Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
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Holy Ghost Church
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Celebrate with us....

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!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 24th, 2017

Regional Parish Office

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK of DEC 25TH to JAN 1st, 2018

Peoples Park Tower Chapel		
Fri. Dec 29	2:00 pm	For the People
Holy Ghost Church		
Sat. Dec 30	4:00 pm	Shelda, Sharron, Howard & Ursula Morrissey - Sylvia Rossiter
Holy Family Church		
Sun. Dec 24	7:00 pm	Carol Ann Colpitts - Betty Lou Remington & family
Sat. Dec 30	7:00 pm	Ed Whalen - Maureen & Steve Merrill & family
Sun. Dec 31	7:00 pm	Jeannette Arsenault - Aline Poirier
Mon. Jan 1	9:00 am	**No Mass**
St. Jude's Church		
Sun. Dec 31	9:00 am	Claire Hickox - Laura Ross
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church		
Wed. Dec 27	9:00 am	Sara Lia Loberza - Liliana Trail
Sun. Dec 31	11:00 am	Special Intentions - A parishioner
Mon. Jan 1	11:00 am	Grace Herbert - Dolores Dinan

UNTO EVERY SEASON THERE IS A TIME...
Ecclesiastes 3

A time to mourn....

A time to heal....
Kevin McKinley,
son of Lucy McKinley
David Purdy,
father of Karen Leblanc

	The Nativity of the Lord Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	The Holy Family of Jesus Sunday
Readings for the Week	Is 52:7-10	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59	1 Jn 1:1-4	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	1 Jn 2:3-11	1 Jn 2:12-17	Gen 15:1-6, 17:3-5, 15-16, 21:1-7
	Heb 1:1-6						Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
	Jn 1:1-18	Mt 10:17-22	Jn 20:1, 2-8	Mt 2:13-18	Lk 2:22-35L	k 2:36-40	Lk 2:22-40

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST WEEKEND (Dec 16 & 17)

Peoples Park Tower Chapel
Church Support $292.00; Loose $135.00
Maintenance Fund $35.00; Flowers $20.00

Holy Family Church (inc PADs)
Church Support $1063.50; Loose $148.00
Maintenance Fund $67.00
Flowers $220.00

Holy Ghost Church
Church Support $300.00; Loose $6.00
Christmas Flowers $60.00
Wreath Fundraiser $122.00

St. Jude's Church (inc PADs)
Church Support $853.00; Loose $67.00
Flowers $40.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)
Church Support $5659.00; Loose $270.00
Property Upkeep $894.00; Youth $125.00
Social Action $330.00; Flowers $1130.00

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

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.

Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support!

Schedule of Christmas Masses

During the weekend of Saturday, December 23rd and Sunday December 24th our Mass schedule will be:

Saturday, Dec 23rd (regular Mass times)
4:00 p.m. - Holy Ghost
7:00 p.m. - Holy Family

Sunday, December 24th (one Mass)
10:00 a.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

There will be additional masses for Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sunday, December 24th
10:00 a.m. - Peoples Park Tower Chapel
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
10:00 a.m. - Holy Ghost

Please consider using your **Christmas envelope** to make an extra donation to the parish and help us meet our financial commitments. If you donate through your bank (PAD), simply put your name on any generic envelope, drop it into the collection basket or in at the office, and you will be credited for the donation.

Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Schedule of New Year's Masses

During the weekend of Saturday, Dec 30th and Sunday, December 31st, we will follow our regular schedule.

Saturday, Dec 30th (regular Mass times)
4:00 p.m. - Holy Ghost
7:00 p.m. - Holy Family

Sunday, December 31st
9:00 a.m. - St. Jude's
11:00 a.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

There will be two additional masses for New Year's, celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Sunday, December 31st (evening)
7:00 p.m. - Holy family

Monday, January 1st (morning)
11:00 a.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please note that there will be no morning Mass at Holy Family on January 1st.

Envelopes: 2018 offering envelopes are still available in the foyer. Please try to remember to pick yours up. 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.

STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT: *Your church and your community offer many opportunities for using your time, talent and treasure in God's service.*

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

Our WEDNESDAY PRAYER DAY, held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, will resume on **January 10th**. You are welcome in the church anytime Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for time in prayer or meditation.

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.

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!

The First Saturday of the Month Mass requested by **Our Lady of Fatima** will be celebrated at the St. Bernard's Church on January 6th at 9:30 a.m. Father Charlie presiding. Confession before Mass. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., Rosary at 9:05 a.m. All are welcome.

Tabs for Kids has reached a new and amazing total! Thank you for your kindness, your generosity and your compassion for the less fortunate. Together, parishioners and friends have brought in....are ready for the number? We have now received **1, 626, 678 tabs**! You are making a difference! Thank you!

We Are Jammin' - Please Come Join Us!

Jam Session

Are you looking for a comfortable, informal place to play or listen to music? Whether you're a beginner working on a new chord or someone who's been playing for years, or maybe you'd just like to sit back and listen - if so, please join us on **Friday, January 5th at 7 p.m.** in the Dan Bohan Centre for a good old-fashioned jam session! Bring your guitar, your fiddle, or just yourself - all are welcome!

A pair of small, bifocal glasses were found in

the Dan Bohan Centre. If these might be yours, we have them on Sandra's desk in the parish office for safe keeping!

We are searching for a double bed for a family in need. The mom is about to undergo chemotherapy and needs something reliable to sleep on. Even a gently-used lazy boy chair would be better than what she has now. If you can help, please call the parish office and leave a message.

HOLY FAMILY

Christmas carol sing-along! Special thanks to all who showed up for our inaugural carol sing-a-long! Approximately 30 people in attendance and by all accounts, a great time had by all! Special thanks to Matt and Ka for their accompaniment as well as to the folks that brought food and prepared the refreshments. It is events like these that make our community so very special. Merry Christmas to all from your Local Parish Council.

Holy Family CWL wishes to thank all of our parishioners and friends for the wonderful response to our mitten box project! The first load of hats, mittens and scarves have been delivered to the schools and another load will be delivered in January. Your generosity warms our hearts - thank you so much!

Did you leave your leather gloves at the **Holy Family Seniors Dinner and Dance** at the Dan Bohan Center on Dec 7th? Please call the church office so you can get them back! (386-6178)

ST. JUDE'S

Thank you to everyone who came out for our pancake breakfast and to those who also stayed to decorate the Church! Beautiful job!

HOLY GHOST

We would like to congratulate our two Wreath Winners, Alexandra Fisher and Fr. Phil Mulligan!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Knights of Columbus Council 9270 wish to thank all the parishioners who supported our Soup Luncheon and Sale on Sunday, December 17th! Thanks to your support, we raised in excess of $900 for the Albert County Christmas Aid Project! Thanks again for your continued support of our programs and Merry Christmas to everyone. *Ray March, Grand Knight*

IHM Local Pastoral Council (LPC) elections are set for Sunday, January 28th!

Pastoral Council

A Local Parish Council is a leadership group where priests and people work together as partners. The LPC considers the needs of the whole parish and works to ensure that all parishioners are included in parish life. A sincere "thank you" to our outgoing members, Maureen Mills, John Coughlan and Chris Spencer for their dedication and contributions during their terms on the LPC.

Sooooo, in order to have our election, we must have nominations! **Look around you - who in our parish community do you see as having the gifts to be a member of this committee?**

Nominations close at
12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12th, 2018.

I NOMINATE

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

to be a representative on Immaculate Heart of Mary's Local Pastoral Council (LPC)

FROM THE OFFICES OF FAITH
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Adult Faith Commission will meet Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on 45 York Street.

Parish Catechetical Coordinators will meet at Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. also at the Diocesan Offices.

Diocesan Centre and Vision Bookstore will be closed from December 26th, 2017, to January 12th, 2018, inclusively for the usual holidays. During this time, we will prepare our departure from 45 York Street and for the installation in our new offices at the Place de la Cathédrale (on the ground floor of the Assumption Cathedral). Our new offices will open on Monday, January 15th, 2018! All telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause and we will be happy to welcome you in our new offices in 2018!

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years - reopening at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018. That week will be our first week with the new bulletin (OMGosh!) and likely your kindness and an untold amount of patience will be required! So rest up and let's hope it all goes smoothly. ☺

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec 31st, 2017

Joy to the World

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK of JAN 2ND to 7TH, 2018

Peoples Park Tower Chapel

Fri. Jan 5 2:00 pm James Barton - Peoples Park Tower Chapel

Holy Ghost Church

Sat. Jan 6 4:00 pm Walter Rossiter - Lester and Melda Rossiter

Holy Family Church

(Mon. Jan 1 7:00 pm Remember No Mass)

Sat. Jan 6 7:00 pm Frances Johnston - Frank Nugent

St. Jude's Church

Sun. Jan 7 9:00 am For Special Intentions Bridget Foley - Deirdre Proulx

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Wed. Jan 3 9:00 am Emily Ross - Geralda MacDonald

Sun. Jan 7 11:00 am Leo Senechal - Debbie & Eric Senechal

	Solemnity of Mary Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Epiphany of the Lord Sunday
Readings for the Week (Jan 1-7	Num 6:22-27	1Jn 2:22-28	1 Jn 2:29-3:6	1 Jn 3:7-10	1 Jn 3:11-21	1 Jn 5:5-13	Is 60:1-6
	Gal 4:4-7						Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
	Lk 2:16-21	Jn 1:19-28	Jn 1:29-34	Jn 1:35-42	Jn 1:43-51	Mk 1:7-11	Mt 2:1-12

Exploring Our Faith

The Lord is with you; for you have found favour with God.

These two statements made to Mary by the angel Gabriel are, for me, two of the most powerful lines in all of Scripture. They speak two truths not only about Mary but about you and I. For years I would read this story and many others in Scripture like I was an interested spectator but not really involved in the story. I have come to realize that I am involved in the story because it's my story. Just as the Lord was with Mary 2000 years ago in the town of Nazareth, He is with me today. And just as Mary had found favour with God, I believe I have as well; at least that's my understanding of the message Mary's son came to deliver.

For over 10 years I did baptism preparation in the parish of St. Augustine's, and I would begin each session by reading Matthew's version of the baptism of Jesus. The reading finishes with Jesus coming up from the water and a voice from heaven saying, "this is my Son the beloved, with whom I am well pleased." I would then tell them that God is not only speaking about Jesus, but is speaking about their child as well, and indeed about them. I could tell by the reaction of most gathered that this was not something they had thought of before, but the more they did, the more they liked the idea. I don't know if you are a person who considers yourself as someone who has found favour with God, or if you walk daily with the knowledge that the Lord is with you. If you are not, I can totally understand. Sometimes the situations we find ourselves in, and the fact that, often times, "when it rains, it pours", can leave us feeling overwhelmed and wondering what in the world am I going to do? At these times, God seems distant at best.

Today's gospel reminds us that being open to God's plan for us and answering God's call to service does not mean that life will be "peaches and cream" from here on in. When Mary said yes to the angel, she did so with the knowledge that being unwed and pregnant in her day was punishable by death. Not to mention the task of explaining everything to Joseph. I don't think Mary had any illusions of this being an easy walk, but what she did have was a deep understanding that she was a part of something, and connected to someone much bigger than her and her current situation. So are we.

This season of Advent has so much to teach us about the value of patience. When life is not going as we had hoped; when none of the plans we had made are working out and when the foundation we had laid is showing cracks, be patient and know that the Lord is with you and that you indeed have found favour with God. The patience we show in the Advents of our lives will always lead to the fulfilment of God's promise. Remember, the next time angels visit women in Luke's gospel, they are proclaiming the resurrection.

May the God of fulfilled promises fill you with joy and peace this Christmas and throughout the year.

Mark Mahoney