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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

4:00 pm @ Holy Ghost Church, Riverside Albert

7:00 pm @ Holy Family Church, Moncton

Sundays

9:00 am @ Saint Jude Church, Salisbury

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

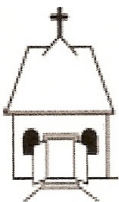
Private Confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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!



**Third Sunday
of
Advent**

Dec 17th, 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 18TH to 25TH, 2017
(Christmas Masses Included)

Peoples Park Tower Chapel

Fri. Dec 22 2:00 pm Anne Nelson - Edna & family
Sun. Dec 24 10:00 am Special Intentions for Jeanne Doiron -
Phyllis Gallant

Holy Ghost Church

Sat. Dec 23 4:00 pm Winnie Layden - Winnie & Harold Smith
Mon. Dec 25 10:00 am Frederick Morrissey - Beulah Morrissey

Holy Family Church

Mon. Dec 18 9:00 am Special Intentions for Stephen Wheeler -
Missy & Susan
Sat. Dec 23 7:00 pm Gerald Donovan (Anniv) - Marie Donovan & family

St. Jude's Church

Sun. Dec 24 6:30 pm Special Intentions for Fr Charlie - Prayer Group

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Wed. Dec 20 9:00 am Clair Fisher - Adeline & daughters
Sun. Dec 24 10:00 am Tom Kehoe - Bill, Kimberley & Melissa Taylor
Sun. Dec 24 4:00 pm Scott MacDonald - Geralda MacDonald
Sun. Dec 24 8:30 pm Cathy Kennedy - Eunice Cail

UNTO EVERY SEASON THERE IS A TIME...

Ecclesiastes 3

A time to mourn....

A time to heal...


Donna Hearnshaw

Kelly Innes

Doris LeBlanc

David Purdy,
father of Karen Leblanc

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Readings for the Week	Jer 23:5-8	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25	Is 7:10-14	Sg 2:8-14	1 Sm 1:24-28	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
	Mt 1:18-25	Lk 1:5-25	Lk 1:26-38L	k 1:39-45L	k 1:46-56L	k 1:57-66	Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

 **STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT: "Give and it shall be given to you" (Luke 6:38)**

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST WEEKEND

Peoples Park Tower Chapel
Church Support \$297.00; Loose \$129.00
Maintenance Fund \$40.00

Holy Family Church (inc PADs)
Church Support \$1115.50; Loose \$120.00
Maintenance Fund \$135.00

Holy Ghost Church
Church Support \$277.00; Loose \$5.00
Mail Envelopes \$180.00
Christmas Flowers \$80.00; Missals \$5.00


St. Jude's Church (inc PADs)
Church Support \$463.00; Loose \$37.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)
Church Support \$4275.60; Loose \$158.00
Property Upkeep \$1461.00; Youth \$190.50
Social Action \$223.50

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Thank you for using your special collection, **Christmas envelope**, to make an extra donation to the life and work of our Churches!

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!

Advent - Preparing for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Penitential Celebrations in the diocese:
St. Augustine's: Monday, Dec 18th at 7:00 p.m.

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

St. Bernard's Evening Prayer will continue celebrated during Advent on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on December 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.

There is Mass celebrated during Advent at St. Augustine's on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon.


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 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 (morning)
10:00 a.m. - Holy Ghost

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!

Please note that the Parish office will be closing at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Dec 21st for staff Christmas get-together!

Schedule of New Year's Masses 


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


There will be two additional masses though, 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.

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 next week's 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. **It's also fine to just call the office and send your donation along afterwards!**

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. **There is one remaining Friday, Dec 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 resume on **January 10th**. You are welcome in the church anytime Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for time in prayer or meditation.

Thank you to everyone who donated to White Gift Sunday! IHM's Church foyer was overflowing with your gifts!

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 at Christmas! Christmas is approaching quickly and we each prepare in our own way. We all have great demands on our time and on our money but the needs across the Global South are growing. Existing issues still require our support and new crises continue to emerge. Piece by piece, together in solidarity, we are making a difference in this world, God's world! This year why not let your light of kindness and good shine on Development and Peace? A short prayer for real peace, a little time taken to learn about the world wide work of this organization or maybe show your support for Development and Peace by becoming a member! No gesture is too small to help. You can learn more about Development and Peace on our Facebook page or by visiting www.devp.org or by contacting Dan Stote at 204-3651 or danstote@yahoo.com. **Peace be with you!**

Congratulations! Congratulations to our very own **Al Daly** for his years of work and dedication on behalf of Development and Peace! Al was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts at a jubilee celebration with Archbishop Viennesau, marking the 50th Anniversary of Development and Peace.

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!

Please note - We are sorry to announce that Big Hearts Small City's 4th Annual Santa's Gift Shop has been cancelled.

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

New Weekly Bulletins for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (SET) Parish Grouping!
Advertisers are signing on and we will be going to print in January 2018, so if you own a business or know of a credible company that may benefit from this advertising, the deadline to get aboard is **Thursday, December 21st**. After that, the bulletin advertising will be locked in for one year. The person you need to reach is Shani Court; by phone at 506-875-1962 or by email at church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com. The advertising on the back of our bulletin will be an effective, local way to advertise in a highly respectable venue, so please don't miss out!
We are encouraging businesses to support our new bulletins and parishioners to support our advertisers!

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.
Thank you to all who have already donated!
Your support is greatly appreciated!

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



The Nativity Keepsake you will be making is absolutely sweet! Hope to see you and your family at the Dan Bohan Centre on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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.



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.



After the Holy Family Senior Dinner and Dance at the Dan Bohan Center on Dec 7th - did you go home with the wrong men's coat and gloves? A black coat with leather gloves is missing and a black coat with grey trim was left in its place. Please call the church office to arrange for a swap! (386-6178)



ST. JUDE'S

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! Thank you to everyone for sending in your Canadian Tire money!



HOLY GHOST

We are going to have two Wreath Draws!



\$2 squares are 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 so you still have time! Good Luck!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Grocery cards make terrific Christmas gifts!



Thank you to all who have been taking advantage of this great gift idea for those 'hard to buy for' people! Remember, a \$25 gift card could buy food, clothes, housewares, great desserts, supper out, flowers - you name it, between Sobeys and Superstore, 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 have one more practice, so please, you need to be here!

Note the time change! Our final practice will be on Sunday, December 17th, **beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending around 3:00 p.m.**

Any questions, please contact Claudette at derdaelec@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus Council 9270



are supporting the Albert County Christmas Aid Project and here is how you can help too!

December 19th - bringing groceries into the Dan Bohan Centre.

December 20th - packing boxes.

December 21st - loading boxes into the delivery vehicles. (Snow date Dec 22nd)

For more information contact Paul at 386-7602 or Eric at 386-7771. Thank you!

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



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)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Vocal Magic - The Gentlemen of Harmony Barbershop Chorus, female a cappella ensemble Riversong, the Harrison Trimble High Vocal Ensemble, and award winning male quartets "Gale Force" and "Seventh Wave", will warm the cold winter night as they present **Vocal Magic**, Feb. 3rd, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverview Arts Centre. Tickets are available now and would make a great Christmas gift for parents, grandparents or other music lovers on your list. Visit www.riverviewartscentre.ca or call 871-9657. Tickets are \$25.35 advance/\$28.23 at the door, all taxes and fees included.



St. John's Anglican Church (15 Kay St., Salisbury) is hosting 'Dinner and Movie' night on Sunday, December 17th at 4:30 p.m. and will feature two VeggieTales Christmas Specials - great for all ages! We gather for a pot-luck supper, watch while we eat, and have a short discussion afterwards. No charge - by donation. Contact the Rev. Chris Hayes (756-2296; chris.hayes@anglican.nb.ca). All are invited!

FROM THE OFFICES OF FAITH

DEVELOPMENT, LITURGY & YOUTH FAITH DEVELOPMENT

To contact us: **Ellen: 857-9952 or ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com**

Trevor: 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com Deb: liturgymoncton@gmail.com

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.

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!!!



Mark Your Calendars for Dr. Fiona Black's session on *the Mystics* taking place on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Bernard's Church Hall. Watch future bulletins for further details.

Exploring Our Faith

Sharing Joy!

Pearl's daughter. Mary Lou's husband. Michael's wife. How many times, and in how many ways, do we define ourselves by who we are? And, like John the Baptist, in today's gospel, are there times and ways we define ourselves by who we are not? John made it clear that he was not the Christ, not Elijah, and not the Prophet. What he was is what we are called to be -- ones who testify to the light, ones who prepare the way of the Lord and ones who proclaim His message of truth to all. How do we, as ordinary people, do this? Through our words and actions we can be examples of the way of life Christ proposed. Mother Teresa once said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." This blends well into this 3rd Sunday of Advent. This 3rd Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice". This is the Sunday of Joy.



Joy can come upon us unexpectedly. It jumps out at us behind sunsets, peeks out in the smile of a stranger and takes hold in a child's laughter. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit biologist and philosopher, once wrote, "Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God." Advent is a time when we hope for little moments of joy and invite God to use us as instruments of joy to the world. We could take time today to recall things that have brought us joy and one thing we could do is to share joy with someone in the coming week.

Also, in today's gospel, it states that John was "sent from God" not as the light, but "he came to testify to the light". This reminds us that Jesus brings light to the world. And where there is light, there is joy and peace and assurance. Think of situations when things are dark -- in the middle of the night when we wake up and cannot get back to sleep due to anxiety/worries. Or it could be felt darkness, such as times when we are frightened and feel alone and hopeless. Then remember how it feels to have light, either physically experiencing light that breaks apart the darkness, or feeling comforted and joyful because our feelings of darkness have ended. We may not have every problem figured out, but we serve a God who loved this world enough to join us in it. During Advent we can pray that we may remember again God's gift of Jesus to the world and know the joy that gift brings to all people. Help us live in such a way that our words and actions help others know of the joy God gives.

Cathy Keirstead