



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C - Gospel of Luke)

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14)

### CHURCH TODAY

#### 'SEEDS OF PEACE AND HOPE'

#### THEME FOR 2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYERS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

**Dear Brothers and Sisters:** The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved *Pope Francis*, is **"Seeds of Peace and Hope"**. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the **publication of the Encyclical *Laudate Si'***, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as **"Pilgrims of Hope."** This year's theme thus appears most timely. In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit. Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface. In Christ, we, too, are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope". The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, "a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places".

These words of the prophet will accompany the **"Season of Creation."** An ecumenical initiative to be celebrated from *September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>*. They remind us that, together with prayers, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this *"caress of God"* is to become visible to our world. The prophet contrasts justice and law with the desolation of the desert. His message is extraordinarily timely, given the evidence in various parts of the world that our earth is being ravaged. On all sides, 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. Extreme natural phenomena caused by climate changes provoked by human activity are growing in intensity and frequency, to say nothing of the medium and long-term effects of the human and ecological devastation being wrought by armed conflicts. As yet, we seem incapable of recognizing that the destruction of nature does not affect everyone in the same way. When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalized, and the excluded. The suffering of indigenous communities is emblematic in this regard. That is not all. Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain. As a result, God's creation turns into a battle ground for the control of vital resources. We see this in agricultural areas and forests peppered with landmines, "scorched earth" policies, conflicts over water sources, and the unequal distribution of raw materials, which penalizes the poorer nations and undermine social stability itself.

These various wounds are the effect of sin. This is surely not what God had in mind when he entrusted the earth to the men and women whom he created in his image. The Bible provides no justification for us to exercise "tyranny over creation". On the contrary, "the biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognizing that they tell us to 'till and keep' the garden of the world.

"Tilling" refers to cultivating, ploughing or working while 'keeping' means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature".

Environmental justice implicitly proclaimed by the prophets, can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice, social economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity. Now is the time to follow words with deeds. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience". By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord's own self-sacrificing Love.

**I pray that Almighty God will send us in abundance his "Spirit from on high".**

The Encyclical *Laudata Si'* has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply, to be "tilled and kept" by the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ. In his name, I offer all of you, my blessings.

Pope Leo XIV

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Labour Day Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>:** The parish office will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. O God of Labour and of Rest, as we celebrate Labour Day Weekend which marks the end of the summer vacation and the resumption of activities at home, parish and school, let us turn to you and be thankful for our many blessings.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral New Mass Time for the English Weekday Mass:** The English mass time on Tuesday and Thursday will be changed to 12:00 noon starting **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please share with family and friends.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing. This will take place at all the churches within the Parish of Good Shepherd.

**Bible Class- Gospel of St. Matthew:** Father Keith will be starting class on **Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:churchesgoodshepherd@gmail.com) or call 506-547-4737.

**Chaleur-Chase the Ace:** Chase the Ace will resume in September/2025. Tickets will go on sale starting Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The first draw will take place on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in the basement of Beresford Church at 8:15 pm. **Please visit the Chaleur Chase the Ace Facebook page for locations to purchase tickets.** Thank you for supporting us in this activity for the resource center and our churches.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Yard Sale:** Ladies Auxiliary at the Jacquet River Legion on Saturday, **September 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Table rental cost is \$5.00 by contacting Laura-Lee at 506-237-5807.

**Memorial Supper:** Jacquet River Legion on Saturday, **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 pm. BBQ Chicken Meal (Dessert-Coffee-Tea). Cost per person is \$17.00. Memorial Candles are \$5.00. Call Norma Doucet at 506-237-2423. Tickets and Candles must be purchased by September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Family & Community Breakfast:** St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Ave. on Saturday, **September 13<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 - 10:00 am. This event helps to fund our local mission projects; we 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.

**BBQ-Beef Supper:** First United Church are hosting on Thursday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Take-out from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Eat-in from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Adults/\$18.00 and Children under 12/\$6. Contact the church office at 506-546-3532 or drop by between 9:00 am to 3:00 PM. Limited seats so first come first serve.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

- ✠ **Douglas Murray** (Georgina Babcock) **SA**
- ✠ **Deceased Family Members of the Guitard & Lawlor Family** (Vera & Lawrence) **SG**
- ✠ **Francis Carrier** (Ladies Auxiliary Branch #77) **SG**
- ✠ **Loretta Furlotte** (Patsy & Nelson Talbot & Family) **SG**
- ✠ **Paul Culligan** (Frank & Karla Culligan) **SJE**
- ✠ **Neil Culligan** (Frank & Karla Culligan) **SJE**
- ✠ **Robert Aube** (Norman & Simonne Boudreau) (Carol O'Neil) **HF**

## RECOMMENDED TO YOUR PRAYERS

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

- † Please pray for **Anthony Anderson** of Dalhousie who passed away on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the age of 33. A Funeral Mass was held at St. John Bosco
- † Please pray for **Suzanne Blanchard** of Bathurst who passed away on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the age of 76. A Graveside Service was held at Spruce Grove Cemetery.
- † Please pray for **Elzear Montefesco** of Campbellton who passed away on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the age of 94. A Chapel Service was held at Maher's Funeral Home.
- † Please pray for **Rodrique Doucet** of Bathurst who passed away on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 67. A Chapel Service was held at Elhatton's Funeral Home

## FAMILY CONNECTION



Parents and children often enter into “negotiations” over how much allowance is to be earned at certain ages. Typically, when a child seeks an increase in allowance, parents will attach an increase in chores and responsibilities for them to better earn the increase. Talk about what kind of allowance you received as a child and what kind of responsibilities your parents expected of you to earn your allowance. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about doing good deeds for others and expecting nothing in return. Read aloud Luke 14:1-7,14. Ask your children how they would feel if you told them to take on more chores without ever expecting another raise in allowance. Emphasize that Jesus teaches us that it is our duty as his followers to take care of the needs of others and to do so without expecting repayment. Discuss what other types of rewards we can find when doing good things for others.

Point out that we sometimes fall into the trap of wanting too many things and that, in the **Our Father**, we pray for “**our daily bread**”, meaning that we pray for only that which we really need in life. **Conclude this time together by praying aloud the Our Father.**

**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**  
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Gérald Godin (*Grandchildren*).

**New Mass Time for the English Weekday Mass:** The English mass time on Tuesday and Thursday will be changed to 12:00 noon starting Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please share with family and friends.

**Weekday French Mass:** French mass time remains the same, every Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 am.



The Holy Sacrament will be exposed every Thursday, after the English 12:00-noon Mass and on the first Friday of each month (Sept/ 5<sup>th</sup>) after the French 9:00 am Mass.

**Sacred Heart CWL:** We hope everyone had a great summer. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Executive will meet at 1:00 pm. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food items as we continue our support for the Bathurst Food Bank. Your donations are very much appreciated. Looking forward to seeing “our sisters in the league”, and new members always welcome.

**Heating Collection:** The monthly heating collection will be held on the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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:** Lucien Drysdale (*Wife, Jackie & Family*).

**Inspirational & Uplifting Musical Concert Celebrating our Jubilee Year:** Join us **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holy Family CWL:** The regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the church basement. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Volunteer Centre. Thank You.

**Knights of Columbus Fall Yard Sale:** Please keep us in mind when clearing out or downsizing and save your items for our yard sale to be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Further details will follow in the upcoming bulletins.

**Toonie Weekend:** Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ST. ANTHONY**

14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

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

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>, November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Toonie Weekend:** Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for recitation of the rosary and benediction.

**Toonie Weekend:** Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL**

4118 Main St. Belledune NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Special Birthday Blessings - Pearl Guitard (*Parishioners of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish*).



**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes to Pearl Guitard** who celebrates this milestone on September 4<sup>th</sup>. May you have all the love your heart can hold, all the happiness a day can bring, and all the blessings a life can unfold. From all your church family, friends and CWL members of St. Gabriel the Archangel parish.

**St. Gabriel CWL:** Meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We hope to see you attend as we start our fall meetings after the summer break.

**Toonie Weekend:** Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**DID YOU KNOW**

**Doctor of the Church** is a title conferred on eminent ecclesiastical writers because of their learning and holiness of life; they are always canonized. These persons have been recognized by the Church as reliable teachers. Their message and teachings are also recognized as being universal and timeless.

They are: *Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, Gregory the Great, Athanasius, Basil, Gregory of Nazianuz, John Chrysostom, Thomas Aquinas (1568), Bonaventure (1588), Anselm of Canterbury (1720), Isidore of Seville (1722), Peter Chrysologus (1729), Leo the Great (1754), Peter Damian (1828), Bernard of Clairvaux (1830), Hilary of Poitiers (1851), Alphonsus Liguori (1871), Francis de Sales (1877), Cyril of Alexandrian (1882), Cyril of Jerusalem (188), John of Damascus (1890), Venerable Bede (1899), Ephraem of Syria (1920), Peter Canisius (1925), John of the Cross (1926), Robert Bellarmine (1931), Albert the Great (1931), Anthony of Padua (1946), Lawrence of Brindisi (1959), Catherine of Siena (1970), Teresa of Avila (1970), ST. Therese of Lisieux (1997) Hildegard of Bingen (2012), St. Gregory of Narek (2015).* The dates next to their names, are those of their official recognition by the Church; all other were dated A.D. 750.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

<u>August 23rd &amp; August 24th</u>	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral</b>	<b>Saint Gabriel the Archangel</b>	<b>Saint John the Evangelist</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>Saint John Bosco</b>	<b>Saint Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>Saint Anthony</b>
<b>Collection</b>	2404.30	1985.00	408.50	502.00		671.25	1286.00	286.00
<b>Peter's Pence</b>	10.00							
<b>Fundraising</b>				343.80 <i>(returnable)</i>				
<b>Cemetery</b>								20.00
<b>Memorial</b>	30.00		1010.00	20.00				
<b>Heating</b>		90.00						
<b>Donation</b>	710.00							
<b>Candles</b>	95.00	208.00		37.00		95.00		
<b>Living Christ/Missal</b>		37.00						

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> – SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>)**

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Rev. Jean Robert Légère ( <i>Rev. Croteau</i> )	<b>Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Augustine & Lorraine Lejeune ( <i>Family</i> ).
<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral</b>	<b>Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Rain Yanez Blanco ( <i>Melvin &amp; Venus Blanco</i> ) + Percy Wilbur ( <i>Bernard Whelton</i> ) + Corinne Glasier ( <i>Anita Daigle</i> )	<b>Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00</b> + Jeannine Elhatton ( <i>Lisa Gallant</i> ) + Therese Hachey ( <i>Margaret Doucet</i> ) + Dave Constable ( <i>Bernard Whelton</i> )
<b>Weekly Masses</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00-Noon (English)</b> + Mildred, Harvey & Clary Wilbur ( <i>Marilyn Morgan</i> )	<b>Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-Noon (English)</b> + Roger Laffoley ( <i>Nancy &amp; Chris Aube</i> )
	<b>Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am (French)</b> + Adrienne Doucet ( <i>Family</i> )	<b>Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am (French)</b> + P�re Clovis Chiasson ( <i>G�rald &amp; Josephine Roy</i> )
	<b>Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Deceased Relatives ( <i>Lynn Bialy Neville</i> ) + Wilbert Junior Legacy ( <i>Ernest &amp; Kathleen</i> ) + Charles Pinet ( <i>Wife, Murielle Pinet</i> )	<b>Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Donald Buttimer ( <i>Wife &amp; Family</i> ) + Percy Wilbur ( <i>Wilbur Family</i> ) + Dave Constable ( <i>Wilbur Family</i> )
<b>St. Gabriel the Archangel</b>	<b>Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Darrell & Jamie Guitard ( <i>Neil &amp; Family</i> ) <b>Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Theresa Tardiff ( <i>Sister, Ann</i> )	<b>Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Avela Noel ( <i>Brenda Donnelly</i> ) <b>Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Andrew & Gertrude Gauthier ( <i>Gerald, Roberta &amp; Cathy</i> )
<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	<b>Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm</b> + Thomas Fournier ( <i>Family</i> )	<b>Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm</b> + Mom & Dad ( <i>Beverly Chamberlain</i> )
<b>St. John Bosco</b>	<b>Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Keith Guitard ( <i>Joan &amp; Family</i> )	<b>Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + For All Parishioners ( <i>The Pastor</i> )
<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Murray Carrier ( <i>Wife, Rhoda</i> )	<b>Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + James Savoy ( <i>Michael Baldwin</i> )
<b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm</b> + Lee Hawkins ( <i>Lynn, Paula, Mamie &amp; Theresa</i> )	<b>Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm</b> + David Murray ( <i>Lynn, Paula, Mamie &amp; Theresa</i> )

<b>Pope's Prayer Intention September/2025</b>	<b>Weekly Readings September 1st – September 6th</b>	<b>Quote of the Week</b>
<p align="center"><u>For our relationship with all creation:</u></p> <p>Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.</p> <p align="center">AMEN</p>	<p><b>Monday – Weekday</b> • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Luke 4:16-30</p> <p><b>Tuesday – Weekday</b> • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11 / Luke 4:31-37</p> <p><b>Wednesday – St. Gregory The Great</b> • Colossians 1:1-8 / Luke 4:38-44</p> <p><b>Thursday – Weekday</b> • Colossians 1:9-14/ Luke 5:1-11</p> <p><b>Friday – Weekday</b> • Colossians 1:15-20/ Luke 5:33-39</p> <p><b>Saturday – Weekday</b> • Colossians 1:21-23/Luke 6:1-5</p>	<p align="center">Our prayers may be awkward.</p> <p align="center">Our attempts may be feeble.</p> <p align="center">But since the power of prayers is in the one who hears it, and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.</p>