



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

April 4th & 5th, 2026 – The Resurrection of the Lord – Easter Sunday (Year A - Gospel of Matthew)

(1st Reading: Acts 10:34a,37-43 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9)



Easter is a season of joy, new life, and peace, and a time of faith when we proclaim our faith in the Lord, that *He* truly is alive in our midst, and that we are not afraid.

Easter is a, “here and now” reality, God’s life-giving power that empowers and renews the world day by day. Because of Easter, no situation is beyond God’s redeeming power and love, and we can journey through whatever situations we face in this world with confidence and boldness.

Equipped with this knowledge we become Easter People!

To all of you in this most sacred time I wish the Blessings of Easter, that you and your families may share in the Joy of the First Easter Morning!

“He Is Alive”

*Happy Easter
Father Keith*

History’s Greatest Event

Today we celebrate the most important mystery of our faith, the greatest event in the Bible and of all history. Nothing before the events of Easter morning contains their full meaning, and nothing after makes sense without them.

Jesus’s conquering of death validated all of his preaching, teaching, and miracles. Now his doctrine of love, forgiveness, faith, and baptism is confirmed, as is God’s definitive revelation for humanity’s salvation. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus wasn’t simply a good man, a wise teacher, or a revolutionary. He was all of those things and more, he was the *Son of God*.

Without the *rising of Jesus from the dead*, you cannot explain his appearing to the women, apostles, disciples, and crowds before his ascension. You cannot explain the transformation of the timid and baffled apostles into powerful preachers or the conversion of St. Paul from a murdering Pharisee to a persecuted Christian. Without the truth of the resurrection, you cannot explain the courage of any of the martyrs. Indeed, the Romans and Jews took these martyrs seriously. And if either group could have produced a body of evidence or a convincing explanation to debunk the story, they would have.

So today, set aside your Lenten focus on the mocked, beaten, and buried Jesus. *Celebrate the resurrection*. Christ the Lord, and Christianity, is a reality and a force. *Rejoice!* Reflect on the truth and power of this day, and *allow God’s Son to open all the tombs of your heart and life*.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

EASTER VIGIL – Saturday, April 4th

- St. John Bosco at 8:00 pm
- St. Gabriel the Archangel at 8:00 pm
- (Please note Easter Vigil at Holy Family has been cancelled)*

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5th

- Sacred Heart Cathedral at 9:00 am
- St. John the Evangelist at 9:00 am
- Holy Family at 11:00 am
- St. Thomas Aquinas at 11:00 am

•**Parish Office:** Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Easter. Please be advised the parish office will be closed on Monday, April 6th.

•**Catechism for Adults:** Adult classes will begin after Easter. Rite of Christian Initiation also known as RCIA/OCIA is to learn about our faith, explore becoming Catholic, and to receive sacraments like Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 506-547-4737.

•**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

•**Bible Class-With Father Keith:** Bible class will be on Friday, April 10th at 10:00 am at Holy Family Church.

•**Cemetery Notices:** Please contact the Administrative Office of The Parish of Good Shepherd (506-547-4737) to arrange all burials in the cemeteries; this allows us to complete the mandatory paperwork.

•**For your information:** we advise all Cemetery Donation cheques **should not be made payable to the Parish of the Good Shepherd** as there is no such bank account; every church has their own account in the church's name. However, when a church closes, the account still exists as before but must be renamed according to CRA regulations for registered charities. Cheques for donations to Saint Joseph Cemetery are to be made payable to St. Gabriel Nash Creek, while cheques for Our Lady of the Visitation Cemetery are to be made payable to St. Gabriel Benjamin River.

RECOMMENDED TO YOUR PRAYERS

- † Please pray for **Nora Larocque** of Campbellton who passed away on March 6th at the age of 92. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.
- † Please pray for **Herman Caplin** of Eel River Bar who passed away on March 9th at the age of 71. A Funeral Mass was held at St. John Bosco Church.
- † Please pray for **Gilbert Leclair** of Campbellton who passed away on March 17th at the age of 53. A Chapel Service was held at Elhatton's Funeral Home.

IN LOVING MEMORY

- ✠ **Jeffrey Murray** (*Anne Boyer*) (*Gail Bujold*) (*Ann, Murray & Susan Savoie*) (*Barb Lee*) STA
- ✠ **Nora Larocque** (*Gail Bujold*) (*Leah*) (*Lloyd & Florence Kerr*) (*Frances Crocket & Barbara Rattrax*) STA
- ✠ **Carl Cassim** (*Son, Christopher Cassin*) STA
- ✠ **Kevin Parker** (*Mel & Nancy Parker*) STA
- ✠ **Vernon Smith** (*Judy Spurrell*) SG
- ✠ **Garfield Spurrell** (*Beloved Wife, Judy & Family*) SG
- ✠ **Jeffery Murray** (*Frank & Karla Culligan*) SJE

PRIVATE MASSES - MARCH/2026 BY FATHER ANTHONY

- † **Howard Haley & Margaret McGrath** (*Percy Haley*) STA
- † **Janice Hickey** (*Family*) SG
- † **Brent Babcock** (*Family*) SA
- † **Marie Ange Caron** (*Adams Family*) SA

DID YOU KNOW THE STORY OF THE FIRST EASTER EGG

Before the egg became closely entwined with the Christian Easter, it was honored during many rite-of-Spring festivals. The Romans, Gauls, Chinese, Egyptians and Persians all cherished the egg as a symbol of the universe, of the earth's rebirth at springtime. With the advent of Christianity the symbolism of the egg changed to represent, not nature's rebirth, but the rebirth of man.

Christians embraced the egg symbol and linked it to the tomb from which Christ rose. Saint Augustine first described Christ's Resurrection from the dead as a chick bursting from an egg. This symbolism was enhanced in the Christian East's celebration of Easter. At the end of the Paschal Liturgy, the faithful exchanged paschal greetings and the priest and the faithful present each other with red eggs. Wooden eggs are sometimes suspended from hanging lamps and chandeliers, and often the faithful decorate wooden eggs with icons and hang them from the vigil lights in their homes.

The First Easter Egg

According to traditions, Saint Mary Magdalene, who had patrician rank, gained an audience in Rome with the emperor after the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. She denounced Pilate for his handling of Jesus's trial and then began to talk with Caesar about Jesus's resurrection. She picked up a hen's egg from the dinner table to illustrate her point about the resurrection. Caesar was unmoved and replied that there was as much a chance of a human being returned to life as there was for the egg to turn red. Immediately, the egg miraculously turned red in her hand! It is because of this tradition that Orthodox Christians exchange red eggs at Easter.

Other Christian Traditions

Eastern Christian legends blended folklore and Christian beliefs and firmly attached the egg to the Easter celebration. A Polish legend tells of when Mary Magdalen went to the *sepulchre* to anoint the body of Jesus. She had with her a basket of eggs to serve as a repast. When she arrived at the *sepulchre* and uncovered the eggs, the pure white shells had miraculously taken on a rainbow of colors.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Anita (Her Sister, Emma Noel).

St. Brother Andre Candle: Philippe Thibodeau (Paulette Thibodeau).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Hour: The Holy Sacrament will be exposed every Thursday after the English 12:00-noon Mass. Adoration will also be after the 9:00 am French Mass on the first Friday of each month.

Catechism Class: Next class date to be announced after Easter.

Heating Collection: The next heating collection will be the weekend of April 18th & 19th, 2026.

HOLY FAMILY
430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Brenda Newmann (Richard MacKenzie).

Catechism Class: Next class date to be announced after Easter.

Holy Family-Knights of Columbus: Monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8th at 2:00 pm in the church hall with the executive meeting at 1:30 pm.

Knights of Columbus-Spring Yard Sale: Saturday April 25th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you are spring cleaning or downsizing, we will gladly accept items you no longer use or want. We are especially looking for small tables, chairs and dressers but please **NO large appliances, heavy furniture (i.e. sofa's), big tube TV's, clothing or footwear.** Items may be dropped off at the church Monday, April 20th to Friday, April 24th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Pick up will be on Wednesday, April 22nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and can be arranged by calling Allie Power #506-546-4827 or Charles Sweet #506-252-2224.

Holy Family CWL: Regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14th in the church basement at 2:00 pm with the executive meeting at 1:30 pm.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
43 Andrew St. Campbellton, NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Wilfred Arseneault (Michael Arseneault).

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: May 2nd, May 30th and June 27th.

Volunteer-Campbellton Regional Hospital: Volunteer needed for a Mass Assistant to help during the summer months. Mass is every Tuesday at 10:00 am and is officiated by Father MacGraw. Please contact Joel Gagnon at 506-760-4408 if you are able to help.

Restigouche Senior High School Reunion-2026: Spread the word all students and teachers who attended/taught in the English sector from 1971-1977 are invited to a gathering at the Campbellton Legion on July 3rd & 4th. Please call Randy Hunter at 506-759-8474 or email randy53@nb.sympatico.ca for further information on how to register.

ST. JOHN BOSCO
470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Stewart & Una Roy (Mark).

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

St. John Bosco - Catechism Class: Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm at the St. John Bosco church hall. Students will be advised of the upcoming class date at each class. Cost is \$20.00. Registration is online at goodshepherdparish.faith. Contact is Deacon Chris at 506-686-1676.

50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Ken Chartrand winner of the March 50/50 draw in the amount of \$1,390.00. Thank you to all who support this fundraiser.

St. John Bosco CWL: The regular meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm in the church hall. All members, ladies of the parish and new members are most welcome to attend.

St. John Bosco-CWL: We will be collecting donations and supplies in support of *Maison Notre-Dame House* which provides a secure shelter for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. They are always in need of diapers, baby items, feminine hygiene products, underwear, wipes, shampoo, hair brushes, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste. A box will be set up at the back of the church to accept donations and supplies. Receipts will be issued for cash donations of \$10.00 or more. Thank you for all your kindness and generosity.

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

Sanctuary Lamp: St. Antoine Remerciement (A Parishioner).

50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Gail & Tony Shepard winner of the March 50/50 draw in the amount of \$1,600.00. Thank you to all who support this fundraiser.

Card Play: Card play on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the church hall of St. John the Evangelist Church in Belledune. All are welcome.

ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL
4118 Main Street, Belledune NB

Sanctuary Lamp: Alex, Hector, & Marie Mallaley (Opal Lundy-Boudreau).

50/50 Draw: Congratulation to Linda Nicholson winner of the March 50/50 draw in the amount of \$2,240.00. Thank you to all who support this fundraiser.

Sanctuary Lamps: Anyone wishing to light a Sanctuary Candle "In Memory of" or for a special prayer intention can do so by completing the white donation envelope. Record your name, who the candle is for along with the date and your phone number.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Invitation to become a monthly donor. Double your impact by becoming a monthly donor by May 24/2026!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada offers you a simple, effective way to support its mission throughout the year: **becoming a Share Year-Round monthly donor.**

As a Share Year-Round donor, you support the pursuit of social justice and human dignity throughout the year and forge bonds of solidarity across borders. What's more, you automatically become a member of our movement, joining a community of over **13,000 committed people** who share your values.

Sign up as a monthly donor (or increase your monthly donation if you are already one) **before May 24, 2026** and your annual contributions (or increase thereof) will be matched dollar for dollar!

So why not double your impact today by turning your one-off donation into a monthly gift at devp.org/shareyearround?



**JOURNEY TOWARDS
A SYNODAL CHURCH**


Did You Know: Synodality is a path of spiritual renewal and structural reform that enables the Church to be more participatory and missionary so that it can walk with every man and woman, radiating the light of Christ.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

<u>March 28th</u> <u>March 29th</u>	Holy Family	Sacred Heart Cathedral	Saint Gabriel the Archangel	Saint John the Evangelist	Cemetery	Saint John Bosco	Saint Thomas Aquinas	Saint Anthony
Collection	2133.30	2444.90	768.50	335.00		1351.25	1463.05	85.00
Special Coll/Funeral							159.00	
Toonie Collection	205.10		64.00	56.35		143.10	60.35	
Easter	25.00	145.00	50.00					
Easter Flowers	115.00		100.00			200.00	240.00	
Initial Off /G. Friday	/35.00	/40.00	/20.00				5.00/20.00	
Dev. & Peace	740.00	560.00	100.50	40.00		180.00	300.00	60.00
Heating		10.00				50.00		
Fundraising	8000.00 (Chase the Ace)	752.00 (Musical Concert Heating)	2240.00 (50/50 Draw)	1600.00 (50/50 Draw) 113.20 (returnable)		1390.00 (50/50Draw)	2962.00 (Yard Sale) 477.50 (50/50 Draw)	
Dues/Donation	50.00	5.00/	10.00/			20.00/75.00		
Memorial/Cemetery				10.00/			1205.00/	
Palms/Candles	416.80 196.15	781.85 328.50	137.00 20.00	76.00 30.00		139.75 98.00	100.15/30.00	/158.38
Living Christ/Missal	5.00	61.75	5.00					

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (APRIL 4TH – APRIL 10TH)

Holy Family	Easter Sunday, April 5th at 11:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)	Sunday, April 12th at 11:00 am + Adelard Gionet (<i>Thelma & Family</i>)
Sacred Heart Cathedral	Easter Vigil Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 pm + Rita Cormier (<i>Her Children</i>) + Delores Gauthier-Lowe (<i>Carm, Karen & George</i>)	Easter Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 am + Omer & André Mazerolle (<i>Sadie, Gloria & Lisa</i>) + Deceased Family Members (<i>Emma Noel</i>) + Rebecca Lemieux (<i>Grammair Lemieux</i>)
Weekly Masses	Tuesday, April 7th at 12:00-noon + Deceased Parents (<i>Stuart & Theresa Henry</i>) Wednesday, April 8th at 9:00 am (French) + Florence LeBlanc (<i>Eléonore Chamberlain-Howe</i>) Saturday, April 11th at 4:00 pm + Georgette Assaff (Anthony Jabora Scott & Johanna Lee MacMullin)	Thursday, April 9th at 12:00-noon + Patricia Rioux (<i>Joan</i>) Friday, April 10th at 9:00 am (French) + Sr. Georgina Christie, sc (<i>Anne Chiasson</i>) Sunday, April 12th at 9:00 am + Claudia Roy - Prayers for illness (<i>Roger & Patricia Roy</i>) + Théofile Doucet (<i>Ralph & Manuel</i>)
St. Gabriel the Archangel	Easter Vigil Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 pm + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)	Saturday, April 11th at 4:00 pm + Darrell & Jamie Guitard (<i>Neil & Family</i>)
St. John the Evangelist	Easter Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)	Saturday, April 11th at 6:00 pm + Michel Guitard (<i>Jacqueline & Chantal</i>)
St. John Bosco	Easter Vigil Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 pm + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>) Tuesday, April 7th at 9:30 am + Betty Pilon (<i>Joan Guitard</i>)	Sunday, April 12th at 9:00 am + Claude Chiasson (<i>Gerard Benoit</i>) Tuesday, April 14th at 9:30 am + Olive Phillip (<i>Krista, Gerry & Spencer Smith</i>)
St. Thomas Aquinas	Easter Sunday, April 5th at 11:00 am + For All Parishioners (<i>The Pastor</i>)	Sunday, April 12th at 11:00 am + Ralph Babin - 7 th Ann. (<i>Joan & Family</i>)

Pope's Prayer Intention April /2026	Weekly Readings April 6 th – April 11 th	Quote of the Week
<p><i>For Priests in crisis:</i> <i>Let us Pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.</i></p> <p align="right">AMEN</p>	<p>Monday – Easter Octave • Acts 2:14,22-33 / Matthew 28:8-15 Tuesday – Easter Octave • Acts 2:36-41 / John 20:11-18 Wednesday – Easter Octave • Acts 3:1-10 / Luke 24:13-35 Thursday – Easter Octave • Acts 3:11-26 / Luke 24:35-48 Friday – Easter Octave • Acts 4:1-12 / John 21:1-14 Saturday – Easter Octave • Acts 4:13-21 / Mark 16:9-15</p>	 <p>“The great gift of Easter is hope.” —Basil C. Hume</p>