



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 24th & 25th, 2026 – 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A - Gospel of Matthew)

(1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10 - 13,17-18 Gospel: John 1:29-34)

CHURCH TODAY

Church in Venezuela aims to be ‘place of encounter for everyone’

Archbishop Jesús Andoni González de Zárate Salas, President of Venezuela’s Episcopal Conference, tells Vatican News that the Church in the country aims to “accompany the people constantly in their struggle for the triumph of good, truth and justice.”

By Federico Piana

Promoting peace and dialogue is a “daily” task, says Archbishop Jesús Andoni González de Zárate Salas, President of the Venezuelan Episcopal Conference. It’s not an easy mandate, in a country which remains unstable following the US capture of President Maduro.

“The local Church,” the Archbishop said in an interview with Vatican News, “is making every effort to be a place of encounter for everyone, and to accompany the people constantly in their struggle for the triumph of good, truth and justice.”

He stressed that Venezuela’s bishops are acutely aware of their essential role at this moment of grave difficulty, and are considering new initiatives that “will be decided and developed only after we see how the national dynamic evolves.”

Paths to Peace

Archbishop González de Zárate identified the foundation for building a more just and free society as “the primacy of human dignity, the common good and the main Gospel values”.

“The current complex social and economic conditions of our nation,” he explained, “are the result of a process that has unfolded over recent years. Insecurity, shortcomings in education, healthcare and transport, precarious wages, constant inflation and the lack of national production all weigh heavily on the daily lives of the vast majority of the population and today represent their chief concern.”

Conflicting Emotions

Venezuelan’s feelings about recent events are mixed, Archbishop González de Zárate said: “One could say that concern over the concrete consequences of what has happened coexists with hopes for a swift and lasting improvement.”

A positive sign recently was the authorities’ announcement of a significant number of prisoner releases. “This is certainly good news,” González de Zárate said. “However, it has caused great anxiety among the families of detainees because no clear information has been provided about who would benefit from these measures or what their real scope might be. Moreover, the release process is very slow. Families continue to wait for further releases, even spending nights outside prison gates in the hope that they will occur. The people want the release of all political prisoners, as we bishops have repeatedly called for.”

The Virgin of Hope

True hope for a weary people, however, came on January 14th with the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Divine Shepherdess, traditionally held in the Diocese of Barquisimeto in the state of Lara but embraced by the entire country.

The turnout for the procession of the nation’s most beloved Marian icon was massive, Archbishop González de Zárate recalled, despite the ongoing socio-political uncertainty.

“This”, he said “is a clear expression of the Venezuelan people’s spiritual reserve and of how, in difficult moments like the ones we are living through, Our Lord Jesus Christ and his Mother, the Blessed Virgin, continue to be points of reference, comfort and strength for us all.”

FAMILY CONNECTION



Gospel Reading-Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

Today’s Gospel tells us little about their background. We are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew’s Gospel; however, in Matthew 8:14-15 for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. Matthew 20:20-28 relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James & John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus’s kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples’ separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today’s Gospel might lead us to believe.

Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be “fishers of men” even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today’s Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23.

Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?

Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today’s Psalm or the Lord’s Prayer.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday, February 18th Mass Schedule will be as follows:

- St. John Bosco in Dalhousie at **9:00 am**
- Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bathurst at **12:00-Noon**
- St. John the Evangelist in Belledune at **3:00 pm**
- St. Thomas Aquinas in Campbellton at **6:00 pm**
- St. Gabriel the Archangel in Belledune at **6:00 pm**
- Holy Family in Bathurst at **6:00 pm**

Happy Anniversary: *Bishop Michel Proulx o. praem* will be celebrating his Episcopate Anniversary on January 25th as Bishop of the Diocese of Bathurst. May God continue to shower you with grace, wisdom and strength as you continue to guide your flock of The Parish of The Good Shepherd.

• **Catechism Class:** Our next class will be **Sunday, January 25th** at 2:00 pm at **Holy Family** Church in Bathurst.

• **Catechism Class:** **Sunday, January 25th** at **St. John Bosco** church hall in Dalhousie at 2:00 pm. Please register on our webpage, goodshepherdparish.faith. Cost is \$20.00. Contact Deacon Chris at 506-686-1676 with any concerns you have.

• **Bible Class-With Father Keith:** **No Bible class on January 30th.**

• **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.faith.

• **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

Music Concert: Sunday, January 25th at 2:00 pm at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Bathurst. The 18th Century Delights is the inaugural performance of the North Shore's newest early music ensemble. *Ex Aevum*, featuring clarinetist, Dave Scott and double bassist, Jose Lopez, joined by Fredericton based cellist, Conor Britt. This program of trios and divertimenti invites audiences on a charming journey through the elegance, wit, and vitality of the 18th century, with music by Jean-Baptiste Brevet, Josef Myslivecek, Anton Albrechtsberger, and Michael Haydn.

Yard Sale - St. Thomas Aquinas Church – 43 Andrew Street in Campbellton: Upcoming Yard Sale dates are as follows: January 31st, February 28th, March 28th, May 2nd, May 30th and June 27th.

Jeunesses Musicales Dalhousie: Presenting "*Notes from the Front*" on Saturday, February 7th at the LER Theatre at 7:30 pm. This concert brings together soprano *Mathilde Duval-Laplante* and pianists *Rosemarie Duval-Laplante* and *Jean-Michel Dube* for a reflective moment on peace in times of war. Music and readings of wartime letters intertwine to offer a sensitive and timely experience, dedicated to peace. Entry is by JMC season ticket or \$20.00 at the door. Free entry to children 18 and under. For more information please contact Claudette Theriault at 506-684-3965.

Family & Community Breakfast: St. George Anglican Church, 432 King Avenue on Saturday, February 14th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Minimum donations of \$8.00 appreciated as this event helps to fund our local mission projects. Enjoy fellowship and great food.

Statistics Canada Outreach Atlantic: We are pleased to inform you that the next Census of Population will take place in May 2026. To support this important project, Statistics Canada is hiring for supervisory and non-supervisory positions. For more information contact; Hannah Pinilla, Census Communications Officer-Atlantic at hannah.pinilla@statcan.gc.ca

IN LOVING MEMORY

- ✠ **Brent Babcock (Family)** SA-Cemetery
- ✠ **Gilberte MacLean (Louise MacLean Robinson)** STA
- ✠ **Barbie Gauvin (St. John Bosco Choir) (Phyllis & Rita)** SJB
- ✠ **Jane Duivenvoorden (J. Doucet)** SG
- ✠ **Ian Mercer (Marlene, Tommy Lawlor & Family)** SJE
- ✠ **Isabel Comeau (Lawrence & Irma Doucet)** SJE
- ✠ **Pearl Guitard (Susan & Gordon MacDougall)** SJE
- ✠ **Loretta Firlotte (Susan & Gordon MacDougall)** SJE
- ✠ **Edward Luerssen Jr. (Genevieve O'Connell)** HF
- ✠ **Kara Lavigne (Richard & Joan Lavigne)** HF
- ✠ **Jeannette Lavigne (Richard Lavigne)** HF

PRIVATE MASSES DECEMBER/2025 BY FATHER KEITH

- † **Norman Mallais (Jessie Artand & Family)** SJB
- † **Suzanne Poirier (Marina Martel)** SJB
- † **Margaret McGrath (Percy Haley)** STA
- † **Austin Levesque (Ann Marie, Linda, Martyne & Jocelyn)** STA
- † **Thanksgiving-Favor Obtained (A Parishioner)** HF
- † **St. Anthony (R.L.)** HF
- † **Ryan Pettigrew (Darlene Labonville)** HF

RECOMMENDED TO YOUR PRAYERS

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

- † Please pray for **Matthew McKay** of Dalhousie who passed away on January 8th at the age of 18. A Chapel Service was held at Maher/Savoie Funeral Home.
- † Please pray for **Margaret Raymond** of Campbellton who passed away on January 12th at the age of 58. A Chapel Service was held at Maher's Funeral Home.
- † Please pray for **Barbara Gauvin** of Eel River Crossing who passed away on January 16th at the age of 54. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. John Bosco Church on Monday, January 26th at 2:00 pm.
- † Please pray for **Russell Chauvin** of Campbellton who passed away on January 16th at the age of 91. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Friday, January 30th at 3:00 pm.
- † Please pray for **Loretta Firlotte** of Bathurst who passed away November 26th at the age of 84. Funeral arrangements are in the care of MacMillan & Drapeau Funeral Home.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Sister Ovéline Roy F.M.A. (*Rose Anne Roy*).

St. Brother Andre Candle: Danny Layden.

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, January 26th at 1:00 pm in the church basement.

Sacred Heart CWL: Next meeting will be on Monday, February 2nd at 1:30 pm with the executive meeting at 1:00 pm. Non-perishable food items for our local food bank are much appreciated.

HOLY FAMILY
430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Bonnie Godin (*Richard MacKenzie*).

Catechism Class: Next class will be **Sunday, January 25th** at 2:00 pm in the church basement.

50/50 Fundraiser: *Congratulations to Wayne Smith* winner of the January 50/50 draw in the amount of \$280.00

Toonie Weekend: This Sunday, January 25th

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: Upcoming Yard Sale dates are as follows: January 31st, February 28th, March 28th, May 2nd, May 30th and June 27th.

Toonie Weekend: This Sunday, January 25th.

ST. ANTHONY
14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Noel Bauce (*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 25th 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: Join us Sunday, January 25th for our next 50/50 draw and coffee party, including muffins, biscuits and other goodies hosted by the CWL. Good luck and thank you to all for your support.

St. John Bosco-CWL: A reminder to all CWL members, potential members and interested ladies that the membership dues for 2026 are being collected up until January 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.

Toonie Weekend: This Sunday, January 25th.

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

Card Play: Card play has resumed as of Monday, January 19th in the church hall of St. John the Evangelist in Belledune. All are welcome.

Toonie Weekend: Saturday, January 31st.

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL
4118 Main Street, Belledune NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Freda Guitard (*The Family*).

Mass Book & Sanctuary Lamp: Our Mass Book is now open. We would like to have our Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of a loved one every week if possible in 2026. Anyone who would like to take part please fill out the white envelope found on the bulletin table in the church entrance. Include your name and phone number along with whom it is for and from and we will call to confirm your request.

St. Gabriel 50/50 Fundraiser: We wish to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts who helped with this 50/50 fundraiser. Whether you purchased a ticket, sold tickets, made up forms, picked up and delivered money etc. What a wonderful turn out we had and so pleased to say we sold 224 tickets, which means our monthly prize will start at \$2,240.00. The first draw will be Saturday, January 31st with the following draws on the last Saturday of every month following the 4:00 pm Mass. It would be remiss not to say we are so grateful to have such a great Fundraising Committee. Again this year with your support we expect to donate approximately \$26,000.00 to St. Gabriel's Parish.

Toonie Weekend: Saturday, January 31st.



The “**Sunday of the Word of God**” is a Catholic observance established by Pope Francis in 2019, celebrated annually on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, dedicated to celebrating, studying, and sharing the Bible, highlighting its importance for Christian life and faith. This day encourages a deeper engagement with Scripture through practices like *lectio divina* and fosters a closer relationship with Jesus, and with understanding the Bible as a living message for today.

Key Aspects:

- Established by Pope Francis: Instituted through his Apostolic Letter *Aperit Illis* in 2019, says Vatican News.
- When: The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, usually in January.
- Purpose: To renew appreciation for Sacred Scripture, experience the Risen Lord's Word, and proclaim its richness.
- Activities: Encourages daily Bible reading, using *lectio divina* (Prayerful reading), and deeper reflection on Scripture.
- Significance: Acknowledges the Bible as a source of life, guidance, and unity, helping believers encounter Christ.

In essence, it's a designated Sunday for the Church to focus on the Bible as the living Word of God, essential for our faith journey.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

<u>January 17th</u> <u>January 18th</u>	Holy Family	Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saint Gabriel the Archangel	Saint John the Evangelist	Cemetery	Saint John Bosco	Saint Thomas Aquinas	Saint Anthony
Collection	1920.95	2085.85	499.25	415.00		649.45	1694.95	418.50 <small>(Jan 4/Jan18)</small>
Pre. /Auth. In Dec.	2050.00	890.00	880.00	570.00		2035.00	360.00	40.00
Solemnity of Mary	55.00	15.00	20.00	20.00		10.00	15.00	40.00
Christmas		16.15 <small>(Christmas Angel)</small>					30.00	
Initial Offering	173.00	40.00	5.00	20.00		60.00	115.00	110.00
Fundraising	280.00 <small>(50/50 Draw)</small>							
Dues/Donations	40.00/70.00	330.00		20.00/			20.00/200.00	
Memorial	30.00		10.00	40.00		40.00		20.00
Heating	355.00	245.00						
Candles	87.00	265.00	10.00	60.20		95.90		10.00
Living Christ/Missal	/15.00	33.00				/10.00		

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 24TH - FEBRUARY 1ST)

Holy Family	Sunday, January 25 th at 11:00 am + Deceased Family Members (<i>Charles & Barbara Sweet</i>)	Sunday, February 1 st at 11:00 am + Mom & Dad (<i>Leonard Imbeault</i>)
Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saturday, January 24 th at 4:00 pm + Deceased Parents (<i>Ken MacDonald</i>) + Jean Caissie (<i>Husband, Emile</i>)	Sunday, January 25 th at 9:00 + Wilmond Turbide (<i>Denise Turbide</i>)
Weekly Masses	Tuesday, January 27 th at 12:00-noon (<i>English</i>) + Herby LeBlanc (<i>Darlene Labonville</i>)	Thursday, January 29 th at 12:00-noon (<i>English</i>) + Richard Quarrington (<i>Dan Neville</i>)
	Wednesday, January 28 th at 9:00 am (<i>French</i>) + St. Jude (<i>R. Breau</i>)	Friday, January 30 th at 9:00 am (<i>French</i>) + All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)
	Saturday, January 31 st at 4:00 pm + Sisters & Brothers (<i>J. Theriault</i>) + Jeannette Lavigne (<i>Michael & Family</i>)	Sunday, February 1 st at 9:00 am + Deceased Parents (<i>Donald, Edna & Family</i>)
St. Gabriel the Archangel	Saturday, January 24 th at 4:00 pm + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)	Saturday, January 31 st at 4:00 pm + Kathy Lawlor (<i>Peter Desrosiers & Angela Young</i>)
St. John the Evangelist	Saturday, January 24 th at 6:00 pm + Norma Carrier (<i>Gertrude Killoran</i>)	Saturday, January 31 st at 6:00 pm + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)
St. John Bosco	Sunday, January 25 th at 9:00 am + Sisters, Betty & Susan, Niece Lori-Lee (<i>Sandy LaPointe</i>) Tuesday, January 27 th at 9:30 am + Victor Marlais (<i>Gerard Doucet</i>)	Sunday, February 1 st at 9:00 am + Keith Guitard (<i>Joan</i>) Tuesday, February 3 rd at 9:30 am + Helmut Bitto (<i>James & Pierrette Jalbert</i>)
St. Thomas Aquinas	Sunday, January 25 th at 11:00 am + Howard Haley & Margaret McGrath (<i>Percy Haley</i>)	Sunday, February 1 st at 11:00 am + Raoul Guitard (<i>House of Agape Prayer Group</i>)
St. Anthony	Sunday, January 25 th at 1:30 pm + Aubrey Firth (<i>St. Anthony's CWL</i>)	Sunday, February 1 st at 1:30 pm + Larry Felix (<i>Cynthia Felix</i>)

Pope's Prayer Intention January/2026	Weekly Readings January 26 th – January 31 st	Quote of the Week
<p>For Prayer with the Word of God-</p> <p>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.</p> <p align="center">AMEN</p>	<p>Monday – St. Timothy & St. Titus • 2 Timothy 1:1-8 / Luke 10:1-9</p> <p>Tuesday – Ordinary Time Weekday • 2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19 / Mark 3:31-35</p> <p>Wednesday – St. Thomas Aquinas • 2 Samuel 7:1-17++ / Mark 4:1-20</p> <p>Thursday – Ordinary Time Weekday • 1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7 / Mark 3:7-12</p> <p>Friday – Ordinary Time Weekday • 1 Sameul 24:2-20 / Mark 3:13-19</p> <p>Saturday – St. John Bosco • 1 Samuel 9:1-4,7-19: 10:1a/Mark 2:13-17</p>	<p align="center"><i>If you are too busy to spend time with God, You are busier than He intends you to be.</i></p>