



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 16th & August 17th 2025 – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C - Gospel of Luke)

(1st Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53)

DID YOU KNOW

WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES ABOUT BURIAL AND ASHES

“The cadaver (corpse) of a deceased person is not the private property of the family, but the deceased is the son/daughter of God, part of the body of Christ, of the people of God”

GENERAL PRINCIPALS

- Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places.
- In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body.
- By burying the bodies of the faithful, the church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity. She cannot, therefore, condone attitudes or permit rites that involve erroneous ideas about death, such as considering death as the definitive annihilation of the person, or the moment of fusion with Mother Nature or the universe, or as a stage in the cycle of regeneration, or as the definitive liberation from the “prison” of the body.
- Furthermore, burial in a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed whom through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit and in which “as instruments and vessels the Spirit has carried out so many good works”.
- Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in churches, or their environs, Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead and has opposed any tendency to minimize or relegate to the purely private sphere, the event of death and the meaning it has for Christians.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, “unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine”.
- When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority.
- From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community’s prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes “*in communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church*”.
- For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted.
- The ashes may not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained.
- In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects. These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.
- When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reason contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.

What are the Works of Mercy?

When Catholics serve others, they give witness to Jesus Christ. As acts of love that help us care for the needs of others, the Works of Mercy are an opportunity for Catholics to give witness to Christ. Jesus entrusted his followers the responsibility of caring for others. One way that Catholics fulfill this responsibility is by performing the Works of Mercy. Mercy is one of the fruits of charity, which enables us to show love and compassion to those who are suffering in any way, whether in mind, body, heart, or soul. The Works of Mercy are divided into two categories: **The Corporal Works of Mercy (dealing with the body) and the Spiritual Works of Mercy (dealing with the mind, heart, and soul).**

The Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are acts of love that address the physical and material needs of others. The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- Feed the hungry.
- Give drink to the thirsty.
- Clothe the naked.
- Visit the imprisoned.
- Shelter the homeless.
- Visit the sick.
- Bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy address the needs of peoples’ minds, hearts, and souls. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- Admonish the sinner. (Give correction to those who need it.)
- Instruct the ignorant. (Share our knowledge with others.)
- Counsel the doubtful. (Give advice to those who need it.)
- Comfort the sorrowful. (Comfort those who suffer.)
- Bear wrongs patiently. (Be patient with others.)
- Forgive all injuries. (Forgive those who hurt us.)
- Pray for the living and the dead.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 6th Anniversary to Deacon Christopher Francis Kingston who was ordained on August 14, 2019. On behalf of The Parish of Good Shepherd, Deacon Chris, congratulation on your anniversary and thank you for your joyful witness. A quote you used that day, "And they said to him, 'Inquire of God, we beg you that we may know whether the journey on which we are setting out will succeed.' And the priest said to them, 'Go in Peace. The journey on which you go is under the eye of the Lord', Judges 18:5-6."

Blessing of the Backpacks: The new school year will soon be upon us. Father Keith and Father Anthony invite all the children to bring their school bags to church on the weekend of September 13th/14th for a special blessing. This will take place at all the churches within the Parish of Good Shepherd.

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.

Invitation from our Bishop, Michel Proulx-On line French course: I haven't forgotten you! The new school year is approaching, and I'm contacting you personally today to introduce the online spiritual development and Bible training activities being offered online starting in early September. **For more information contact Jennifer at 506-546-1420 or jenniferp@nb.aibn.com.**

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>.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Joseph's Heritage Site Bake Sale and 50/50 Draw: Join us on Saturday August 23rd starting at 9:00 am. Bake sale, home made beans and chili. Also, tickets for the September 20th Turkey Dinner will be available to purchase. We are located at 23349 Route 134, Nash Creek, previously St. Joseph's Catholic Church site. Hope to see you there.

IN LOVING MEMORY

✠ **Pat Doucet** (Barb Lee) (Claudette Clark) (Carl & Lorraine Dobson) (Phylliss Roy) **STA**

✠ **Jan Guitard** (Phylliss Roy) **STA**

✠ **Loretta Firlotte** (Jenny Roy) (Ann Legacy) **SG**

✠ **Maurice Proctor** (Claudette Gallagher) **HF**

RECOMMENDED TO YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord console their families and lead them safely home

† Please pray for **Louise Doucet** of Bathurst who passed away on July 28th at the age of 90. A Chapel Service was held at Elhatton's Funeral Home.

† Please pray for **Mark St. Onge** of Tide Head who passed away on July 21st at the age of 77. A Chapel Service was held at Maher's Funeral Home.

CHURCH TODAY

Pope Leo Welcomes Venetian Inmates on Jubilee Pilgrimage

Three inmates from Venice's Santa Maria Maggiore Prison are among a group of pilgrims received by Pope Leo on Thursday at the Vatican. The group's Jubilee pilgrimage of almost 500 kilometers included traversing the final hundred kilometers, from the Italian town of Terni to Rome, on foot.

The pilgrims were accompanied to the audience by the Patriarch of Venice, Archbishop Francesco Moraglia, and prison chaplain Father Massimo Cadamuro, along with other archdiocesan officials.

Ahead of the audience, Father Cadamuro said, *"The meeting with Pope Leo truly brings to completion this experience of ours, a journey and a pilgrimage, undertaken entirely under the banner of a trustworthy hope, which represents a necessary dimension for the authentic life of all people, both free and incarcerated. Having been able to undertake this pilgrimage together makes everything stronger, truer, more authentic."*

Enrico Farina, the Director of the Santa Maria Maggiore Prison, was also present on Thursday. In remarks prior to the audience, he said, the opportunity to allow inmates to take part *"in an intense human and spiritual journey"* fills him *"with pride"*. He noted, too, that the inmates will be given a blank diary containing reflections and prayers inspired by *"this deeply meaningful journey,"* and said he was honored to share the moment with the pilgrims.

Following on from a Jubilee audience for seminarians from Venice and the surrounding area, Thursday's encounter is *"another great gift from Pope Leo,"* who accepted the inmates request for an audience at the end of their pilgrimage, according to Archbishop Moraglia.

The Patriarch of Venice said the pilgrimage and audience with the Pope *"is an experience that, I am certain, will leave an indelible mark on the soul, life, and story of these inmates, of the staff and volunteers who are accompanying them, and also of all those who are committed to diocesan ministry directed toward prisons and the reintegration of male and female inmates into social life."*

The Jubilee pilgrimage, along with the opportunity to meet with Pope Leo, is part of the Archdiocese of Venice's *"ongoing and comprehensive commitment"* to pastoral care of inmates in local prisons. As part of that commitment, Archbishop Moraglia has met in recent weeks with Italy's Minister of Justice, Carlo Nordio, to discuss the state of prisons in and around Venice, as well as efforts to reintegrate inmates into civil society following completion of their sentences.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Hannon (*Lorraine & Lindsay Hannon*).
Brother André Candle: Daniel Doucet (*Personal Intentions*).
Weekday Mass: English mass is on Tuesday and Thursday and French mass is on Wednesday and Friday. **All are at 9:00 am.**



The Holy Sacrament will be exposed every Thursday, after the English 9:00 am Mass and on the first Friday of each month (Sept/ 5th) after the French 9:00 am Mass.

Heating Collection: The monthly heating collection will be held this at this week-end mass of August 16th & 17th. Envelopes are on the tables in the entrance. Thank You.

Catechism Class: Parents who wish to register their children for the upcoming fall catechism program can do so anytime now online at goodshepherdparish.faith. Classes are planned for Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm at Holy Family Church with start date to be announced soon. Please call the office at 506-547-4736 for more information.

Sacred Heart CWL-Educational Bursary: Congratulations to BHS graduate Abeni-Rae Lavigne and ESN graduate Alexandra Buchs who were awarded our 2025 Scholarship, each graduate received \$500.00. We wish them much success as they begin their post-secondary studies this coming year.

HOLY FAMILY

430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Richard MacKenzie (*Richard MacKenzie JR.*).
Inspirational & Uplifting Musical Concert Celebrating our Jubilee Year: Join us Sunday, September 7th from 2:00-4:00 pm at Holy Family Church for an uplifting afternoon of 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 call Darlene Labonville at 506-544-0689.

ST. ANTHONY

14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: A. Babcock (*Family*).
Holy Hour: All are invited for holy hour with Father Anthony at 3:00 pm every Friday before our 4:00 pm Mass.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

43 Andrew St. Campbellton, NB

The House of Agape Prayer Group: Our prayer group held every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the church basement. For more information call Mike at 506-753-5805.
Yard Sale: Drop off times are Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If the door is locked, please knock. Next yard sale dates are August 30th, September 27th, October 25th, November 8th, November 29th and December 13th.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Catherine Henry (*Cletus Henry & Family*).
Visits and Communion for the Sick & Shut-Ins: Please call Deacon Chris at 506-684-2810 to make arrangements.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

2601 Main Street, Belledune, NB

50/50 Fundraiser for 2026: Tickets are now on sale until Jan/29/2026. We invite you to ask your family and friends to join in. This is a necessary endeavor for the vitality of our church community. For more information contact any one of our parish council members.

Haïti Collection: We are asking for your generosity for our yearly collection to help the Salesian Sisters in their missionary work with Haïti's poorest children. The collection will be Saturday, August 16th. Please have your donations in an envelope with your name and address in order for you to receive an income tax receipt. Thank you for your kindness in supporting this very important social justice project.

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

4118 Main Street, Belledune, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Trent Hall (*Nanny*).
Annual Cemetery Mass: Special thanks to Father Anthony and Deacon Chris who celebrated the mass with us this year. Also, to all who made it possible, the readers, servers, CWL ladies and everyone who attended. We would like to say thank you to the Village of Belledune who covered the cost of our beautiful lunch that was made and delivered by Dony & Mario LaPointe. The collection was in the amount of \$431.00. Very grateful for our many blessings.

Pope Leo
Sunday Angelus

Addressing the faithful gathered in Saint Peter's Square, Pope Leo reflected on the Gospel passage from Luke, inviting the faithful to ask themselves how they are investing the "treasure" of their lives.

Quoting Jesus's words, "Sell what you own and give alms", the Pope urged Christians not to cling to the gifts they have received from God, but to use them generously for the good of others, especially those most in need.

"It is not only about sharing material possessions," he said, "but about putting into play our abilities, our time, our affection, our presence, our empathy." Each person, he continued, is "a unique, priceless good in God's plan, a living, beating capital" that must be cultivated and invested, "otherwise it dries up and loses its value."

The Pope then warned the faithful that this treasure can be squandered, or even taken by those "who, like a thief, turn it into an object of consumption." The gift of God that we are, he stressed, needs space, freedom, and relationship to flourish, and above all, it needs love, "which transforms and ennobles every aspect of our existence, making us ever more like God."

Recalling that Jesus spoke these words on His way to Jerusalem, where He would give Himself completely on the cross, Pope Leo pointed to the works of mercy as "the safest and most fruitful bank" for the treasure of our lives. Even the smallest gesture, he said, can have infinite value, as in the Gospel's image of the poor widow who, with two small coins, becomes "the richest person in the world".

Citing Saint Augustin, the Pope noted that while people might rejoice to exchange bronze for silver or silver for gold, "what is given" in love yields something infinitely greater: eternal life. "It will be changed," Augustine explained, "because the giver will be changed."

Pope Leo then invited the faithful to see this truth in everyday life, in the mother who holds her children close, or in two people in love who feel like "a king and queen" when they are together. "We could give many other examples," he added.

Wherever we find ourselves, at home, in our parish, at school, or in the workplace, the Pope encouraged us "not to miss any opportunity to love." This, he said, is the vigilance Jesus asks of us: being attentive, ready, and sensitive to one another, as He is with us at every moment.

Bringing his address to a close, the Pope entrusted this desire to Mary, "the Morning Star," asking her to help all believers to be "sentinels of mercy and peace" in a divided world.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

| <u>August 9th & August 10th</u> | Holy Family | Sacred Heart Cathedral | Saint Gabriel the Archangel | Saint John the Evangelist | Cemetery | Saint John Bosco | Saint Thomas Aquinas | Saint Anthony |
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| Collection | 1942.15 | 1846.95 | 550.50 | 462.00 | | 810.00 | 1097.00 | 130.00 |
| Pre-Authorized July | 1680.00 | | 880.00 | 470.00 | | 2035.00 | 260.00 | 40.00 |
| Peter Pence | 20.00 | 10.00 | | | | | | |
| Fundraising | | | | 152.10 (returnable) | | | | |
| Cemetery/Memorial | /20.00 | | /20.00 | | | | /55.00 | |
| Heating/Donation | /15.00 | 33.00/5.00 | /20.00 | | | /10.00 | /181.30 | |
| Candles | 120.10 | 195.40 | | 46.00 | | 81.45 | | 10.00 |
| Living Christ/Missal | | 40.95 | | | | | | |

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 16TH - AUGUST 24TH)

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| Holy Family | Sunday, August 17th at 11:00 am + Mr. & Mrs. Claude Willett (<i>Family</i>) | Sunday, August 24th at 11:00 am + Kenneth Hills (<i>Alvine & Yvette Arseneau & Nicole Pitre</i>) |
| Sacred Heart Cathedral | Saturday, August 16th at 4:00 pm + Helen & Eldon Melanson (<i>The Family</i>) + Graham Matthews (<i>Jerome & Karen MacDonald</i>) + Susan Ferreira (<i>Sylvie & Alan Haché</i>) | Sunday, August 17th at 9:00 + Donald Buttimer (<i>Wife & Family</i>) + Macdonald & Vickers Family (<i>Karen & Jerome</i>) + Vilmond Poirier (<i>Emma Noel</i>) |
| Weekly Masses | Tuesday, August 19th at 9:00 am (English) + John E. Pitre (<i>Helen Hachey</i>) | Thursday, August 21st at 9:00 am (English) + Deceased Sister (<i>Joan</i>) |
| | Wednesday, August 20th at 9:00 am (French) + Gary Garrett (<i>Partner, Jacqueline Benoit</i>) | Friday, August 22nd at 9:00 am (French) + Géralda Boucher (<i>Murielle Pinet</i>) |
| | Saturday, August 23rd at 4:00 pm + 56 th Wedding Ann. Robert & Claudia Boucher (<i>Children</i>) + Jeannine Elhatton (<i>Margaret Sealy</i>) + Yvon Gauvin (1 st Ann.) (<i>Daughter, Monique</i>) | Sunday, August 24th at 9:00 am + Mabel Girouard (<i>Vincent & Family</i>) + Gertrude Legacy (<i>Nancy Boucher</i>) + Joseph Hannon (<i>Lorraine Hannon</i>) |
| St. Gabriel the Archangel | Saturday, August 16th at 4:00 pm + Krystal MacLellan (<i>Sharon Guitard</i>) Wednesday, August 20th at 9:00 am + Erwin Donnelly (<i>Brenda, Adam & Grant</i>) | Saturday, August 23rd at 4:00 pm + Joseph & Julia Young (<i>Mary Young-Luczanko</i>) Wednesday, August 27th at 9:00 am + Mike Lawlor (<i>Ann & Paul</i>) |
| St. John the Evangelist | Saturday, August 16th at 6:00 pm + Annette LeBlanc-Fournier (<i>St. John the Evangelist CWL</i>) | Saturday, August 23rd at 6:00 pm + Everett Boulay (<i>Georgette & Family</i>) |
| St. John Bosco | Sunday, August 17th at 9:00 am + Tom Bernatchez (<i>Bernadette & Family</i>) | Sunday, August 24th at 9:00 am + Maureen MacLean (<i>Reg, Scott & Family</i>) |
| St. Thomas Aquinas | Sunday, August 17th at 11:00 am + All Deceased Family (<i>Boni, Edie & Kennedy Shituku</i>) | Sunday, August 24th at 11:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>) |
| St. Anthony | Friday, August 15th at 4:00 pm + Uncle Gussie & Aunt Elsie (<i>John Boudreau</i>) | Friday, August 22nd at 4:00 pm + Patrick Antoine Boudreau (<i>John Boudreau</i>) |

| Pope's Prayer Intention August/2025 | Weekly Readings August 18th – August 23rd | Quote of the Week |
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| <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="right">AMEN</p> | <p>Monday – Weekday • Judges 2:11-19 / Matthew 19:16-22</p> <p>Tuesday – Weekday • Judges 6:11-24a / Matthew 19:23-30</p> <p>Wednesday – St. Bernard • Judges 9:6-15 / Matthew 20:1-16a</p> <p>Thursday – St. Pius X • Judges 11:29-39a / Matthew 22:1-14</p> <p>Friday – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary • Ruth 1:1-2ab, 3-6, 14b-16, 22+ / Matthew 22:34-40</p> <p>Saturday – Weekday • Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11-4:13-17 / Matthew 23:1-12</p> | <p>“The Feast of the Assumption of our Lady prompts us to acknowledge the basis for this joyful hope. Yes, we are still pilgrims, but our mother has gone on ahead, where she points to the reward of our efforts. She tells us that we can make it. And, if we are faithful, we will reach home.</p> <p>The blessed Virgin is not only our model, she is the help of Christians. And as we besiege her with our petitions, ‘<i>Show that you are our Mother</i>’ she cannot help but watch over her children with motherly care.”</p> |