



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

January 17th & 18th, 2026 – 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A - Gospel of Matthew)

(1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Gospel: John 1:29-34)

DID YOU KNOW

WHOEVER WROTE THE “GLORIA” DIDN’T EXPECT THIS TO HAPPEN

On Sundays and special feast days the Church prescribes the signing of the “Gloria”. It is an ancient hymn, one that started out very humbly as a personal poem that sought to praise God in imitation of the Psalms.

The initial words of the Gloria are straight from the Bible and part of an angelic hymn to God on that first Christmas night.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests (Luke 2:14)

However, after that line everything else was composed separately. Who composed it? There is no known author, but it can be traced back all the way to the third century. According to Joseph A. Jungmann in *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, “The Gloria, like the Kyrie, was not created originally for the liturgy of the Mass. It is an heirloom from the treasure of ancient Church hymns, a precious remnant of a literature now almost buried.

Jungmann goes on to explain how the additional lines of the Gloria were part of “literature of songs, written in the early Church in imitation of the biblical lyrics, especially the Psalms.” Furthermore, these early hymns were called *psalmi idiotici*, “psalms by private persons” and were not written for any particular liturgical use. Whoever wrote it was likely thinking of only one thing: praising God.

At first it was used in the East as a morning hymn in the Little Hours of the Divine Office and later translated into Latin, according to tradition, by St. Hilary of Poitiers. Similarly, it was initially used as a general hymn of thanksgiving and praise used outside of the main liturgical events.

Not surprisingly, one of the first instances of its use during the Mass was at the Mass of Christmas night, and then later it was added to Sundays and feasts of martyrs. As the centuries went by this particular hymn became more and more a central part of the Mass and was obligatory on certain days by the 5th century.

The current General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains its vital importance.

It is a glorious hymn, one where we are invited to complete the hymn of the angels and to add our voices in thanksgiving for everything that God has done for us.



FAMILY CONNECTION



Gospel Reading-John 1:29-34
John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God’s own Son.

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today’s Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord’s Prayer.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Catechism Class:** Sunday, January 18th at 2:00 pm at Holy Family Church in Bathurst.

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•**Bible Class- With Father Keith:** Bible class January 23rd at Holy Family Church, Friday morning at 10:00 am.

•**Baptisms 2026:** 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.faiith.



•**Weddings 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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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IN LOVING MEMORY

✠ **Mathilda LaPointe** (David, Carl, & Betty Ann) **SJB**

✠ **Ann Daigle** (Brian Gallen) **OLV-Cemetery**

✠ **Jane Duivenvoorden** (Co-Op Fredericton) (David & Catherine MacLean) **SG**

✠ **Dolores Godin** (Carol Ann Best) **HF**

Church Today-Vatican News

Warning that “war is back in vogue” and that peace is increasingly sought through force rather than justice, Pope Leo XIV issued a strong appeal for humility, dialogue, and a renewed commitment to multilateralism in his address to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See.

Speaking on Friday, January 9th, during the traditional exchange of New Year greetings, the Pope cautioned that the foundations of international coexistence are being steadily undermined, as diplomacy based on dialogue gives way to the logic of power and deterrence.

“The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined,” he said, warning that such a mindset gravely threatens the rule of law itself.

Also, warning that peace is increasingly sought “through weapons as a condition for asserting one’s own dominion,” a mentality that “gravely threatens the rule of law, which is the foundation of all peaceful civil coexistence.”

The Pope turned repeatedly to St. Augustine to support his points, especially to *De Civitate Dei* (The City of God), in which Augustine reflects on pride, power, and the illusion of security.

Humanitarian Law “Must Always Prevail”

From the principles of law, Pope Leo XIV moved to the concrete cost of war, especially when civilians become targets, and when essential infrastructure is destroyed.

“I would like to draw particular attention to the importance of international humanitarian law,” he said. Compliance cannot depend on “mere circumstances and military or strategic interests.”

Rather, he said, humanitarian law “is a commitment that States have made,” and must always prevail over the ambition of belligerents.”

He underscored that attacks on “hospitals, energy infrastructure, homes and places essential to daily life” constitute serious violations, and reiterated the Holy See’s condemnation of “any form of involvement of civilians in military operations.”

The moral measure, he insisted, is not advantage but dignity: “the protection of the principle of the inviolability of human dignity and the sanctity of life always counts for more than any mere national interest.”

Naming Conflicts, Appealing For Peace

The Pope then applied this moral framework to specific crises across the world. He spoke of the “ongoing war in Ukraine” and the suffering of civilians, reiterating “the pressing need for an immediate ceasefire,” and calling for dialogue “motivated by a sincere search for ways leading to peace.”

He appealed to the international community not to waver, and reiterated the Holy See’s willingness “to support any initiative that promotes peace and harmony.”

In the Holy Land, he noted that despite a truce announced in October, civilians continue to endure “a serious humanitarian crisis.”

He reaffirmed attention to initiatives aimed at guaranteeing Palestinians in Gaza “a future of lasting peace and justice,” and reiterated that the two-State solution remains the institutional perspective for meeting the aspirations of both Palestinians and Israelis. He also lamented increased violence in the West Bank against Palestinian civilians, who have “the right to live in peace.”

Pope Leo XIV also expressed concern about “escalating tensions in the Caribbean Sea and along the American Pacific coast,” renewing an appeal for peaceful political solutions.

He also addressed the crisis in Venezuela “in light of recent developments,” calling for respect for the will of the people and for safeguarding of human and civil rights.

He spoke, too, of the violence and instability in Haiti, calling for concrete international support. Likewise, he pointed to the Great Lakes regions of Africa, Sudan, and South Sudan, tensions in East Asia, and Myanmar’s humanitarian crisis, worsened by last March’s earthquake, and called for “peace in inclusive dialogue” and access to humanitarian aid.

Nuclear Risk And The Ethical Governance of AI

At the root of many of these crises, Pope Leo XIV said, lies the persistent belief that peace is possible only through force and deterrence. Yet peace, he warned, requires continuous construction and vigilance, especially among those with the greatest capacity for destruction.

He pointed to the urgency of nuclear arms control, noting the impending expiry of the New START Treaty in February, and warned of a return to an arms race with increasingly sophisticated weapons, including those shaped by artificial intelligence. AI, he said, “requires appropriate and ethical management,” together with regulatory frameworks that protect freedom and human responsibility.

Migrants, Prisoners, & The Jubilee's "Structural" Spirit

The Pope's defence of dignity extended to migrants and prisoners, two groups often treated as problems rather than persons.

"Every migrant is a person," and therefore has "inalienable rights that must be respected in every situation." Not all migration is chosen. He explained that many flee "violence, persecution, conflict, and even the effects of climate change."

He also spoke of prisoners, insisting they "can never be reduced to the crimes they have committed." He thanked governments that responded to Pope Francis' Jubilee appeal for gestures of clemency, and expressed hope that the Jubilee spirit would inspire justice systems "permanently and structurally," ensuring humane conditions and proportionated penalties. Above all, he stressed, this includes abolishing the death penalty, which the Pope called a measure that "destroys all hope of forgiveness and renewal." He did not forget "prisoners held for political reasons in many countries."

The Crisis Of Language And The Shrinking Of Freedom

Another theme of the Pope's address was the warning about language itself: its weakening, its manipulation, and its conversion into an instrument of harm.

Yet, the Pope warned, semantic ambiguity today is not merely accidental. "Language is becoming more and more a weapon with which to deceive, or to strike and offend opponents," he said, calling for words "to express distinct and clear realities unequivocally," so that authentic dialogue can resume, in families, in politics, in the media, on social media, and in international relations.

"It is painful to see how, especially in the West, the space for genuine freedom of expression is rapidly shrinking," he said, warning of "a new Orwellian-Style language" which, while seeking to be inclusive, "ends up excluding those who do not conform."

Freedom Of Conscience & Religious Freedom

From language, the Pope moved to rights increasingly threatened in contemporary societies: freedom of conscience and religious freedom.

He defended conscientious objection as a safeguard for dignity, noting that "Conscientious objection is not rebellion, but an act of fidelity to oneself." It reflects the truth that a free society "does not impose uniformity but protects the diversity of consciences," preventing authoritarian tendencies and fostering ethical dialogue.

Religious freedom, the Pope said, is also at risk. Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, he recalled it as "the first of all human rights." He noted that violations are rising worldwide, with "sixty-four percent of the world's population" suffering serious violations of this right.

The Right to Life

Pope Leo XIV reaffirmed that the right to life is the foundation of every other right and warned that the contemporary human rights framework risks losing its vitality when rights become detached from reality and truth.

"In the current context, we are seeing an actual 'short circuit' of human rights," he said, as fundamental freedoms, speech, conscience, religion, even life, are restricted "in the name of other so-called new rights," creating space for force and oppression.

The Pope spoke about the family as the privileged place where human beings learn to love and serve life.

He described two urgent challenges: the tendency to marginalize the family's role in the international system, and the painful reality of fragile families afflicted by hardship and domestic violence.

He reiterated the Church's categorical rejection of practices that "deny or exploit the origin of life" as well as projects that assist people in doing so. Public resources, he said, should support mothers and families rather than "suppress life."

Peacemaking, he said, required "humility and courage: the humility to live truthfully and the courage to forgive." These virtues he added, are revealed at Christmas, when Truth becomes humble flesh, and at Easter, when the condemned Righteous One forgives and grants life as the Risen One.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL 123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Personal Intention (*Daniel Doucet*).

St. Brother Andre Candle: Personal Intention (*Daniel Doucet*).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Holy Sacrament will be exposed on Thursday, after the English 12:00-noon Mass and on the first Friday of each month after the French Weekday Mass.

Management Committee: Meeting is Monday, Jan/26th at 1:00 pm in the church basement.

Knights of Columbus: Meeting is Tuesday, Jan/20th at 11:00 am. Payment of 2026 dues appreciated.

Heating Collection: Weekend of January 17th & 18th.

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HOLY FAMILY

430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Garry Imhoff (*Wife*).

Catechism Class: Sunday, Jan/18th at 2:00 pm in the church basement.

50/50 Fundraiser: Sunday, Jan/18th after Mass. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 and 9 for \$10.00. Thank you for your support.

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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.

ST. ANTHONY

14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Jan Guitard (*Family*).

St. Anthony's CWL: We remind members 2026 dues (\$25.00) are collected in January. Contact President, Shirley to renew for 2026 and welcome to another year of service to our Christian communities.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

Catechism Class: Sunday, January 18th at St. John Bosco church hall in Dalhousie at 2:00 pm. Register at goodshepherdparish.faith. Cost is \$20.00. Contact Deacon Chris at 506-686-1676 with any concerns.

Weekday Mass: Morning mass every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Holy Hour at 6:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction held every last Thursday (Jan 29th) of the month.

50/50 Fundraiser: January 25th is our next draw and coffee party hosted by the CWL. Good luck and thank you to all for your support.

St. John Bosco-CWL: Dues for 2026 are being collected on Sunday, January 18th/25th before mass. The cost of membership remains at \$25.00. Contact Eileen Walsh at 506-684-4989 or Mary Claire McLeod at 506-684-2892 to renew by phone. Looking forward to welcoming current and new members for 2026.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

2601 Main Street, Belledune, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Special Intention (*Karla Roy*).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

<u>January 10th</u> <u>January/11th</u>	Holy Family	Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saint Gabriel the Archangel	Saint John the Evangelist	OLV Cemetery	Saint John Bosco	Saint Thomas Aquinas	Saint Anthony
Collection	1088.90	2670.00	442.75	350.00		860.35	730.20	
Pre-Auth-November	2050.00		880.00	570.00		2035.00	360.00	40.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00	115.00	27.00	25.00		80.00	30.00	
Christmas		70.00					20.00	
Initial Offering	85.00	102.00	84.00	61.00		150.00		
Ev. Of Nations /Pastoral/Peter Pence/Needs C.Ch.		30.00/100.00/ 20.00/20.00						
Fundraising	500.00 (Window Project)							
Dues/Donations Diocesan Tax	40.00/5.00 & 50.00 (Christmas Bulbs)	595.00 1050.00 10.00	/70.00	/50.00			40.00/	
Cemetery/Memorial	/15.00	120.00/	/200.00		100.00/	/20.00		
Heating	270.00	125.00					50.00	
Candles	92.25	325.00		62.00		52.15		
Living Christ/Missal	/10.00	23.00	5.00	5.00		5.00		

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 17TH - JANUARY 25TH)

Holy Family	Sunday, January 18th at 11:00 am + Mabel Murphy (<i>Marion & Byron McLean</i>)	Sunday, January 25th at 11:00 am + Deceased Family Members (<i>Charles & Barbara Sweet</i>)
Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saturday, January 17th at 4:00 pm + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>) + Deceased Brother Knight – Vincent Babineau (<i>Knights Of Columbus-Council 1935</i>)	Sunday, January 18th at 9:00 + Mireille Carrier (<i>Diane Doucet</i>) + Thanksgiving 69 th Wedding Anniversary-Albertine & Leo Morais (<i>Your Family</i>)
Weekly Masses	Tuesday, January 20th at 12:00-noon (<i>English</i>) + St. Anthony (<i>R.L.</i>)	Thursday, January 22nd at 12:00-noon (<i>English</i>) + Edward Bialy (<i>Lynn Bialy-Neville</i>)
	Wednesday, January 21st at 9:00 am (<i>French</i>) + St. Anthony of Padua (<i>Violette & Lizotte</i>)	Friday, January 23rd at 9:00 am (<i>French</i>) + Albert Breau (<i>Stella & Yvon Breau</i>)
	Saturday, January 24th at 4:00 pm + Deceased Parents (<i>Ken MacDonald</i>) + Jean Caissie (<i>Husband, Emile</i>)	Sunday, January 25th at 9:00 am + Wilmond Turbide (<i>Denise Turbide</i>)
St. Gabriel the Archangel	Saturday, January 17th at 4:00 pm + Marinus DeGroot (<i>Gertrude Killoran & Family</i>)	Saturday, January 24th at 4:00 pm + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)
St. John the Evangelist	Saturday, January 17th at 6:00 pm + Rose Boulay (<i>St. John the Evangelist CWL</i>)	Saturday, January 24th at 6:00 pm + Norma Carrier (<i>Gertrude Killoran</i>)
St. John Bosco	Sunday, January 18th at 9:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>) Tuesday, January 20th at 9:30 am + Suzanne Poirier (<i>Danny & Diane Leger</i>)	Sunday, January 25th at 9:00 am + Sisters, Betty & Susan, Niece Lori-Lee (<i>Sandy LaPointe</i>) Tuesday, January 27th at 9:30 am + Victor Marlais (<i>Gerard Doucet</i>)
St. Thomas Aquinas	Sunday, January 18th at 11:00 am + Austin Levesque (<i>Ann-Marie, Linda, Martyne & Jocelyne</i>)	Sunday, January 25th at 11:00 am + Howard Haley & Margaret McGrath (<i>Percy Haley</i>)
St. Anthony	Sunday, January 18th at 1:30 pm + Aubrey & Frances Firth (<i>Georgina Babcock</i>)	Sunday, January 25th 1:30 pm + Aubrey Firth (<i>St. Anthony's CWL</i>)

**Pope's Prayer Intention
January/2026**

For Prayer with the Word of God-

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

AMEN

Weekly Readings

January 19th – January 24th

Monday – Ordinary Time Weekday
• 1 Samuel 15:16-23 / Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday – Ordinary Time Weekday
• 1 Samuel 16:1-13 / Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday – St. Agnes
• 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mark 3:1-6
Thursday – Ordinary Time Weekday
• 1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7 / Mark 3:7-12
Friday – Ordinary Time Weekday
• 1 Sameul 24:2-20 / Mark 3:13-19
Saturday – St. Francis De Sales
• 1 Samuel 9:1-4,7-19: 10:1a/Mark 2:13-17

**Quote
of the Week**

