



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

September 20th & 21st – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C - Gospel of Luke)

(1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7++ Gospel: Luke 16:1-13)

CHURCH TODAY



Pope: Religions are wellspring of healing, not source of division

Religious leaders from around the globe have gathered in Astana, Kazakhstan, for the 8th Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, taking place on September 17th-18th of 2025.

Pope Leo XIV sent his greetings to participants with a message released on Wednesday that began with the greeting “**peace**” in several languages.

The Pope said the religious leaders have come together at a time marked by violent conflict to “renew friendships and forge new ones, united in our common desire to bring healing to our fractured and wounded world.”

Reflecting on the event’s theme “**Dialogue of Religions: Synergy for the Future.**” Pope Leo noted that every authentic religious impulse seeks to foster dialogue and cooperation, since they transcend borders and unite people everywhere.

“Working together in harmony is not merely a pragmatic choice, but a reflection of the deeper order of reality,” he said. “Solidarity, then, is synergy in action: the lived expression of loving our neighbor as ourselves on a global scale.”

Far from erasing differences, cooperation among religions invites the faithful to embrace diversity as a source of enrichment.

The Pope recalled that the Second Vatican Council upheld the Catholic Church’s acknowledgement and esteem for all that is “true and holy” in other religions, in its 1965 declaration *Nostra Aetate*.

“The Church seeks to foster authentic synergy by bringing the distinct gifts of each tradition to the table of encounter, where each faith contributes its unique wisdom and compassion in service of the common good,” he said.

The Pope recalled that his predecessor, Pope Francis, attended the previous Congress in Astana in September 2022, when religious leaders condemned violence and upheld the need to care for refugees and work for peace.

Pope Leo XIV called for leaders of all religions to commit to building a “future of peace, fraternity, and solidarity” by bearing witness to the truth that faith “unites more than it divides.”

“Synergy,” he said, “becomes a powerful sign of hope for all humanity, revealing that religion, at its core, is not a source of conflict but a **wellspring of healing and reconciliation.**”

In conclusion, the Pope expressed his hope that the interreligious congress will inspire believers to work for harmony and create a “**synergy for peace,**” which is “**unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering.**”

FAMILY CONNECTION



Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13
(shorter form, Luke 16:10-13)

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today’s Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Wishes: Parishioners and office staff of The Parish of the Good Shepherd would like to wish **Deacon Chris Kingston** a very happy birthday as he celebrates another year around the sun as he would say on September 22nd. Wishing you a wonderful day with many blessings in the year to come.

Feast of the Guardian Angels: Thursday, October 2nd we celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angel. Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Anointing of the Sick will be offered by Father Keith and Father Anthony, giving spiritual and sometimes physical strength to those who are seriously ill, the elderly, and the forgiveness of sins. The Oil of the Sick is a special oil blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week and symbolizes the healing and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit.

Catechism Class: Class will commence on **Sunday, October 5th at Holy Family Church at 2:00 pm.** Parents who wish to register their children for the upcoming fall catechism program can do so on Sunday, October 5th, online at goodshepherdparish.faith or call the office at 506-547-4736.

Bible Class- Gospel of St. Matthew: Bible class with Father Keith every **Friday 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.

Chaleur-Chase the Ace: Chase the Ace will resume in September/2025. Tickets are now on sale with the first draw on Tuesday, September 16th in the basement of Beresford Church at 8:15 pm. Please visit the Chaleur Chase the Ace Facebook page for all information such as locations to purchase tickets, prize amounts etc. Thank you for your support.

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

- ☞ **Reg Basque** (Julien Benoit) **[SJB]**
- ☞ **Lois & John Goulette** (Eileen & Erin) **[SJB]**
- ☞ **Gerald Pictou** (Dawn & Ken) **[SJB]**
- ☞ **Margaret Doucett** (Paul LaPointe) (Jackie Doucett) (Marie Larson) (Peggy Faulds) **[SJ-Cemetery]**
- ☞ **Margaret Doucett** (Joe Farrell) (Joe Leblanc) (Mary Young-Luczanko) **[SG]**
- ☞ **Donna Locke** (Chriss & David Legacy) (Claudette Gallagher) **[HF]**
- ☞ **Percy Wilbur** (Knights of Columbus St. John, NB) **[HF]**
- ☞ **Roman White** (John & Johanne Robbins) **[HF]**

RECOMMENDED TO YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord console their families and lead them safely home

- † Please pray for **Sadie Thomas** of Belledune who passed away on September 13th at the age of 82. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church.
- † Please pray for **Roman White** of Bathurst who passed away on August 25 at the age of 91. A Funeral Mass was held at Holy Family Church.

DID YOU KNOW

Traditionally, the four Gospel writers have been represented by the following symbols:

- **Saint Matthew, a divine man**
- **Saint Mark, a winged lion**
- **Saint Luke, a winged ox**
- **Saint John, a rising eagle**

These symbols are taken first from the Prophet Ezekiel (1:1-21):

In the 30th year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was among the exiles by the river Cheber, the heavens opened, and I saw divine visions. As I looked, a stormwind came from the north, a huge cloud with flashing fire, from the midst of which something gleamed like electrum. Within it were figures resembling four living creatures that looked like this: their form was human, but each had four faces and four wings, and their legs went straight down; the soles of their feet were round. They sparkled with a gleam like burnished bronze. Their faces were like this: each of the four had a face of a man, but on the right side was the face of a lion, and on the left side the face of an ox, and finally each had the face of an eagle.

Saint Matthew is represented by a divine man because the Gospel highlights Jesus's entry into this world, first by presenting **His** family lineage. "A family record of Jesus Christ, Son of David, son of Abraham" (Mt 1:1) and **His** incarnation and birth: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Mt 1:19). "This then," according to St. Irenaeus, "is the Gospel of **His** humanity; for which reason it is, too, that the character of a humble and meek man is kept up through the whole Gospel."

The Man (Symbol of Saint Matthew)

The Man, or Angel, symbolizes humanity and intellect, representing Saint Matthew. This symbol is derived from Matthew's Gospel, which begins with the genealogy of Jesus, tracing *his* human lineage back to Abraham. The Gospel also emphasizes Jesus's teachings and the importance of following the laws. The Man symbolizes the human aspect of Jesus's ministry and the intellectual depth found in Matthew's writings.

These four symbols of the Lion the Ox, the Eagle, and the Man have become integral to Christian art and iconography, representing the diverse perspectives and messages contained within the four Gospels. They serve as a reminder of the unique contributions and insights offered by the four evangelists, ultimately leading to a deeper understanding of the life, teachings, and significance of Jesus Christ.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Thank You Lord!

Brother Andre Candle: Special Intention (*Daniel Doucet*).

New Mass Time for the English Weekday Mass: The English weekday mass on Tuesday and Thursday will now be at 12:00 noon.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



The Holy Sacrament will be exposed every Thursday, after the English 12:00-noon Mass and on the first Friday of each month (October 3rd) after the French 9:00 am Mass.

HOLY FAMILY
430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Lucien Drysdale (*J. Drysdale*).

50/50 Draw: This Sunday, September 21st the 3rd Sunday of the month we are holding our 50/50 draw. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 and 9 for \$10.00. The draw will take place immediately after Mass. Thank you in advance for your kind support!

Holy Family CWL: "Using what God gave you". The CWL Holy Family executive is in need of new members. We are also in need of a President and Vice-President. Hidden talents can be revealed when working together doing God's work. Giving back to your community is rewarding in so many ways. For more information, please call Joan Arseneault at 506-548-2742.

Knights of Columbus Fall Yard Sale: Saturday, October 25th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you're into spring cleaning or downsizing, we will gladly accept items you no longer use or want. No large appliances, heavy furniture, big tube TV's, clothing, or footwear. Items may be dropped off at the church from Monday, October 20th to Friday, October 24th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Pickups are on Wednesday, October 22nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and can be arranged by calling Allie Power at 506-546-4827 or Charles Sweet at 506-252-2224.

Toonie Weekend: Next Sunday, September 28th.

ST. ANTHONY
14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

St. Anthony's CWL: Congratulation to the CWL council on its 65th anniversary of service to our communities. A certificate of appreciation was presented to our president, Shirly Smith at the Provincial Convention in May.

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.

Toonie Weekend: Next Sunday, September 28th.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to pass the collection baskets at mass. We would like 4 parishioners each Sunday and ideally have 16 parishioners so that you would only have to commit to one Sunday every 4 weeks. All parishioners are welcome to volunteer.

Church Security: We are having a difficult time with exterior doors being left unlocked. This can only happen when someone with a key unlocks it. We cannot afford to have a vandalism claim if someone enters through an unlocked door and causes damage. Please make sure if you unlock the door to ensure it is locked when you leave.

St. Thomas is in need of a Pianist or Keyboard Player: If you or anyone you know would be able to help us please contact Clare Shalala or Nancy Arseneault at Sunday Mass.

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 September 27th, October 25th, November 8th, November 29th and December 13th.

ST. JOHN BOSCO
470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

Weekday Mass: Mass will be celebrated every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Holy hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place every last Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm starting September 25th.

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

Toonie Weekend: Next Sunday, September 28th.

50/50 Fundraiser & Coffee Party: Our 50/50 fundraiser will take place Sunday, September 28th immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. The CWL council will be hosting a Coffee Party, everyone is welcome to join us for coffee/tea, muffins, biscuits, and many other goodies. Good luck to all and thank you for your support.

St. John Bosco Choir: We have returned from our summer break. Again, we are looking for new members who like to sing. We practice every Friday at 1:00 pm upstairs in the Church. You will be welcomed with open arms!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
2601 Main Street, Belledune, NB

Rosary & Benediction: Join us Monday evening, September 29th at 6:00 pm for recitation of the rosary and benediction. In October we will have the Rosary & Benediction every Monday at 6:00 pm starting on October 6th

Card Play: Welcome as we begin another season of Card Play on Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Entry fee is \$3.00. Please share with all your friends who like to play cards. For more information call Nancy at 506-226-3933.

Toonie Weekend: Next Saturday, September 27th.

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL
4118 Main St. Belledune NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Health (*A Parishioner*).

Wednesday Morning Mass: Mass will be celebrated every Wednesday at 9:00 am with fellowship and lunch after mass.

Toonie Weekend: Next Saturday, September 27th.

Community Food Drive: Saturday, October 4th, St. Gabriel's CWL will host a community food drive for our local food bank at our church from 2:00-3:30 pm. Donations of non-perishable food items, cash or food-gift-certificates are greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at mass (Wednesday or Saturday) up until October 4th.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

September 13th & September 14th	Holy Family	Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saint Gabriel the Archangel	Saint John the Evangelist	SMG/SJ Cemetery	Saint John Bosco	Saint Thomas Aquinas	Saint Anthony
Collection	2141.95	2286.00	378.50	517.30		1000.25	1162.00	291.00
Needs Canadian Church/Initial Off.	205.00/	85.00/		25.00/		25.00/	20.00/	/10.00
Fundraising		629.00 (Musical Concert)		163.00 (Returnable)				
Donations	60.34		1.00 (Medal)			75.00 (Foodbank)	5.00	
Cemetery					40.00/40.00			
Memorial	65.00		30.00			20.00		
Heating	195.00	335.00	60.00	80.00		225.00	150.00	40.00
Candles	111.10	175.00	252.25	18.00		113.00		
Living Christ/Missal		36.00						

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (SEPTEMBER 20TH – SEPTEMBER 28TH)

Holy Family	Sunday, September 21st at 11:00 am + Raymond & Yvonne Landry (<i>Ludger & Nicole</i>)	Sunday, September 28th at 11:00 am + Garry Imhoff (<i>Wife, Veronica</i>)
Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saturday, September 20th at 4:00 pm + Eva & Laura Bennett (<i>Aunt & Sister In Law</i>) + Raymond & Mabel Boucher (<i>Harvey & Joan</i>) + Laura & Thomas Kerr (<i>Marion & Wesley</i>)	Sunday, September 21st at 9:00 + Kent Branch (<i>Debbie & Family</i>) + Vincent & Mary Garrett (<i>Harvey & Joan</i>)
Weekly Masses	Tuesday, September 23rd at 12:00-Noon (English) + Honor of St. Anthony (<i>R.L.</i>)	Thursday, September 25th at 12:00-Noon (English) + Joanne Boudreau (<i>Gladys Boudreau</i>)
	Wednesday, September 24th at 9:00 am (French) +Étienne Noël (<i>Rita & Children</i>)	Friday, September 26th at 9:00 am (French) + Adrienne Doucet (<i>Family</i>)
	Saturday, September 27th at 4:00 pm + Norman Lavigne (<i>Jean, Eleanor & Patti Jo</i>) + My Parents (<i>Ernest & Kathleen</i>) + Joseph Hannon (<i>Lorraine & Lindsay Hannon</i>)	Sunday, September 28th at 9:00 am + John & Dorothy Poirier (<i>Lorraine Hannon</i>) + Ethel Chiasson (<i>Ralph & Junior</i>)
St. Gabriel the Archangel	Saturday, September 20th at 4:00 pm + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>) Wednesday, September 24th at 9:00 am + Joe & Julia Young (<i>Mary Young- Luczanko</i>)	Saturday, September 27th at 4:00 pm + Frank Grennan (<i>Donnie Gallen</i>) Wednesday, October 1st at 9:00 am + Paul Guitard (<i>Mary Guitard & Family</i>)
St. John the Evangelist	Saturday, September 20th at 6:00 pm + Louis Carrier (<i>Audrey & Family</i>)	Saturday, September 27th at 6:00 pm +Loza, Antoine & Paula (<i>Georgette & Family</i>)
St. John Bosco	Sunday, September 21st at 9:00 am + Maureen MacLean (<i>Reg, Scott & Family</i>)	Sunday, September 28th at 9:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)
St. Thomas Aquinas	Sunday, September 21st at 11:00 am + Reginald Murphy (<i>Alain & Joanne Doucet</i>)	Sunday, September 28th at 11:00 am + Jan Guitard (<i>Gerald Dancause</i>)
St. Anthony	Sunday, September 21st at 1:30 pm + Roselle Adams (<i>Georgina & Doris</i>)	Sunday, September 28th at 1:30 pm +Paul & Pat Murray (<i>Lynn, Paula, Mamie & Theresa</i>)

Pope's Prayer Intention September/2025	Weekly Readings September 22 nd – September 27 th	Quote of the Week
<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. Amen</p>	<p>Monday – Weekday • Ezra 1:1-6 / Luke 8:16-18</p> <p>Tuesday – St. Pius of Pietrelcina • Ezra 4:4-5,6:1a,6ad-8,12b,14-20++ / Luke 8:19-21</p> <p>Wednesday – Weekday • Ezra 9:5-9/ Luke 9:1-6</p> <p>Thursday – Weekday • Haggai 1:1-8/ Luke 9:7-9</p> <p>Friday – St. Jean De Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues • Revelation 7:9-17/ Luke 9:23-26</p> <p>Saturday – St. Vincent De Paul • Zechariah 2:1-5, 10-11/Luke 8:4-15</p>	<p align="center">Practice the pause. When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause. When tired, pause. When stressed, pause. And when you pause, <i>Pray.</i></p> 