



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 23rd & August 24th 2025 – 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C - Gospel of Luke)

(1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30)

CHURCH TODAY

Pope At Lunch With The Poor - We Are God’s Most Beautiful Creation



Before sharing a lunch with the poor supported by Caritas Albano in the Gardens of the Pontifical Villas, the Pope explained that each one of us is made in the image of God, and that “we can find God’s presence in everyone.”

Amid the beauty of nature and creation in the Gardens of the Pontifical Villas at Castel Gandolfo and beneath the large gazebo set up for the lunch with the poor, Pope Leo XIV, speaking off the cuff, invited everyone to reflect on the fact that “the most beautiful of all creation is that which was made in God’s image, that is, each one of us.”

Each person, he said, reflects that image of God. It is essential that we always remember this truth: we can encounter God’s presence in every individual. And so, even this afternoon’s gathering for lunch, organized by the Borgo Laudato Si’ and the Diocese of Albano Laziale, is an experience of communion, of fraternity of being together with God.

Breaking Bread And Sharing The Lord’s Gifts

Looking out at the more than one hundred guests, poor and vulnerable people supported by the diocesan Caritas of Albano, including residents of shelters and group homes, the homeless, and those supported by listening centers, the Pope spoke of the deep meaning behind “breaking bread together, a gesture that for us all is deeply significant: the act through which we recognize Jesus Christ present among us.”

He continued: “It is the Holy Mass, but it is also all of us gathered around the table, sharing the gifts the Lord has given us.”

Before the meal, Pope Leo asked for God’s blessing “upon the gifts we are about to receive,” upon all “who worked to prepare this meal for us,” and for those who made this celebration possible. He ended by praying: “Help us, Lord, to always live united in Your love.”

Cardinal Baggio: The Borgo Laudato Si’ Opens Its Doors To Those In Need

In his remarks to the Pope and those present, Cardinal Fabio Baggio, Director General of the Laudato Si’ Center for Advanced Formation and Undersecretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, emphasized: “Today we witness the fulfillment of Pope Francis’s prophetic dream: the Borgo Laudato Si’ is not merely a place, but a way of living the Gospel that first and foremost opens its doors to those in need, to the poor, to the excluded.”

DID YOU KNOW REVELATION

In giving us his Son, his only Word, he spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word (**Jesus**) and he has no more to say because what he spoke before to the prophets in parts, he has now spoken all at once by giving us the **All Who is His Son**. Therefore, **Christ is the fullness of all Revelation**.

Now throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of Faith (*The Deposit of Faith consists of the essential truths of the Christian faith that have been revealed by God through Jesus Christ and handed down through the Apostles.*)

It includes:

•**Sacred Scripture:** *The written word of God, which contains the teachings and history of salvation.*

•**Sacred Tradition:** *The oral teachings and practices passed down through generations, which complement and clarify the Scriptures.)*

It is not the role of private revelation to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history. It is the Magisterium of the Church with the sense of the people that knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his Saints to the Church. Christian faith cannot accept “revelations” that claim to surpass or correct the Revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment, nor are any private revelations not recognized by the Church binding to any Christian.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

2025-2026 Pastoral Launch-Reminder to register by August 29th
Our diocesan pastoral launch under the "Pilgrims of Hope" theme will take place on Wednesday, September 10th from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 123 St. Andrew Street in Bathurst. All volunteers who are involved in your parish's pastoral work are encouraged to attend for a day of discussion, sharing and discernment. **Please bring your own lunch and register by August 29th with Jennifer Pitre at jenniferp@nb.aibn.com. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.**

Bible Class- Gospel of St. Matthew: Father Keith will be starting class on Friday, September 5th at 10:00 am at Holy Family Church basement. You are invited to bring your own Bible. For those who live outside of Bathurst and want to participate via Zoom to please email the office to register at churchesgoodshepherd@gmail.com or call 506-547-4737.

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/jubilee-avec-amos>.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Community Breakfast: St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Ave. on Saturday, September 13th from 8:00 - 10:00 am. This event helps to fund our local mission projects; and ask that you consider a minimum donation of \$8.00 to help defray costs. Your kindness and support are appreciated. Come and enjoy fellowship and food.

Jeunesses Musicales Dalhousie: We are proud to unveil our 34th season with six different concerts (piano, flute, cello, opera, etc.) All will be at LER Theatre in Dalhousie at a low price of \$50.00 for the season pass. Free entry to children 18 and under. For more information call Claudette at 506-684-3965.

Cursillo Weekend: November 7th, 8th & 9th at the Resource Center in Bathurst. For more information call Jean Claude & Huguette at 506-783-1203.

IN LOVING MEMORY

- ✠ **Simone Berthelotte & Tubber LeBlanc** (*Phyllis Capin*) **[SJB]**
- ✠ **Deceased Members of the Levesque & Guitard Family** (*Vera & Lawrence Lawlor*) **[SG]**
- ✠ **Robert Gallagher** (*Claudette Gallagher*) (*David & Chriss Legacy*) **[HF]**

RECOMMENDED TO YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord console their families and lead them safely home

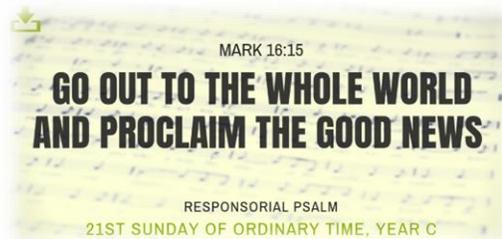
- † Please pray for **Richard LaPointe** of Lorne who passed away on January 27th at the age of 63. A Graveside Service was held at St. Maria Goretti Cemetery.
- † Please pray for **Terrance O'Brien** who passed away on August 4th at the age of 73. A Graveside Bural was held at St. Maria Goretti Cemetery.
- † Please pray for **Anthony Mark Anderson** of Dalhousie who passed away on August 12th at the age of 33. A Funeral Mass was held at St. John Bosco Church.
- † Please pray for **Betty Rose** of Bathurst who passed away on July 26th at the age of 71. A Chapel Service was held at Elhatton's Funeral Home.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

May the Holy Spirit richly bless your marriage and fill you both with his abundant love. Through the grace of the sacrament, may God deepen your love for each other and the Church.



• **OLIVIA BOYER & SEAN DEFREITAS**
(*St. Thomas Aquinas Church*)
Married on Saturday, August 16/2025



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased Family (*Elénore Chamberlain-Howe*).

Brother André Candle: Personal Intentions (*Daniel Doucet*).

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 on the weekend of September 20th & 21st. 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.

HOLY FAMILY

430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased Family - Mom, Dad, Claudette, Roger & Sheila (*Jeannette Landry-White*).

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.

50/50 Winner: *Congratulations to Claudette Gallaghter* winner of the August 50/50 draw in the amount of \$355.00.

Toonie Weekend: Sunday, August 31st.

ST. ANTHONY

14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

St. Anthony Cemetery Mass: Everyone is welcome to attend our Cemetery Mass on Friday, August 29th at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served after mass in the church hall. **Please note there will be no holy hour or 4:00 pm mass on Friday, August 29th due to the cemetery mass at 6:30pm.**

Mass Time Change: The new mass time will be Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm starting September 7th.

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.

Toonie Weekend: Sunday, August 31st.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Betty & Sheldon Nimcnuk (*Bernadette Bernatchez & Family*).

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

50/50 Draw and CWL Coffee Party: Our next 50/50 draw will be Sunday, August 31st following the 9:00 am mass. Everyone is welcome to the coffee party for fellowship and refreshments. Good luck and thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser.

Toonie Weekend: Sunday, August 31st.

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.

Rosary & Benediction: Join us Monday evening, August 25th at 6:00 pm for recitation of the rosary and benediction.

Toonie Weekend: Saturday, August 30th.

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL

4118 Main Street, Belledune, NB

Toonie Weekend: Saturday, August 30th.

Pope at Angelus:

We cannot cheat death, only serve life to gain eternal life

Pope Leo XIV prays the Angelus with the faithful in Castel Gandolfo, and reminds Christians that we gain eternal life by caring for others in service and love, not by cheating death. By Devin Watkins

As his summer holidays continue in Castel Gandolfo, Pope Leo XIV joined pilgrims who came out to the hilltop town near Rome in praying the traditional Marian prayer of the Angelus.

In his address to those gathered in Freedom Square, the Pope reflected on the question put to Jesus in the Gospel: **“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”**

The Holy Father recognized that the man’s question expresses a deep desire of the human heart, which is “for an existence free from failure, evil, and death.”

He noted that we can never gain eternal life by force or negotiate to obtain it, but rather we must inherit it.

“Eternal life, which God alone can give, is bestowed on us as an inheritance, as parents do with their children,” he said.

For this reason, said Pope Leo, Jesus says we must do God’s will, which means loving God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourself.

“When we do these two things, we respond to the Father’s love,” he said, “God’s will is the law of life that the Father Himself was the first to follow, by loving us unconditionally in His Son, Jesus.”

The Pope urged Christians to look for the meaning of authentic love, saying that love is generous, forgiving, and expansive, never leaving us closed in on ourselves.

Just as God drew near to humanity in Jesus Christ, so, too, are we called to care for those around us.

“Imitating the example of Jesus, the Saviour of the world,” he said, “we, too, are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment.”

Pope Leo XIV concluded his Angelus reflection by recalling that the supreme commandment to love God and our neighbor supersedes all human laws and gives them their true meaning.

“In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together.”

In seeking to serve life, said the Pope, we become “artisans of peace in our daily lives.”

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

| <u>August 16th & August 17th</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 | 1640.90 | 1305.00 | 373.50 | 197.00 | | 758.25 | 1079.00 | 120.00 |
| Peter's Pence | | | | | | 10.00 | | |
| Fundraising | 355.00 (50/50 draw) | | | 186.15 (returnable) | | | | |
| Cemetery/Memorial | /45.00 | | /20.00 | | | | | |
| Heating/Donation | 3250.00 (CWL-Window) 35.00 | 330.00/200.00 | | 4000.00 (CWL) | | /20.00 | | |
| Candles | 133.45 | 225.00 | 239.50 | 10.00 | | 59.10 | | |
| Living Christ/Missal | | 50.00 | | | | | | |

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 23RD - AUGUST 31ST)

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| Holy Family | Sunday, August 24th at 11:00 am + Kenneth Hills (<i>Alvine & Yvette Arseneau & Nicole Pitre</i>) | Sunday, August 31st at 11:00 am + Rev. Jean Robert Légère (<i>Rev. Croteau</i>) |
| Sacred Heart Cathedral | 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 + Mabel Girouard (<i>Vincent & Family</i>) + Gertrude Legacy (<i>Nancy Boucher</i>) + Joseph Hannon (<i>Lorraine Hannon</i>) |
| Weekly Masses | Tuesday, August 26th at 9:00 am (English) + Vivian Aubie (<i>Lou & Jane Ouelette</i>) Wednesday, August 27th at 9:00 am (French) + Irène Vienneau (<i>Louis, Denise & Family</i>) | Thursday, August 28th at 9:00 am (English) + Michael Landry (<i>Mary Williamson</i>) Friday, August 29th at 9:00 am (French) + Family of Michel Fournier (<i>Pauline Fournier</i>) + Géralda Boucher (<i>Murielle Pinet</i>) |
| | Saturday, August 30th at 4:00 pm + Rain Yanez Blanco (<i>Melvin & Venus Blanco</i>) + Percy Wilbur (<i>Bernard Whelton</i>) + Corinne Glasier (<i>Anita Daigle</i>) | Sunday, August 31st at 9:00 am + Jeannine Elhatton (<i>Lisa Gallant</i>) + Therese Hachey (<i>Margaret Doucet</i>) + Dave Constable (<i>Bernard Whelton</i>) |
| St. Gabriel the Archangel | 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>) | Saturday, August 30th at 4:00 pm + Darrell & Jamie Guitard (<i>Neil & Family</i>) Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:00 am + Theresa Tardiff (<i>Sister, Ann</i>) |
| St. John the Evangelist | Saturday, August 23rd at 6:00 pm + Everett Boulay (<i>Georgette & Family</i>) | Saturday, August 30th at 6:00 pm + Thomas Fournier (<i>Family</i>) |
| St. John Bosco | Sunday, August 24th at 9:00 am + Maureen MacLean (<i>Reg, Scott & Family</i>) | Sunday, August 31st at 9:00 am + Keith Guitard (<i>Joan & Family</i>) |
| St. Thomas Aquinas | Sunday, August 24th at 11:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>) | Sunday, August 31st at 11:00 am + Murray Carrier (<i>Wife, Rhoda</i>) |
| St. Anthony | Friday, August 22nd at 4:00 pm + Patrick Antoine Boudreau (<i>John Boudreau</i>) | Friday, August 29th at 6:30 pm (Cemetery Mass) +For All Deceased Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>) |

| Pope's Prayer Intention August/2025 | Weekly Readings August 25th – August 30th | 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 align="center">Our time,</p> <p align="center">talents & treasures</p> <p align="center">are on loan to us from God.</p> <p align="center">Give them away with</p> <p align="center">unlimited generosity.</p> |