

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish

Holy Family Church



52 Falkland St
Moncton, NB E1E 4S8
Tel: 854-6099

Holy Ghost Church



2 Church St
Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3W8
Tel: 882-1123

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



5 Fatima Dr
Riverview, NB E1B 2X8
Tel: 386-6178

St. Jude's Church



3062 Main St
Salisbury, NB E4J 2L5
Tel: 372-4748

Mass Times



Mondays at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Family Church, Moncton

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview

Fridays at 2:00 p.m. at Peoples Park Tower Chapel, Moncton

Saturdays

4:00 p.m. at Holy Ghost Church

7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church

Sundays

8:30 a.m. at St. Jude's Church

10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Private confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.



We pray for all who have died and especially today, we pray for the family and friends who mourn the loss of Al Close and also those missing Bernadette O'Leary (sister of Shirley Connor).

We also pray for those who are sick and for their caregivers and especially today, we hold in prayer, Peter Cormier, Kim McCormack, Ken Ackert, Peter Lambly (brother-in-law of John Coughlan) and Maurice LeBlanc (brother of Marie Betts).



Food Basket Challenge 2019

Holy Ghost/Immaculate Heart of Mary – toiletries of any kind (toothpaste, shampoo etc.). We are also starting to work towards Christmas and would kindly ask for any bagged candy that would be suitable for a family treat at Christmas time, not necessarily candy canes, as we have them donated by the stores. Examples would be... gummies, sour patch, gum drops etc. **St. Jude's** – Dish detergent, laundry soap and toilet paper. **Holy Family** - instant rice, breakfast cereal, canned or powdered milk and juice boxes, margarine, mustard and ketchup for Nazareth House

Liturgies for the week of December 9th - 15th, 2019

Peoples Park Tower Chapel

Friday, December 13th 2:00 p.m. Evariste Cormier (Anniv) – Pat and family

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, December 14th 4:00 p.m. Lester Rossiter – Charles and Glenda O'Hara

Holy Family Church

Monday, December 9th 9:00 a.m. Vincent Girouard – daughter, Joanne

Saturday, December 14th 7:00 p.m. Ignacio Nerona Senior & Endrile Nerona – Dulce Amor Giron

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, December 15th 8:30 a.m. Stella Keeping – Don and Barb Dawson

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Wednesday, December 11th 9:00 a.m. William Wilson – Claire Chisholm and family

Sunday, December 15th 10:30 a.m. Ken Collins (Anniv) – his loving family



Exploring Our Faith

AND THE WOLF SHALL LIVE WITH THE LAMB

“He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness, he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.”

There is an internet video clip that shows a large group of young adults lined up on a field to begin a running race. The winner of the race will be given one hundred dollars. The person who is organizing the race says that before the race begins, he gives a series of instructions that apply only to some participants. “Take two steps forward if your parents are still married. Take two steps forward if you grew up in a family with a father figure. Take two steps forward if you never had to worry about where your next meal was coming from ... Before anyone actually starts to run, some of the competitors are more than halfway to the finish line.

That video, like today’s reading from Isaiah, invites us to pay attention to the fact that too often we judge people only by the end result: who gets to the finish line first? We assume that the person with the best job or the most friends must be the more deserving person. We assume that the one with addictions or the one in jail must be less deserving. We tend to be in favor of laws and policies that support and promote the people we view as more deserving and punish those who we deem to be less deserving. We rarely ask: where did they start? How much did they have to overcome? How much have they suffered because of the sins of others?



Some time ago I met a man who committed a horrible crime in his youth. He does not try to make excuses for what he did. It was wrong, absolutely wrong! But it was an act that was not very different from things that he had seen around him as he was growing up. He used violence to get what he wanted because that was all he had ever experienced. Growing up, if someone wanted something from him, the request for that something came with yelling or with swearing, with a fist or with a boot. He was arrested, convicted and sent to jail. In jail he found faith. He came to believe that God understood all that he had suffered, and that God loved him and wanted to free him from the never-ending cycle of

suffering. Because of that faith, he began to change. Instead of trying to gain power over others, he developed compassion for them. He began to value peace and compassion over violence and force. But many people do not want to see the man he is now, they focus on the fact that he deserves punishment for who he was. Maybe before I met him, I too would have been one of those people.

But since I met him, I hear the words of Isaiah in a new way, not just as a metaphor for a distant peace, but as a call to see each other through the eyes of God. Isaiah says that when God judges, the wolf shall live with the lamb. The gentleman that I met would be considered a wolf by many, someone who should never be allowed a life outside of prison, yet he is a man who brings hope and healing to everyone he meets because he is someone who has truly recognized that real power lies in love and not in violence or anger. He has become like a lamb who provides what is needed and causes no harm.

Pam Driedger

Daily Readings (week of December 9th – 15th, 2019)

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| <i>Monday (The Immaculate Conception)</i> | Genesis 3:9-15, 20 | Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 | Luke 1:26-38 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | Isaiah 40:1-11 | | Matthew 18:12-14 |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | Isaiah 40:25-31 | | Matthew 11:28-30 |
| <i>Thursday (Our Lady of Guadalupe)</i> | Zechariah 2:10-13 | | Luke 1:39-47 |
| <i>Friday (St. Lucy)</i> | Isaiah 48:17-19 | | Matthew 11:16-19 |
| <i>Saturday (St. John of the Cross)</i> | Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 | | Matthew 17:10-13 |
| <i>Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)</i> | Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 | James 5:7-10 | Matthew 11:2-11 |

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

St. Augustine's
Monday, December 9th
7:00 p.m.

St. Bernard's
Sunday, December 15th
1:30 p.m.



Wednesday Prayer Day, held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, will finish for this year on Dec 11th and resume on Jan 8th, 2020. You are always welcome in the church for prayer or meditation, though.



Thank you to the ladies of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** who knit the wonderful hats, mitts and scarves in support of Albert County Christmas Aid! As the temperature continues to drop, your time, your talent and most of all, your kindness, are greatly appreciated by all our families!

Schedule of Christmas & New Year's Masses

Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th

Peoples Park Tower 2:00 p.m.
St. Augustine's 4:00 p.m. (family Mass) and 11:30 p.m.
IHMC 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
St. Bernard's 5:00 p.m. (family Mass), 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
St. Vincent's 6:00 p.m.
St. Jude's 6:30 p.m.
St. Lawrence O'Toole 6:30 p.m.
Holy Family 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25th

Holy Ghost 10:00 a.m.
St. Clements 10:00 a.m.
St. Augustine's 10:00 a.m.
St. Bernard's 11:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence O'Toole 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

Holy Ghost 4:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy 4:00 p.m.
St. Bernard's 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Wednesday January 1st, 2020

St. Lawrence O'Toole 9:00 a.m.
IHMC 10:30 a.m.
St. Bernard's 11:00 a.m.
St. Augustine's 11:00 a.m.



Again, this year, we are accepting donations in memory of deceased family and friends for Christmas season environment in each of our churches. A list will be printed in the bulletin of those being remembered. The easiest way for you to do this is to call the Parish Office (386-6178) and then put your donation in a clearly marked envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Please note that we need to know who is being remembered and by whom, and please identify the church. Thank you.



Let's Do Lunch! Want to consider something different for gifts this year? Perhaps, instead of buying oh-so-many Christmas gifts for family and friends, how about sharing your blessings with those less fortunate by donating a number of dinners to the Karing Kitchen! When \$1 buys one serving, this is a wonderful gift idea! We have red 'Karing Kitchen' cards at both Holy Family and Immaculate Heart of Mary churches that could be put under the tree for your loved ones! Karing Kitchen says thank you for your generosity and for sharing your love.



Tabs for Kids - the sweetest way to support the Boys and Girls' Club Breakfast Program!

How it works is that it takes just under 2500 pop tabs to equal 1 kg and then we are paid a dollar value per kg with the money going to the Breakfast Program! Right now, thanks to all of you, we have reached the grand total of 2,850,469 tabs!

Thank you for **pulling out all the stops**....or should that be **tops** to make this such a successful fundraiser!!



Storm Cancellation Policy - In the event of a storm on the weekend that's bad enough to cancel Mass, the phone message at the office (386-6178) will be changed, we'll post the cancellation on our Facebook page and we'll post it up on our www.setmoncton.com website, too. In addition, St. Jude's parishioners will receive an email, Holy Ghost parishioners will receive a phone call from Teresa and for Holy Family, we'll also change the phone message for 854-6099. If there's a bad storm through the week that affects the Mass at Holy Family (Monday) or IHM (Wednesday), we'll do our very best to get the word out. Regardless, always be careful and always travel wisely.

Climate Emergency - This Advent season we align our hearts with the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor.



As we see the province of New Brunswick experience more and more severe weather (ice storms, floods, hurricane-force winds, etc), a presentation will be made to Riverview Town Council in February 2020, asking the Town to declare a **Climate Emergency**. In doing this, the Town of Riverview would be joining the cities of Edmundston and Moncton in committing to setting priorities to mitigate climate change. Whether this means reducing CO₂ emissions within their own work fleet (hybrid/electric vehicles) or how they treat plastics or where garbage sorting is required, it's all part of looking more closely at how our Town is doing its part in this global crisis. (for more details, please see the bulletin insert)

Let us join Pope Francis, who declared a climate emergency back in June 2019, by adding our names to an online petition which will be presented at the Riverview Town Council Meeting in February

<http://chng.it/nkHGT9qx>

Where families experience Jesus' miraculous love!

During this 1-2 hour event, your family will be transported back in time to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus! As you travel through the Bethlehem Marketplace, you'll share in authentic experiences and discover the miraculous impact of Jesus' birth - and life!

From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development

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Liturgy 857-9531, ext. 1262 or liturgymoncton@gmail.com



Confirmation candidates please note this preliminary announcement: you will all be gathering at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on **Sunday, January 12th, 2020** to meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this spring. Further details will follow in later bulletins.

Advent God Sightings on Instagram



Where do you find hope, peace, joy, and love in 2019? Join us this Advent as we keep watch for God sightings.

Snap a pic while you wait and share it on Instagram with the hashtags #adventgodsightings and #youthfaithmoncton.



Holy Ghost Church

Sunday Missals have arrived they are available at the church entrance. These are \$5.00 each for anyone that would like a personal copy.



The Riverside-Albert Recreation Council would like to invite everyone far and wide to come and celebrate the season of Christmas with us. We will be hosting a magical Christmas tree display and social all taking place at the newly renovated Recreation Centre in Riverside-Albert on December 20th and 21st from 2-6 p.m. each day. Complimentary refreshments will be served throughout the event.

Various groups and individuals will decorate the trees in our display. If you would like to decorate a tree or donate one to be decorated, please contact Bonnie Beck at 866-2800 or Beulah Morrissey at 882-2275. Decoration Day will be December 19th.

Holy Family Church



Christmas Carols

Come and get your Christmas spirit in gear and join us at Holy Family for Christmas carols and hot chocolate on Sunday, December 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



The **"Box for Mittens"** is our traditional Advent project and we welcome donations of mittens, hats and scarves! The box is out and will remain until December 14th, after which time the donations will be given to the local schools. Each year we've done this project, the schools have been truly grateful, so thank you for your support!

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FUNDRAISER

Fundraiser Alert!

Holy Family will be selling 50/50 tickets at each weekend Mass until December 14th! All proceeds will go to the House of Nazareth and the draw will take place at our Bake Sale on December 14th! Thank you for your support!



Holy Family Bake Sale!

Mark your calendars and dig out your favourite recipes! After Mass, December 14th there will be a Bake Sale in the Hall. Please drop off your goodies at the church hall anytime after 4:00 p.m. on the 14th and then we'll see you at the sale after Mass!



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner! Again this year, Holy Family Church will be hosting a lovely Christmas Dinner for those who have no family nearby. Come share the warmth of Christmas Day, surrounded by your faith community and a traditional turkey dinner! Whether you're one person or a family, please plan to join us in the Holy Family Church Hall, as we break bread together at noon on **Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th**. There is no cost for this meal, but any donation would be welcome and appreciated.

Registration will be limited to 50 people, so please get your name in early by calling the parish office at 386-6178. If you have any questions or need more information, don't hesitate to call Gerard at 866-3906.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



Christmas Choir Practices

We would be happy to have families, and anyone who wants to sing, come and join us for Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. We will have two practices, Sundays, December 15th and 22nd from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Please let Claudette know if you plan on joining!



DATE CHANGE!!!!

Next Sunday, December 15th the Knights will be holding a Comfort Food Sale in the foyer of the church right after Mass! There will be various soups, baked beans, chili and spaghetti sauce and ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE ALBERT COUNTY CHRISTMAS AID TO PURCHASE FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES. Great event for a worthy cause!



Knights of Columbus Council 9270 Christmas Party! Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Open to all Knights of Columbus and guests.
Tickets are on sale before and after Mass, at the office or call Paul Perkison at 387-7379,
Paul Brenton at 386-7865, John Coughlan at 386-5451
or Rick Duchesne at 387-8730

\$15 per person + non-perishable food item ♦ Music by Gary Donnelle
Social 6:00-7:00 p.m. ♦ Meal 7:00 p.m. ♦ Dance 8:00-11:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus 9270 CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019

Saturday, December 14th, 2019
\$15/person + non-perishable food item
Music by Gary Donnelle

Social: 6pm-7pm
Buffet Meal: 7pm
Dance: 8pm-11:30 pm



St. Jude's Church



A big thank you to anyone who brought in a gift or gift card or made a money donation - the Hope Chest was overflowing! It will all be so helpful for the Salisbury Helping Hands Food Bank and their Christmas program. It was just an unbelievable response! If you still have a gift tag or you still have an item or haven't made your donation yet but want to do so, please contact Helping Hands directly at 372-9787. Thank you once again. You always step up to the needs in our community!!



ARE YOU GOING TO BE ALONE on Christmas Day?

If so, you are invited to attend a free Christmas dinner with all the trimmings shared with friends on Christmas Day, December 25th, at the LIONS CLUB, Peter St. in Salisbury. Santa will be there and entertainment! Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. You have to reserve a seat by calling Sue or Don at 215-0212 before December 15th.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



Planning for 2020

If your committee will be using church funds for special projects or initiatives in 2020, please submit a budget to Anne at the Business Office by December 15th.



Completing 2019

We are now into the last month of the year! It's a great time to make up for any Sunday offerings that you might have missed over the year. **Every dollar counts** and together we can meet the financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, e-transfer and debit. Call Anne at the Business Office (386-6178) for more information.

2019 Charitable Donation Receipts



Thank you to the many parishioners who make a donation to the church at time of the year! Please note, that the parish office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's, so if you wish to have your donation included in your 2019 tax receipt, it must be in the collection at one of our four churches (this does not include St. Bernard's or St. Augustine's) by December 30th or dropped off into the office in Riverview by noon on December 24th. This way, everything can be included in your 2019 tax receipt. Again, thank you!

2020 offering envelopes are now available! (Please start to use these only after January 2020)

As you pick up your envelopes:

- Have a look at the mailing label and let us know if we need to make corrections.
- Do we have your email address? It sure would help us stay connected if we did!
- Would you like to receive a box of envelopes? Just call Anne at 386-6178!
- Would you like to start a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) offering? Again, just call Anne!

Weekly Collection for all Churches

Donation (Number of donors)

Peoples Park Tower Chapel (incl PADs)

Church Support \$690.00 (25); Loose \$105.00
Maintenance Fund 15.00 (3); Heat \$10.00 (1)

Holy Family (incl PADs)

Church Support \$1110.50 (56); Loose \$177.00
Maintenance Fund \$129.00 (12); Heat \$10.00 (1)

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$655.00 (29); Loose \$114.00
Heat \$20.00 (1)

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$562.00 (18); Loose \$2.00
Flowers \$60.00 (3); Missals \$25.00
Donation for the roof \$300.00 (1)
50/50 \$64.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$5333.50 (180); Loose \$211.00
Property Upkeep \$531.50 (33); Youth \$49.50 (9)
Social Action \$239.50 (18); Heat \$570.00 (3)



Please note that the Parish Office will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) and reopening on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Regular office hours - Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Advent Project at Holy Ghost

We'd like to give a bit more information about the Advent Tree at Holy Ghost!



Holy Ghost Church has answered the call of the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre!

During this Advent season, parishioners will decorate an Advent Tree of Hope and try to have its branches filled with items for the poor and for those in need. Within the next couple of weeks, under the tree is where they'll place the non-perishable food items!

All of this will be done by the Third Sunday of Advent when everything will be distributed!

A wonderful Advent project!