrated but to listen for the Lord to speak. When you speak, keep it focused on asking God to help others, especially the sick and suffering, including the souls in purgatory.

RECOMMENDED

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Michael Landry (*Omer Chamberlain*).

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, August 16th & 17th. 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.

HOLY FAMILY

430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Garry Imhoff (*Daughter, Stacie Lynn*).

Gospel Music Concert Celebrating our Jubilee Year: Save the date on **Sunday, September 7th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Holy Family Church.** Join us for an uplifting afternoon of gospel music. Invite your friends and family to come experience the joy, inspiration, and energy of amazing live performances. Entrance is free will offering. No assigned seating so come early to choose your perfect spot and let the music lift your spirits. We can't wait to see you! For more information please call Darlene Labonville at 506-544-0689.

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

Sanctuary Lamp: Wilfred Arseneau (4th Ann.) (*Michael Arseneault*).

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 Albert Martin* winner of the July 50/50 draw in the amount of \$462.50.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Jan Guitard (*Chris Kingston*).

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 Rodney Parker* winner of the July 50/50 draw in the amount of \$1,390.00.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

2601 Main Street, Belledune, NB

Rosary and Benediction: Monday, August 25th and the last Monday of every month join us for recitation of the rosary at 6:00 pm.

50/50 Fundraiser Draw: *Congratulations to Jamie & Karla Culligan* winners of the July 50/50 draw in the amount of \$1400.00.

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

4118 Main Street, Belledune, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Jim, Robert, & Gussy (*Brenda, Susan & Tracy*).

50/50 Fundraiser Draw: *Congratulations to Linda Nicholson* winner of the July 50/50 draw in the amount of \$2,100.00.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brothers, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Reflection: All three of the Synoptic Gospels record the event of the Lord's Transfiguration. Just prior to the Transfiguration, all three Gospels also record Jesus's trip with His disciples to Caesarea Philippi, located about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee. It was a primarily pagan Greek town occupied by the Romans. The Greek god Pan was worshiped there in a cave thought to be bottomless and often referred to as the gate to the netherworld because of its association with the pagan god. It was there that Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus blessed Peter and announced His intent to build His Church upon Peter, declaring that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

After this significant exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate, His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter resisted this revelation, to which Jesus responded sternly, correcting Peter's human thinking with divine wisdom.

This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration we celebrate today. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Second, He informed them that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death. Although the first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging to accept. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings, a period that must have been tough for them. Understanding their struggle, Jesus took His three closest companions, Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. There He was transfigured before them, radiating pure white light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and being affirmed in His identity by the Father.

This even was likely meant to reinforce His disciples faith after a week of pondering Jesus's foretold suffering and death, along with His exhortation that they must follow Him. The Transfiguration affirmed Jesus's divinity and His relationship with the revered figures of Moses and Elijah. Furthermore, the Father in Heaven confirmed Jesus as His divine Son with whom He was well pleased.

After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, these three Apostles shared their experience of the Transfiguration, fortifying others in the faith. This story is still shared today to strengthen us as we bear our own crosses. The Feast of the Transfiguration is strategically placed forty days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Thus, the Transfiguration should be seen as a preparation for both the Cross of Christ and our participation in that triumph. According to the Gospel, we are called to take up our crosses and follow Jesus for the glory of the Father, the fulfillment of His will, and the good of the Church, which will always prevail against the gates of hell. As you celebrate the Transfiguration, look at this event as a foretaste of the reward awaiting you, and a source of encouragement to endure all sufferings for the final victory of Christ. The Christian life, as stated by Jesus Himself, is about suffering and dying out of love and with unwavering hope. By uniting our trials with Christ's Cross, we share in His glorious victory for all eternity.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

<u>July 26th</u> <u>& July 27th</u>	Holy Family	Sacred Heart Cathedral	St. Gabriel the Archangel	St. John the Evangelist	Cemetery	Saint John Bosco	St. Thomas Aquinas	Saint Anthony
Collection	1798.35	1855.00	526.60	457.00		949.25	964.00	200.00
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Initial Off/ Truth & Reconciliation	/10.00	40.00/	10.00/					
Fundraising	200.00 (Window project)		2100.00 (50/50 Draw)	1400.00 (50/50 Draw)		1390.00 (50/50 Draw) 75.00 (Food Bank)	462.50 (50/50 Draw)	
Cemetery/Memorial	/30.00		/10.00	300.00/		/200.00	20.00/25.00	/25.00
Heating/Donation	/30.00	50.00/890.00	/40.00			500.00	/86.85	
Candles	52.75	574.00		42.00		109.00		
Living Christ/Missal		43.00						

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 2ND - AUGUST 10TH)

Holy Family	Sunday, August 3rd at 11:00 am + Ralph J. Doucet (<i>Wife, Lorraine Doucet</i>)	Sunday, August 10th at 11:00 am + Peter Burns (<i>Mary Sue Burns</i>)
Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saturday, August 2nd at 4:00 pm + Clinton & Leona Laffoley (<i>Donald & Nancy</i>) + Vincent & Mary Garrett (<i>Harvey & Joan Boucher</i>) + Julia Blanchard (<i>Daughters</i>)	Sunday, August 3rd at 9:00 + Deceased Relatives (<i>Lynn Bialy-Neville</i>) + Ernest & Gladys Harper (<i>Grandson, Kevin Harper</i>) + Marjorie Boucher (<i>Nancy Boucher</i>)
Weekly Masses	Tuesday, August 5th at 9:00 am (English) + Patrick McLaughlin (<i>McLaughlin Family</i>)	Thursday, August 7th at 9:00 am (English) + Susan Hachey (<i>Sa mère, sa soeur et son frère</i>)
	Wednesday, August 6th at 9:00 am (French) + Paul & Elizabeth Bertin (<i>Eva</i>) + Christian Vienneau (<i>Marie-Anne & Famille</i>)	Friday, August 8th at 9:00 am (French) + Soeurs défuntés (<i>Edwina Godin</i>)
	Saturday, August 9th at 4:00 pm + Art Glazier (<i>Daughter, Gayle & Ashley</i>) + Melanson & DeGrace families (<i>Theresa & Ken DeGrace</i>) + Percy Wilbur (<i>Carm & George</i>)	Sunday, August 10th at 9:00 am + Donald Hudon (<i>Lois & Girls</i>) + Simone Philip (<i>Roger & Flo</i>) + Laura & Helena (<i>Willett Family</i>)
St. Gabriel the Archangel	Saturday, August 2nd at 4:00 pm + Mike, Van, Bernie & Patricia Lawlor (<i>Ann & Paul Lawlor</i>) Wednesday, August 6th at 9:00 am + Louise Elias (<i>Ann Legacy</i>)	Saturday, August 9th at 4:00 pm + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>) Wednesday, August 13th at 9:00 am + Leonard & Madeline Copp (<i>Edna Copp</i>)
St. John the Evangelist	Saturday, August 2nd at 6:00 pm + Norma Carrier (<i>Patsy Doyle</i>)	Saturday, August 9th at 6:00 pm + Mike, Mom & Dad Phillips (<i>Peggy, Susie, Debbie</i>)
St. John Bosco	Sunday, August 3rd at 9:00 am + Stewart & Una Roy (<i>Mark, Sandy & Family</i>)	Sunday, August 10th at 9:00 am + Brent Firlotte (<i>Valerie, Paul & Louise</i>)
St. Thomas Aquinas	Sunday, August 3rd at 11:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)	Sunday, August 10th at 11:00 am + Wilfred Arseneau (<i>Debbie, David & Claudette Clark</i>)
St. Anthony	Friday, August 1st at 4:00 pm + Clermont LaMontagne (<i>Sharon & Jacques Lanteigne</i>)	Friday, August 8th at 4:00 pm + Graham Boudreau (<i>Spouse, Antoinette & Children</i>)

Pope's Prayer Intention August/2025	Weekly Readings August 4th – August 9th	Quote of the Week
<p><u>For mutual coexistence :</u></p> <p>Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.</p> <p align="center">Amen</p>	<p>Monday – St. Jean-Marie Vianney • Numbers 11:4b-15 / Matthew 14:13-21</p> <p>Tuesday – Weekday • Numbers 12:1-13/ Matthew 14:22-36</p> <p>Wednesday – The Transfiguration of the Lord • Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 / Luke 9:28-36</p> <p>Thursday – Weekday • Numbers 20:1-13/ Matthew 16:13-23</p> <p>Friday – St. Dominic • Deuteronomy 4:32-40 /Matthew 16:24-28</p> <p>Saturday – Weekday • Deuteronomy 6:4-13/ Matthew 17:14-20</p>	<p>"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."</p> <p>"It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart."</p> <p>"Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him."</p>