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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**

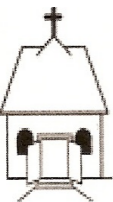
**11:00 am @ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview**

**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!

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK of NOV 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**People's Park Tower Chapel**

Fri. Nov 10 2:00 pm Stefan Tivadar - Sisters-in-law, Florence & Pat Dunphy

**Holy Ghost Church**

Sat. Nov 11 4:00 pm For the People

**Holy Family Church**

Mon. Nov 6 9:00 am Wallace & Margaret Haley (Anniv) - Sherry

Sat. Nov 11 7:00 pm Al Cormier - Mary H, Missy, Mary K, Dorice, Susan

**Saint Jude Church**

Sun. Nov 12 9:00 am John Ryan (Anniv) - the Ryan Family

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

Wed. Nov 8 9:00 am Jim Fleming - Shirley & Bill Connor

Sun. Nov 12 11:00 am Clarence & Don Kavanaugh - Al & Corinne

**UNTO EVERY SEASON THERE IS A TIME...**

Ecclesiastes 3

**A time to mourn....**

Babe Kavanaugh,  
sister-in-law of  
Al and Corinne

**A time to heal....**

Donna Hearnshaw  
Mary Richardson  
Glenda O'Hara  
Al Kavanaugh  
Margaret Burns

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Readings for the Week</b>	Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14	Rom 12:5-16 Lk 14:15-24	Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22	Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15	Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

## 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 who are taking up the challenge and supporting our food baskets.*

## COLLECTIONS FOR LAST WEEKEND

### Peoples Park Tower Chapel

Church Support \$332.00; Loose \$129.00

Maintenance Fund \$35.00

All Souls \$75.00

### Holy Family Church (inc PADs)

Church Support \$1007.50; Loose \$155.00

Maintenance Fund \$125.00

All Souls \$88.00

### Holy Ghost Church

Church Support \$317.00

Missals/Papers \$21.00; Cemetery \$100.00

World Evangelization \$30.00

### St. Jude's Church (inc PADs)

Church Support \$448.00; Loose \$65.00

### Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)

Church Support \$4716.50; Loose \$228.00

Property Upkeep \$373.25; Youth \$29.75

Social Action \$736.75

**Thank You for Your Continued Support!**

## SAINT ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY



### STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT:

*"Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving." (Acts 20:35)*

### Archbishop Valéry Vienneau will be the



speaker at the Fall conference of the **Catholic Charismatic Renewal** to be held at St. Jude's Church on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Archbishop Vienneau will be speaking on the theme of our walk with Jesus: as our Lord and Savior; as our Good Shepherd; as the Way and the Truth; as the Resurrection and the Life; and as the Bread of Life. Everyone is invited to attend. Mass at 6:30 p.m. Saturday followed by healing prayer. Registration \$20. Bag lunch at noon.

**For information call Mary 855-8330 or Roberta 386-5175.**



**We need you! Yes, please, we are speaking to you.....** ♡

The importance of music in biblical religion is shown very simply by the fact that the verb "to sing" (with related words such as "song") is one of the most commonly used words in the Bible. It occurs 345 times!

Can you give a few hours of your time to ensure we have an **organist/pianist for St. Jude's** on Sundays for our 9:00 a.m. Mass? Regularly, or once or twice a month, whatever you can do, would be appreciated! If you can help us or even if you just want to discuss the possibility, please contact Mark Mahoney at 386-6178.



If you are coming to Mass or any gathering at one of our churches, if you are able, please consider parking a little further away from the entrance, leaving the closer spots for those who need to be closer to the door. Thank you!

### A pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place October 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



An information session will be held at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in**

### Riverview on Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

For more information and to reserve a place for the meeting, please call Travel Consultant, Liliana Trail (386-8954) or Fr. Phil Mulligan (386-6737).

This trip will include stops at our Lord's birthplace in **Bethlehem** and well as five days in the holy city of **Jerusalem** where Christ's passion and resurrection occurred. While in Jerusalem, we will visit the Mount of Olives, the walled city of Old Jerusalem, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Holocaust Museum, to mention a few. Outside of Jerusalem, the journey continues in **Galilee** where Jesus performed most of his miracles and did most of his preaching concerning the Kingdom of God. While there we will visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, Caesarea, Haifa, and Megiddo, as well as Capernaum and the place where the multiplication of the fish and loaves took place. The last part of the journey takes us for a "float" in the **Dead Sea** and an exploration of Qumran and Masada.

### Communion Ministers and Lectors

Called to *Serve*

There will be workshops coming in November for people currently involved in these

ministries and for any who are interested in becoming involved. On **November 16<sup>th</sup>** there will be a workshop in the basement of Immaculate Heart for communion ministers.

On **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** there will be a workshop in the main church of Immaculate Heart for lectors. These workshops are open to ministers in all four of our parishes and we encourage you to attend.

### New Weekly Bulletins for Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping!



**Advertisers are signing on, so - very important!**

If you own a business or know of a credible company that may benefit from this advertising, please call Shani Court at 506-875-1962 or you can email her at [church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com](mailto:church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com). If you have any questions about the new bulletin or want more information, please call or email Shani! The advertising on the back of the bulletin is an effective local way to advertise in a highly credible venue.

**We are encouraging businesses to support our new bulletins and parishioners to support our advertisers!**



A kind person in the Salisbury area has two loveseats, in excellent condition, to give away.

All you have to do is to be able to move them yourself! If interested, please call the parish office at 386-6178.



### What does Development and Peace really do?

Turn on the news, look around the world, and you will soon realize extreme poverty, inequalities, political chaos and outright violence exists in our world. Development and Peace has 50 years of experience in partnering with local communities to build a lasting, just, fair and inclusive peace. Peace is much more than the absence of conflict. Peace must be cultivated, nourished and protected. Individual commitment is required. It must be a collective project rooted in openness. **The project must recognize the inherent dignity of all human beings.**

A commitment to peace includes taking a strong stand against physical and sexual violence. Patriarchal norms, social, political and economic structures that keep vulnerable people in a state of injustice must be eliminated. Fundamental human rights must be assured.

Development and Peace strongly believes that women and men must be able to join hands and work together to create real peace. Inspired by Gospel values, all of the above must be considered in implementing activities that brings peace a self reliance to the poor and disadvantaged of the world.

For more information: [www.devp.org/campaign](http://www.devp.org/campaign) Dan Stote [danstote@yahoo.com](mailto:danstote@yahoo.com)

### HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family will be hosting a potluck supper on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Sign up sheets will be at the back of the church so that you can let us know what you are bringing!

**This is a wonderful time of friendship (not to mention great food), so hope to see everyone there!**

Once again this year, Holy Family will be hosting a lovely **Christmas Dinner** for those who have no family nearby with whom to share the holiday spirit. Whether you're one person or a family, please plan to join us on **Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at noon**. Registration will be limited to 50 people, so please register early by calling the parish office at 386-6178. If you have any questions, call Gerard at 866-3906.

### HOLY FAMILY AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**ATTENTION: Parents of children who are in Year 7**, to better explain all that is offered and expected as part of the Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask Parent and Candidate to attend an information and registration session on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

In order to be enrolled in the program, you have to be registered, so it is very important that you attend this meeting. There will be a letter sent out containing more details.

**ATTENTION: Parents of children who are in Year 3 (and who will be preparing for their first Sacrament of Reconciliation)** there will be a parents meeting on **Thursday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. There has been a letter sent containing more details.



### HOLY GHOST

**Holy Ghost Parish Roast Beef Dinner on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.**

Adults \$12.00 Children \$6.00 We will have a 50/50 draw, some \$1-a-square draws and a Door Prize! We look forward to seeing folks and thank you for your continued support!



### ST. JUDE'S

It is that time of year again, from October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup> when our parish will be collecting gently-used coats, hats, mitts, boots and scarves. (Note, there is a shortage of men's footwear size 9-10 at a local shelter.) Time to clean out the closets! Look for the big collection box in the St. Jude's foyer this Sunday. **Let's keep everyone warm this winter season!**



### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The **Remembrance Day Celebration** sponsored by the Town of Riverview, will be held in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, on **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 10:45 a.m.



### Dinner Theatre Church Fundraiser

## Not As It Seems

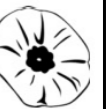
at the Dan Bohan Centre  
6 pm on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>  
6 pm on Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmin's, coffee, tea and dessert  
\$25.00 per ticket  
Call Helen Vaughan at 386-2071

Bonjour and welcome to the wedding of Mlle Marie LeBlanc and Mr. Tony Smith! What could possibly go wrong when a French Acadian woman marries into an English family!! To find out, you need to see how this comedy will unfold!

**Tickets are almost all gone. None left for Sunday but still a few remain for Saturday. Don't be disappointed and get your tickets now while we still have some left!**




**Knights of Columbus Council 9270** invites you to join them at the Dan Bohan Centre on **November 11<sup>th</sup>** after the Remembrance Day



Service for a luncheon of hot dogs, soup and crackers. Free will donation. There will also be baked beans and homemade soup for sale!

**The Knights of Columbus Council 9270** will also be hosting another delicious **SUNDAY BRUNCH** after **Sunday Mass, November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us for fellowship and friendship...not to mention, fabulous food with delicious baked beans and homemade soup for sale!


 **Hymn Sing** on Sunday to make a joyful noise! It was a lovely hour, led by the choir with a duet by Moe and Nancy and a solo by Maurise, and many other wonderful voices and requests! We appreciate all the donations made to help offset the cost of the new piano. A total of \$607 was raised!

If you would like to make a donation towards the new piano, you may use one of the special envelopes in the foyer or make a note on your offering envelope.

**Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser - Are you in for the draw?** For every \$100 worth of grocery cards that you purchase during the **month of October**, you will receive a ballot to enter your name in a draw for a \$25 grocery card of your choice!




**Please note! The draw will take place before Mass on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>!**

 **The IHMC Ladies Society** will hold their November meeting on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

**All are welcome!**

**Church Fundraiser! Luncheon and Card Party coming up on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at noon!**

 If you can help with food, biscuits or desserts, it would be greatly appreciated! Also, if you are able to give a couple of hours to help set up the tables and chairs on Sunday night or Monday morning - that would be fantastic!!


For more information or to help, please call Anne at 872-4906!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diabetes Canada** needs as many volunteers as possible!! We are right around the corner from **DIABETES CANADA** Diabetes Awareness Month and our annual door-to-door campaign! We are currently recruiting volunteers to canvass in their neighbourhood during November!


Please say Yes and contact the NB Diabetes Canada Office at [jennifer.jewett@diabetes.ca](mailto:jennifer.jewett@diabetes.ca) or call Jennifer at 506-451-1639.

**We need to work together to #enddiabetes**

 **Tis The Season!** Come on out to hear Ivan and Vivian Hicks and Samantha Robichaud Corkum (and many other wonderful local musicians) at the **Riverview Arts Centre on Sunday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.!**

Advance tickets are \$25 and available at Jean Coutu and Sobeys in Riverview and at Frank's Music in Moncton! You can also buy tickets online at [www.RiverviewArtsCentre.ca](http://www.RiverviewArtsCentre.ca). Tickets are \$28 at the door.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support P.R.O. Kids and the Albert County Food Bank (please remember to bring a nonperishable food item!)

 **Salisbury United Church Christmas Bazaar** will be held Wed., Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. There will be baking, homemade candy, crafts, fancy work, a white elephant table and the UCW used-book room. The Angel Tea Room is open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious dessert and beverage for only \$6!

**The Anglican Church Women (ACW) of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church** (28 Woolridge St. Riverview) will be hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and it is always a great event! Homemade crafts, preserves and knitted items will be available. There will also be a Christmas room, books, puzzles, a games room, and a jewelry and plants room! **Hope to see you there!**



**Canadian Jesuits International (CJI)**



**November 28<sup>th</sup>** is drawing near and it's **Giving Tuesday** - the day that CJI invites you to "Tell Ten" of your friends and family about their Livelihood Support campaign! On that day, you are asked to pray for those in need of livelihood support, subscribe to the CJI newsletter and donate \$10 to reach small-scale farmers in Zambia, plantation workers in India and small-scale producers in Latin America. To donate, please call 1-800-448-2148 or visit [www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/giving-tuesday-tell-ten](http://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/giving-tuesday-tell-ten). Thank you!

**You can make a difference! Join our in Home Palliative Care Volunteer team!**



Training starts Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, (9 modules) from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Volunteering can be done in your community, Greater Moncton or rural areas! Please contact Debbie Landry-Jaillet, Community Coordinator at (506)383-2404 or [volunteer@hospicegm.ca](mailto:volunteer@hospicegm.ca) to register or for more information.

**Advent Bible Study**

**Let the One Who Hears - Hear!**



Do the parables as recorded in the Gospels have meaning in today's world? Are they stories with a heavenly meaning with no relevance to our day and age? Do they lead into a deeper understanding of God in our lives, in the life of the world? Such questions will be discussed as the Christian Development Committee of St. John's United Church, (corner of Alma & Victoria Streets, Moncton) invite you to participate in this year's Advent Bible Study led by Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Doug MacEachern. The four-week study will begin on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 noon-1:00 p.m. You are asked to bring a Bible and bag lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. To register and for parking, contact the Church Office 858-8289 or e-mail the church at [sjuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:sjuc@nb.aibn.com) or Rev. Doug at [dougjune@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:dougjune@nb.sympatico.ca). Everyone is welcome!

 **Moncton Community Concert Association**

Such a recital! Acclaimed pianist,

Wayne Weng and former Lieutenant Governor of NB, Hermenegilde Chiasson will share the stage on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at First Church of the Nazarene, 21 Fieldcrest Drive, Moncton beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets for this concert will be available at the door; \$20 for adults; \$5 for students.

**Encouraging young musicians Moncton Community Concerts offers a number of free tickets for each concert to students of the New Brunswick Registered Music Teachers Association.**

## FROM THE OFFICES OF FAITH

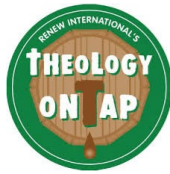
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**Parish Catechetical Coordinators** meet Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on 45 York Street.

**Adult Faith Commission** meets Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices



Our next Theology on Tap for young adults 19-39 will take place on Sunday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. with an expected finish time of 7:00 p.m. It will be facilitated by Karen LeBlanc and Claudette Derdaele from Immaculate Heart of Mary parish and is entitled "And God Saw That It Was Good". We will meet in the parking lot of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Riverview and then proceed to the Mill Creek area for the session.

Participants are asked to bring with them their own mug and to **dress for the weather** (will need durable footwear, such as boots). For information, contact Trevor at the youth office at 857-4879



Our next B4B selection for young adults 19-39 will be *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave. It is a dual narrative about a Nigerian asylum-seeker and a British magazine editor. The novel examines the treatment of refugees by the asylum system, as well as issues of British colonialism, globalization, political violence and personal accountability. We will meet to discuss the book on Sat, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. location TBA.

### The Gospel of Mark - The Puzzling Story of Jesus

On December 3 we begin a new liturgical year in the Church and for the following 12 months will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ told primarily through the eyes of the writer of Mark's Gospel.



Join Dr. Andrew Wilson on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church Hall from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm as he delves into such questions as: Who is Mark's Jesus? As the earliest Gospel, does Mark get us closest to the Jesus of history? Cost of the session is \$12. Dr. Wilson is a frequent and popular presenter for the Office of Faith Development. He is associate professor of Religious Studies at Mount Allison University. Pre-registration is necessary by November 22, and may be done by contacting Ellen. Lunch will be provided.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. Denis Belliveau



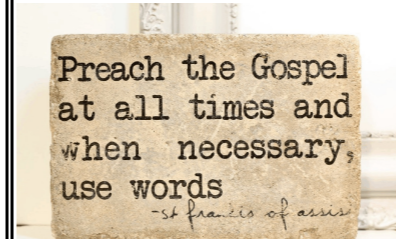
All are invited to come and offer their best wishes to Fr. Denis Belliveau, who celebrates this year his 25<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary. Come and join us on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Patrice LeBlanc Room at 91, Murphy Street, Moncton (next to the Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix Church, Humphrey), between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Please note that there will be a presentation around 3:00 p.m. Best wishes only!

## Exploring Our Faith

### Am I a hypocrite?

Someone I respect and admire greatly once said: "Be careful who you listen to because you might end up with their results." Looking back, I think we can all recall a time where someone tried to give us advice on a certain subject, and we knew this person did not follow their own advice, and we've thought to ourselves "Gee that person is a hypocrite". Often, I found myself in that situation, especially at work, probably since I was the youngest one employed there. I always found myself torn to receive such advice, especially knowing the giver of said advice didn't follow it. I would ask myself: "Are they trying to help me or simply trying to impose their way of thinking? Do I listen to their advice or choose to ignore it because I know he/she doesn't follow it?" You see, we as people tend to hold ourselves accountable based on our intentions and others accountable based on their actions. So I guess the real question I should have asked my self is: "Do I listen to the message or do I listen to the messenger?"



Most of us are familiar with the line "Don't do what I do, do what I say." The beauty of today's gospel is when we heard Jesus say: "do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do for they do not practice what they teach." To me, Jesus' message is clear: follow the message, not the messenger; for in this gospel, Jesus is giving us the freedom to hear the message without the external expectations imposed on us by the messenger, so that we do not conform to the messenger's will. We also heard: "As for you, do

not be called 'Rabbi. 'You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers", and "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." I interpret these to mean that all Jesus wants for us is to remember that we should not seek the admiration of people, for we are all equals. He wants us to remember that when we do or say anything, we should first and foremost, do it for God's glory.

Writing this reflection has given me a lot of time to think about how I could put into action what Matthew's gospel is teaching. I can remember several times in my life where I would say: "I'm not a hypocrite". This reflection has taught me that I have been, albeit, unintentionally. Hypocrisy is defined as: the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform. I have said that I put God first in my life but realistically I haven't. It's been easy to say that I put God first, but have I done so with my actions? There have been times where something comes up that distracts me from either prayer, or attending Mass. Every Sunday at Mass, do I take the time to really listen to the message? When I see someone in need, do I really take the time to help as best I can? Am I striving to conform my character to God's? It seems like such an impossible standard, but have I even tried? Hearing and reading this gospel made me realise that what I want more than anything is to stop being a hypocrite. I will strive to be intentional with my faith and place God at the forefront of my thoughts and my actions.

*Katy Mahoney*