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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

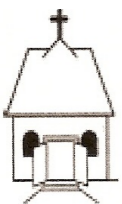
11:00 am @ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview

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!

**First Sunday
of
Advent**

Dec 3rd, 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 4TH to 10TH, 2017

People's Park Tower Chapel

Fri. Dec 8 2:00 pm Evariste Cormier (Anniv) - Pat Cormier

Holy Ghost Church

Sat. Dec 9 4:00 pm Joseph McKinley - Grace Elderkin

Holy Family Church

Mon. Dec 4 9:00 am Alain Bertrand - Roger & Levna Belliveau

Sat. Dec 9 7:00 pm For the People

Saint Jude Church

Sun. Dec 10 9:00 am Carmel Lutes - Jim & Sylvia Young

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Wed. Dec 6 9:00 am Special Intentions for Lina Benvenuti - Ken & Carmelle Cochrane

Sun. Dec 10 11:00 am Elize Hooper - Bill Taylor

UNTO EVERY SEASON THERE IS A TIME...

Ecclesiastes 3

A time to mourn....
Kenny Moore

A time to heal....
Donna Hearnshaw
Kelly Innes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	(Feast of Immaculate Conception) Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Readings for the Week	Is 2:1-5	Is 11:1-10	Is 25:6-10	Is 26:1-6	Gn 3:9-15, 20	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
					Eph 1:3-6, 11-12		2 Pt 3:8-14
	Mt 8:5-11	Lk 10:21-24	Mt 15:29-37	Mt 7:21, 24-27	Lk 1:26-38	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8	Mk 1:1-8

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!



COLLECTIONS FOR LAST WEEKEND

Peoples Park Tower Chapel

Church Support \$300.00; Loose \$107.00
Maintenance Fund \$35.00

Holy Family Church (inc PADs)

Church Support \$1282.50; Loose \$108.00
Maintenance Fund \$160.00

Holy Ghost Church

Church Support \$288.00
Cemetery \$20.00; Missals \$35.00
Christmas Flowers \$60.00
50/50 Draw \$24.00

St. Jude's Church (inc PADs)

Church Support \$1288.00; Loose \$66.90.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)

Church Support \$2979.00; Loose \$250.00
Property Upkeep \$400.00; Youth \$43.50
Social Action \$223.50

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

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

SAINT ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY

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)

2:00 p.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

THE ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE GROUPING will be on Thurs, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family.

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 Dec 7th, 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.

STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT:

Stewardship "Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will pour back into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure will be measured back to you."
(Luke 6:38)



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.

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 Fridays, December 8th, 15th and 22nd.**

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



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**.



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!



Development and Peace donation envelopes

are available in the foyer of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thank you for your kindness and your support of this amazing organization!



ATTENTION ALL!

The hats are coming in (thank you) and we are also looking for about 40 shirts or jackets, all sizes of adults men or women. We will be using them for a Catechism activity. After we have used them I will drop them to Goodwill. You may bring them in anytime, before December 1st. **GOOD TIME TO PURGE!!** Thank you!



Our WEDNESDAY PRAYER DAY, held at



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

ALBERT COUNTY CHRISTMAS AID



Attention Clients of the Albert County Food Bank! Phone lines for the Albert County Christmas Aid will stay open until Friday, December 8th, 2017 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. **Please call 386-1771 to register your family** and when you call, be sure to have Medicare numbers available for all those in the family you are registering. A financial assessment may be required, if your family has not already had that done at the Food Bank this year. Also, for those wishing to visit Headstart Toyland, an appointment will be assigned at this time. Only one family per address can be registered and please note that you cannot register for another family. Act now, as you will only be able to register for Albert County Christmas Aid up to Dec 8th!

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.

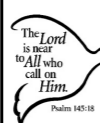


Social Action Committee meeting will take



place on December 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Dan Bohan Centre.

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.

**Open to all - Call Karen to Register!
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Vision Bookstore

Christmas Sale! One Day Only!



Come visit us at 45 York Street, Moncton (Diocesan Centre) on Sat, Dec 9th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and take advantage of a special Christmas sale where most in-stock books and CDs will be reduced by 10%. Info: www.visionbookstore.ca A large selection of books will be reduced to \$1.00.

Birthright Moncton has been offering distressed pregnant women support, friendship, resource information, and practical help, in other words a gentle loving alternative to abortion, since 1976.

These women still need support but a lot has changed in 41 years - information is available online, attitudes to abortion are radically different, single motherhood is better accepted and there are more government resources to help young families. Therefore, Birthright must change too.

As of February 28, 2018 Birthright will continue to be available to the women who need our help by keeping a phone line so they can reach us, but our office space will close. We will advertise our services and still be part of Birthright International. Since our financial needs will be lessened and our storage space curtailed we will no longer be seeking financial or clothing donations.

We are proud of having helped thousands of mothers and babies, we feel privileged to have known some lovely, strong young women at an important time in their lives and we appreciate all the wonderful people who have given us their moral and financial support. Thank you.

Katharine Perri, Director

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



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 two practices, so please, you need to make both of these. Our practices will be on Sundays, Dec 3rd and 17th, both beginning at 3:00 p.m. and ending by 4:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact Claudette at derdaelec@gmail.com.

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 18th we will be offloading groceries into the Dan Bohan Centre.

December 19th we will be packing boxes.

December 20th (early morning) we will need help moving the boxes from the Hall and into the delivery vehicles. Thank you!

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 fridge/freezer with

homemade soups and beans? There will be a 'Soup Sale' after Mass on Sunday, December 17th with all proceeds going to Christmas Aid! Win-Win!



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!



IHM Ladies Society will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec 5th at 6:00 p.m. This is our Christmas Potluck!

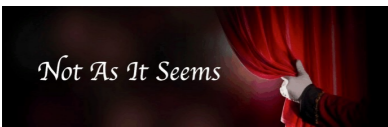
Knights of Columbus Council 9270 Christmas Party!



Open to all Knights of Columbus and guests. Tickets are available by phoning Paul Brenton at 386-7865.

Remember, deadline for tickets is Dec 6th!

“Ah, it is time for a celebration, non??” Yes, it certainly is! This year’s Dinner Theatre



was a great success!

Donations to the food bank were \$65.00 and 400 lbs. of food. That is amazing and we cleared a profit of \$5300! Our thanks to everyone who came and to all those who helped in any way at all. So many people worked so very hard and we truly appreciate all the we-can-never-thank-you-enough efforts!

The IHM Theatre Group

HOLY FAMILY

Watch for an announcement about our **Christmas carol sing-a-long** in Dec!

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.

Holy Family CWL will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec 6th a 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. This will be a short meeting and our Christmas Gathering, so please remember to bring a snack, drink, etc. There will also be a tree for Birthright.

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.



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!

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 are very much appreciated.



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!



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.

Community Christmas Carol Festival



The Riverview Ministerial Association will be having a "Warmth of Christmas" Carol Festival on Sunday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at Gunningsville Baptist Church (160 Old Coach Rd). Please bring a non-perishable food item in support of our local food bank.

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

We you've seen in the bulletin, we will be hosting two Advent events 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 both events is for each family to bring non-perishable food items.

A Christmas Carol (2009) (for families with children aged 10+). Come to our family movie night on Friday, December 8th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. as we watch Disney's 2009 animated version of A Christmas Carol. This movie will be shown in the basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary church, and please note that the movie contains scenes which may be frightening to some children.

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.

Exploring Our Faith

'I am the alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.

As Christians we know that Jesus has already come and that every day we are called to live our lives *through him, and with him, and in him*, yet every year our Mother the Church invites us to prepare anew for his coming at Christmas. This is really not all that surprising since we celebrate other events in our lives in much the same manner. We do this with birthdays and wedding anniversaries, for example, and we prepare in a special way for visitors we are expecting, the more important the visitor the more thorough our preparations. We refresh every part of the house, we clean the china and polish the silver, and we make sure all the dust bunnies are vacuumed away. Everything must be ready.

So too, in our spiritual lives - we prepare for the great events and the memorializing of these great events in a special way. We want to be sure that our interior self, our most innermost self, the self that is created in the image of God, is ready to receive Jesus once more as we celebrate his birth at Christmas. Advent is that time of expectation, of preparation and of joyful readying. It is a holy time, *a time to keep alert, keep awake* (1st Sunday), *to prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight* (2nd Sunday), *to exult in my God who comes to save us* (3rd Sunday), and to say with Blessed Mary, *'Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your will.'* (4th Sunday). There is a rhythm to the season of Advent, an increase in expectation as the great event draws near, and we pray that there will be a steady increase in our receptiveness for the One whose birth we await, the One we will invite into our lives in a deeper way.

So while we make all the other preparation for Christmas, the gift buying (a delight and a challenge), the house cleaning (not sure about this), the meal planning (making sure we include everyone's favourite), the parties (always in moderation), and so on, and so on, we make sure that we are attentive to our interior preparation. We can pick up and follow one of the books of daily meditations for Advent, we can set aside some time for prayer and meditation on the great gift of Jesus becoming one of us, we can take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Dec. 7th, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family, Dec. 18th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's), and we can use devotionals such as the Advent wreath and any other prayer/activity of our choosing. The important thing is to **prepare**.

For the coming week, we can think about, meditate on the messages of this Sunday's readings:

O Lord, you are our Father, ...we are all the work of your hand (Isaiah); *so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ* (1 Corinthians);

'And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.' (Mark)

May our time of expectation, of preparation and of joyful readying, be fruitful for each of us and for Christ's Church.



Fr. Charlie