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Regular Mass Schedule

Mondays 9:00 am @ Holy Family Church, Moncton

Wednesdays 9:00 am @ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview

Fridays 2:00 pm @ People's Park Tower Chapel, Moncton

Saturdays

Sundays

4:00 pm @ Holy Ghost Church, Riverside Albert

9:00 am @ Saint Jude Church, Salisbury

7:00 pm @ Holy Family Church, Moncton

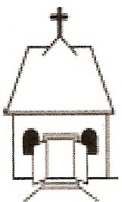
11:00 am @ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview

Private Confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Saturday afternoon from 1 - 1:30 pm

Welcome to Our Parish

If you are new to our church or just visiting, we are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist.



If you would like to join our parish, registration forms are available. Please ask one of the ministers you see in the church or in the foyer or call the office at 386-6178. We look forward to meeting you!

**Second Sunday
of
Advent**

Dec 10th, 2017

REGIONAL PARISH OFFICE

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Holy Ghost Church - Teresa O'Hara: 882-0997, St. Jude's Church - Angela Hoogendyk

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK of DEC 11TH to 17TH, 2017

People's Park Tower Chapel

Fri. Dec 15 2:00 pm Eugene Cormier - Edna & family

Holy Ghost Church

Sat. Dec 16 4:00 pm For the People

Holy Family Church

Mon. Dec 11 9:00 am Michael Selander - Mary Helena Delahunt

Sat. Dec 16 7:00 pm Deceased family members - Marie & Cail
Bastarache

St. Jude's Church

Sun. Dec 17 9:00 am Paul Constantine (Anniv) - Doris & family

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Wed. Dec 13 9:00 am Kenneth Collins (Anniv) - his son, Kenneth Collins

Sun. Dec 17 11:00 am Bucky Brine - Debbie & family

UNTO EVERY SEASON THERE IS A TIME...

Ecclesiastes 3

A time to mourn....

Terry Cormier,
brother of Peter Cormier

A time to heal....

Donna Hearnshaw
Kelly Innes
Doris LeBlanc
David Purdy,
father of Karen Leblanc

	Monday	(Our Lady of Guadalupe) Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Readings for the Week	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	Zek 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9, 10-13	Is 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

FOOD BASKET CHALLENGE

Holy Ghost and IHMC

We are stocking up for the winter months ahead, so if you can, please continue to send rice and oatmeal any size or kind and children's juice packs.

St. Jude's - Crackers, Cereal, Condiments, Instant Coffee, Kraft Dinner

Holy Family - **instant rice**; powdered coffee creamer; beef bouillon, canned and/or powdered milk and much needed, juice boxes.

Thank you so much to all!



STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT: *Give of your time,*

talent and treasure until you feel good about your gift and your heart knows that you have done something good.



COLLECTIONS FOR LAST WEEKEND

Peoples Park Tower Chapel

Church Support \$475.00; Loose \$98.00
Maintenance Fund \$35.00

Holy Family Church (inc PADs)

Church Support \$1007.50; Loose \$146.00
Maintenance Fund \$152.00

Holy Ghost Church

Church Support \$235.00
Christmas Flowers \$20.00

St. Jude's Church (inc PADs)

Church Support \$498.00; Loose \$82.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)

Church Support \$5615.80; Loose \$292.00
Property Upkeep \$619.00; Youth \$111.50
Social Action \$307.50

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Schedule of Christmas Masses



Sunday, Dec 24th (morning)

Dec 24th is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and we will combine both masses usually said on Sunday morning for St. Jude's and Immaculate Heart and have one mass at **10:00 a.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary. (Thank you St. Jude's.)

Sunday, December 24th (afternoon/evening)

10:00 a.m. - Peoples Park Tower (**time change!**)

4:00 p.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

6:30 p.m. - St. Jude's

7:00 p.m. - Holy Family

8:30 p.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monday, December 25th (morning)

10:00 a.m. - Holy Ghost

Private Confessions are celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Penitential Celebrations in the diocese:

St. Bernard's: Sunday, Dec 10th at 2:00 p.m.

St. Augustine's: Monday, Dec 18th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Bernard's Evening Prayer will be celebrated during Advent on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on December 14th and 21st.

Praying the Rosary - During Advent, the Rosary will be prayed at St. Lawrence O'Toole at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday prior to the regular weekend liturgy.

Please note! There will be an additional Mass celebrated during Advent at St. Augustine's on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon.



Envelopes: 2018 offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please have a look at the mailing label and let us know if we need to make corrections. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes or if you wish to start a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) offering, please call Anne, 386-6178.

2017 Charitable Donation Receipts



Thank you to the many parishioners who make a donation to the church at this time of the year. Please note though, that the parish office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's, so **if you wish to make a donation and have it included in your 2017 tax receipt, it must be in the collection at one of our four churches (not St. Bernard's or St. Augustine's) by December 25th or dropped off into the office in Riverview by noon on December 22nd.** This way, we can have the monies deposited by December 31st and then everything will be included in your 2017 tax receipt. Thank you!

IN MEMORY OF...

We are accepting donations for **environment in the church** during the Christmas season, in memory of deceased family and friends. A list will be printed in the bulletin of those being remembered. On a piece of paper, please write who is being remembered, by whom and for which Church, and put this information and your donation in an envelope. Just drop it into the parish office, or put it in the collection basket, clearly marked **Christmas Flowers**.



There will be a **Local Pastoral Council (LPC)** meeting on Tuesday, December 12th in the Rectory basement at 7:00 p.m.



Advent is the beginning of a new year, a new start.

Join us for a time of meditation, a time spent with Jesus in the garden or the desert, praying, being in the Presence of His Father. In Matthew 6, Jesus told us to "*go into that secret interior space and pray in silence*" and emptying ourselves, getting rid of the ego, giving up our will and becoming poor in spirit, allows the Holy Spirit to fill up the empty spaces.

Our Sacred Space Christian Meditation Community invites you to join us on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Day Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for a time of silence, being in the Presence of God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. **Those dates will be the remaining Fridays, December 15th and 22nd.**



Please call Dianne at 386-6094 for more information or if you have any questions.

Our WEDNESDAY PRAYER DAY, held at

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, will finish for this year on **Dec 13th** and then resume on **Jan 10th**. You are welcome in the church anytime Mon to Fri 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for time in prayer or meditation.

Please consider taking part in 'White Gift Sunday', set for December 10th!

For several years, our faith community has been donating food, gifts, new clothes and knitted items on 'White Gift Sunday'. Gifts do not need to be wrapped! Just bring them into the church **between now and Dec 10th!** Thank you everyone!



Our Prayer Group meets every Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Church foyer. Please join us for a time of quiet, peace and prayer. If you'd like more information, please call Roberta at 386-5175.

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church of Canada. Joining forces in an appeal from other Canadian interfaith communities, Development and Peace donors have put \$3.8 million towards relief efforts in Africa and Yemen. Your donations have been included! Thank you! Please pray for all those suffering in areas of human conflict.

We are pleased to announce that repairs are on schedule and that **Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral** will be open for Christmas masses in French on December 24th at 7:00 pm and December 25th at 10:00 am. Welcome!

Open to all - Call Karen to Register!
Great Family Activity!

Social Action Committee meeting will take place on December 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Dan Bohan Centre.

Pastoral Associate Job Posting
The parish of St. Augustine's is seeking a full time Pastoral Associate.

The successful candidate must be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church and meet the requirements of the "Diocesan Policy on the Prevention of Violence Toward Vulnerable Persons". The position will include some weekend and evening hours. Salary will be based on experience in the field.

- Position requirements:
- Must be a practising Roman Catholic
 - Be willing and available to participate in mandatory, ongoing formation
 - Possess strong leadership skills
 - Experienced in program coordination
 - Have strong written and oral communication skills and working knowledge of computer software programs

- Qualifications:
- Dependable
 - Highly organized
 - Able to work independently and within a team
 - Possess post-secondary training in various job settings
 - Bondable

Application deadline has been extended to December 20th, 2017.
Please submit resumé, in confidence, to epwallace9@gmail.com

Christmas Food Boxes As the Albert County Action Committee (ACAC) prepares for their annual **Christmas Aid Program**, the Dan Bohan Centre is booked for food deliveries and for packing the boxes. Committee volunteers are doing their jobs and now they are asking our faith community to help out. The average cost of a Christmas Aid food box is \$55.00, not including the turkey. The turkeys come from the Sue Stultz turkey drive but the rest of the food is purchased using donations. Donations can be made through your church offerings or mailed to ACAC, c/o 30 Honour Court, Riverview, NB E1B 3Y9.

Big Hearts Small City's 4th Annual Santa's Gift Shop will take place on Saturday, December 16th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dan Bohan Family Centre!
Bring your children, 3 year of age and older and let them enjoy doing their very own Christmas shopping! Items range from \$1 to \$2 each. Gift wrapping is included and smiles are free! Our personal shoppers are with the children at all times. Gift limit is up to 3 items per child. (Subject to Change)
There will be a **Bake Sale** on site too so get some baked goods while your children do their shopping! Anyone wishing to drop donated bake goods to us can do so on Friday, Dec 15th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Dan Bohan Centre.
As always, if you can help in any way - here are some examples of gift ideas for men: mugs, key chains, flashlights, belt buckles, money clips, wallets, small tool kits or tools, pocket knives, pen sets, bottle openers, tire pressure gauges, playing cards, notebooks, hand warmers...just to name a few.
And for women, some examples might be:

cookbooks, picture frames, candles, vases, new makeup, fridge magnets, mugs, new kitchen cooking utensils, purses, cosmetic bags, key chains, flashlights, travel organizers, and new water bottles...just to name a few.

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, we are looking for Christmas wrapping supplies such as wrapping paper, all sizes gift bags; all sizes Christmas boxes, gift tags, bows, ribbons, etc. Whatever you have will help!
All household gift items and all wrapping supplies we need can be dropped off to our Santa's Gift Shop Donation Headquarters at Southeastern Mutual Insurance Company located at: 663 Pinewood Ave Riverview (Corner of Pine Glen and Pinewood). They are open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Deadline is Thursday Dec 14.
We greatly appreciate your support!

HOLY FAMILY

Christmas carol sing-along! Holy Family will be having a Christmas carol sing-along, followed by refreshments, on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m. in the church. Come and help us sing your favourite Christmas carols!

Once again this year, Holy Family will be hosting a lovely Christmas Dinner. If you have no family nearby with whom to share the holiday spirit, please plan to join us on **Monday, Dec 25th at noon.** Registration will be limited to 50 people, so register early by calling the parish office at 386-6178. If you have any questions, call Gerard at 866-3906.



The CWL's "Box for Mittens" is a traditional Advent project and we welcome donations of mittens, hats and scarves! The box is out now and will remain there until the 3rd Sunday of Advent, (December 17th), after which the donations will be given to the schools in our local area.

LET'S DO LUNCH!

This year, instead of so many Christmas gifts to family and friends, why not consider sharing your blessings with those less fortunate, by donating a number of dinners to the Karing Kitchen at \$1 a serving! It is a great gift idea and we have nice red Karing Kitchen cards at both Holy Family and Immaculate Heart of Mary that you can put under the tree at Christmas! Karing Kitchen says thank you for your caring, generosity and love.



ST. JUDE'S

December 17th will be a busy day for our parish, so please mark your calendar!



First, we will be having our annual pancake breakfast (via donations) with all proceeds going to the Lions Club to distribute food boxes to those who need them.



Also, on Dec 17th, we will be decorating our church for Christmas! Many hands make light work, so please, we would love to have you stay after the pancake breakfast and enjoy some Christmas music, while making our church beautiful.

The Food Bank is always looking for Volunteers. The shifts are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1 p.m.-4 p.m. You will always be working with an experienced volunteer. Please call 372-9787 for any inquiries. If there is ever an emergency and you know of someone in need of food and the Food Bank is closed, please contact Tracy Lagace at 372-4614.



Canadian Tire money is also being accepted to help purchase Christmas presents for families in our local area. All donations appreciated!



HOLY GHOST

We are going to have two Wreath Draws!



\$2 squares will be available at the church entrance for your chance to win! We thank Grace Elderkin for the donation and to Bernadette Elliott for making them.

Draw date December 18th! Good Luck!

Congratulations too, to Anne Dowe, winner of our 50/50 draw!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Grocery cards make terrific Christmas gifts



for those 'hard to buy for' people on your list! A \$25 gift card could buy food, clothes, housewares, great desserts, supper out, flowers - you name it, they got it! Please consider supporting this great church fundraiser while taking away some of that Christmas stress!

Glad we could help!



Families and young people who would like to sing at the 4:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve at Immaculate Heart of Mary are welcome to join us! We will only one more practice, so please, you need to make be here! Our final practice will be on Sunday, December 17th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and ending by 4:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact Claudette at derdaelec@gmail.com.



Thanks to our local Knights of Columbus, there are so many ways you can support the Albert County Christmas Aid Project! How about by filling your innards, and also your freezer, with delicious homemade soup? There will be a "Lunch and Soup sale" after Mass on Sunday, December 17th where there will be a choice of hot soups for lunch, as well as a "take out" service. Cost of lunch is \$5.00 and includes "all you can eat" soup with crackers, tea, coffee and sweets. **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ALBERT COUNTY CHRISTMAS AID PROJECT!**



Although our local Knights of Columbus are not selling Christmas wreaths this year, they will be supporting the Albert County Christmas Aid Project, just as they have in so many years past. No matter the circumstances, the Knights will always be a big part of helping the less fortunate in our community. We are asking anyone that can help with this project, either with the packing of the boxes at the Dan Bohan Centre or by making a donation, to please contact Paul at 386-7602 or Eric at 386-7771.

December 19th we will be offloading groceries into the Dan Bohan Centre.

December 20th we will be packing boxes.

December 21st (early morning), we will need help moving the boxes from the Hall and into the delivery vehicles. (Snow date Dec 22nd) Thank you!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE METROTONES POP CHORUS present IT'S CHRISTMAS!



on Friday, Dec 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Moncton Wesleyan Centre in an effort to assist the working poor and the homeless. All proceeds go The Food Depot Alimentaire with assistance to The Karing Kitchen and The Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen. Tickets are \$10 plus non-perishable food item(s) and are available at all five Jean Coutu locations, Read's Newsstands (Mountain Rd. and Riverview), Peoples Park Tower, Sobeys (Vaughan Harvey Blvd.), Hospice Shoppe and, of course, a chorus member!

For more information, call 384-0225 or visit www.metrotones.org. See you there!

RAISING THE ROYAL ROOF is an Yoga 110 initiative intended to teach children the benefits of giving unto others.



This year's charity will be the SPCA's new building campaign!

The event is happening Thursday Dec. 14th at the High School from 6:30-10:00 p.m. Cost is 5.00 at the door. There will be a silent auction, coffee house, inflatables, ugly sweater contest, games for children in the gym, karaoke, bingo, a live cake auction, bingo, "Taste of Mexico" restaurant, cookie decorating, a sundae bar, a bake sale and a visit from some of the SPCA animals. There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

FROM THE OFFICES OF FAITH

DEVELOPMENT, LITURGY & YOUTH FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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ADVENT PHOTO CHALLENGE 2017

Join us as we take a photographic journey through Advent towards Christmas. You can post as many photos as you want, providing they follow the designated theme for the day/week. For more information, follow the youth office at #YouthFaithMoncton in Instagram and check out the daily challenges. People of all ages are encouraged to join us. For more information, contact Trevor at trevord.diocese@gmail.com, or PM the youth office on Instagram.

Emmanuel, God with Us: Understanding Incarnation in Light of the Universe Story



Take time this Advent to truly prepare for Christmas, by joining Sr. Denise Lirette, f.j. on Tuesday, December 12th at Holy Family Church from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. as she explores the significance of darkness and light in our lives and in the Universe, particularly as we note the birth of Jesus as a significant event in the history of humanity and the Universe, and truly the Light that shines in the darkness. Pre-registration is necessary and may be done by contacting Ellen at 857-9952.

Church Unplugged at Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity

You've seen in the bulletin, we will be hosting another wonderful Advent event for young people and their families before Christmas! Families from any parish in the diocese are encouraged to register with Karen at 387-4198. The cost for the event is for each family to bring non-perishable food items.

Keepsake Christmas (for families with children of all ages up to Grade 5). Join us on Sunday, December 17th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. to create your own nativity set as you hear the story of Jesus' birth. This session will take place at the Dan Bohan Centre, but spaces are limited, so please contact Karen as soon as possible. It's gonna be fun!!!

Christmas Masses in the St. Bernard's Parish Grouping

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th

St. Bernard's: 5:00 p.m. (family Mass), 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

St. Vincent's: 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th

St. Bernard's: 11:00 a.m.

St. Clement's: 11:00 a.m.



Exploring Our Faith

Tis the Season to Hold On

"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term ..." The opening words to the reading from Isaiah, set the tone for all of today's readings. They acknowledge that there is pain in the world and the path of our lives can be filled with obstacles, but they also promise that the hardships and the suffering will not last. God will gather us into his arms where we will be safe and cared for.

Day after day in the hospital, I meet people who are wrestling with spiritual pain, the pain of wondering "why me?" "why this?" "why now?" "what is the point?" There is the woman whose once brilliant husband no longer knows how to do even the little things, like guide a spoon to his mouth or brush his teeth, but still knows that he wants to go home. Each time he asks about going home, she feels as if a huge chasm has opened in front of her. She doesn't even know what to hope for. There is the man in his twenties who was beginning graduate school when he started to see and hear things that no one else could see or hear. He had dreams of winning a Nobel Prize and now people are telling him that he needs to live in a special care home and have someone else manage his finances. His intellectual insights and his delusions get tangled together sometimes, so now most people don't bother listening to him. When he looks to his future, he sees nothing but pointless drudgery, a never-ending trudge up a mountain that has no top and no scenic views. There is the single mother who is dying and who is trying to make sure that she leaves messages for her children for all of the important life events that may be before them. Every day she tries to push through pain and fatigue to go just a little further in life and help her children just a little bit more. The list goes on and on.

Many people say that they dislike the "Christmas season" because each of these things, which are so difficult anyway, become even harder when there is a societal expectation of joy and celebration. Today's readings are a reminder that the season of preparation for Christmas, the Advent season, is not meant to be a season of perfection and tranquillity, but rather a season in which we acknowledge that our lives are far from perfect and often anything but tranquil, but nonetheless God is with us. Advent is a season for holding on despite the suffering because we know that something better will come. The chasms on our path will be filled in, the mountains levelled and the obstacles removed; something wonderful is coming even though every day of waiting can seem like a thousand years. Holding on to the promise of blessing is not easy, but if we encourage and support one another, we can experience peace and hope even in the wilderness. Sometimes we are tempted to despair because we cannot imagine how things could ever be good again. It is true, only God can see a good ending to the stories I just told. But then again, only God could see how the world could be changed from a stable behind an overcrowded inn.



Pam Driedger