

Peoples Park Tower Chapel			
Friday, January 3 rd	2:00 p.m.	. Albertine Thibodeau – husband, Joe	
Holy Ghost Church			
Tuesday, December 31 st	4:00 p.m.	1. Sharron, Shelda, Howard and Ursula Morrissey – Sylvia and Hilyard Rossite	
Saturday, January 4 th	4:00 p.m.	Jimmy Fenton as a Special Intention	
Holy Family Church			
Monday, December 30 th	9:00 a.m.	Mike Gordon – Janet and family	
Saturday, January 4 th	7:00 p.m.	Murdock and Lewis – Regina Nicholson	
St. Jude's Church		-ST. Thérêse of Listeux	
Sunday, January 5 th	8:30 a.m.		
Immaculate Heart of Mary			
Wednesday, January 1 st	10:30 a.m.	Paul Rose – Alcide and Claudia Richard	
Sunday, January 5 th	10:30 a.m.	Dave Cove & Lisa Mitton (Anniv) – all my love, Maureen Cove	



Did you know that over 1,210 local governments in 26 countries have declared a climate emergency and committed to action to drive down emissions at emergency speed including the City of Edmundston and the City of Moncton here in New Brunswick? (theclimatemobilization.org)

Exploring Our Faith

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

You may have noticed, or you will notice as you compare this Sunday's gospel account with next Sunday's, that the readings do not follow one another chronologically. In fact, they are in reverse. This Sunday's gospel begins with "*After the wise men left…*" (Mt. 2:13 and following), but next Sunday's gospel is about the *arrival* of the wise men (Mt. 2:1-12). I don't know the entire reason historically or liturgically for this cart-beforethe-horse reordering except to offer the following.

Copts (Coptic Christians primarily of Egypt) are proud of their land that protected the Child Jesus and Holy Family and equally proud of how they fostered the growth of the Church from the earliest days. Legend has it that the

Holy Family spent three to four years in Egypt waiting out the death of wicked King Herod before returning to Palestine. The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt and the feast of the Holy Family has always been observed by the Copts from earliest time. Western Christianity, of which we as Roman Catholics belong, has a long history of



venerating Jesus, Mary and Joseph individually but not so long a history of venerating the Holy Family as a group. As Western Christians, the Church informally venerated the Holy Family beginning in the 17th century, but it only became a formal feast in 1921 under Pope Benedict XV. Originally it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany, but in 1969 the Feast of Holy Family was moved to the Sunday immediately after Christmas, bringing it within the Christmas Season.

I like this feast for the humanness that is portrayed. There was nothing glamorous about pulling up stakes because your child's head was on a wanted poster, "dead or alive but preferably dead." Pope Francis wrote in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) in 2016, "...no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed." His words remind me of a family therapist who when asked by the host, at the end of a radio talk show, whether there is such a thing as a "normal" family. The psychologist, after answering call-in questions for two hours pertaining to dysfunctional families said, "Oh, yes. There is such a thing as a normal family; the normal family is the family that is able to talk about its dysfunctions."

I suspect the Holy Family itself knew firsthand how dysfunctional, displacing, and downright cruel this world can be. Unfortunately, after 2000 years, families are still on the run. They are the refugees, the victims of human trafficking and slave labour. Sometimes the "exiles" are within our own family. A few years ago, on the Feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis said, "I frequently think that a sign of exactly how a family is doing is exactly how the children and old individuals in the family are dealt with." He went on to say that God always finds a way to be with the little, the powerless, and the vulnerable. Upheld by that truth, I entrust all families to God. Egypt was just a stopover. Only in God do we find our true home.

Fr. Phil

Daily Readings (week of December 30 th , 2019 – January 5 th , 2020)			
Monday	1 John 2:12-17		Luke 2:36-40
Tuesday	1 John 2:18-21		John 1:1-18
Wednesday (The Solemnity of Mary)	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
Thursday (St. Basil and St. Gregory)	1 John 2:22-28		John 1:19-28
Friday	1 John 2:29-3:1-6		John 1:29-34
Saturday	1 John 3:7-10		John 1:35-42
Sunday (Epiphany of the Lord)	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2:1-12

Schedule of New Year's Masses

7	New Year's Eve			New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1 st , 2020		
	Tuesday, Decem	ber 31 st	St. Lawrence O'Toole	9:00 a.m.		
	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	IHMC	10:30 a.m.		
	Our Lady of Mercy	4:00 p.m.	St. Bernard's	11:00 a.m.		
	St. Bernard's	5:00 p.m.	St. Augustine's	11:00 a.m.		



The following is a list of those who have donated, in memory of loved ones, the flowers decorating our churches this Christmas season.

St. Jude's Church		
In Loving Memory of	By	
My wife, Lila Arsenault and son, Alyre Jr.	Alyre Arsenault	
Deceased family and friends	Christine Bell	
James and Louise Griffin John and Mary Revie Bob Revie	Gary and Mary Anne (Revie) Griffin	
Walter and Agnes MacDonald Ray MacDonald	Lindsay and Sharon Jones	
Deceased family members	Reg and Doris Martin	
Raymond, Ronald, Edith and Paulette Robichaud	Marguerite and Bill Winsor	
St. Jude's choir members who have passed on	André and Geraline VanAgten	

Holy Family Church		
In Loving Memory of	By	
Sandra Cluney	Gerry, Patrick, Kerry, Holly, Declan and Paul	
George Colepaugh	Pauline Colepaugh	
Aldoria Cormier	Jeannette and family	
Mom and Dad	Mary Helena Delahunt	
Leoline Gauvin	Louis and Louise	
Helene Comeau	Gauvin	
Deceased members of the Kouyoumdjian and Whelton families	Mary and Varouje Kouyoumdjian	
Stella Kyle	Carolyn Kyle	
Deceased members of McGee and Gill families and friends	Dan McGee and Marie Gill-McGee	
Vera and Charles O'Donnell	Brian O'Donnell	
Tony and Mien Rommens	their children and grandchildren	
Deceased family members of the Santucci and Kyle families	Dale and Joe Santucci	

Holy Ghost Church			
In Loving Memory of	Ву		
Pearl and Michael Bolger	Cathy and Ivan Keirstead, and		
Chris, Sara, Clara and Chloe and Jon Michael; Mary Lou and Norm Trowell, Michael and			
	lex, Laurin and boys		
Reg Fenton, Mildred Fenton, Bernard Black and Jimmy Duffy	Cerdic and Sandra Nelson		
Clara and Clarke Keirstead	Ivan and Cathy Keirstead and		
Chris, Sara, Clara and Chloe and Jon Michael and Dianne Haslam and family			
Wallace and Mitchel MacDonald and Francis Bainbridge	Sandra		
Andy, Otto and Violet O'Hara	family		
Gordon and Irene Rossiter Phil and Doreen McNaught	Monica and Earl		
Tracy and Ralph Dowe	Anne Dowe		
Harold Smith	Winnie Smith		



Immaculate Heart of Church		
In Loving Memory of	By	
Margaret Albert	Sam Albert	
Leonard Arsenault	his son, Mike	
Deceased members of the Aubé family	Pauline Toner	
Babies aborted in 2019	A parishioner	
Bill and Sheila Walsh and Jack and Annie Bennett	Wayne, Ellen, Sheila, Mark, Jordan and Randi Bennett	
Deceased family members	Garth and Simone Berry	
Russell and Marion Black	Shirley and Ralph Simkins	
Deceased members of the Blanchard family	Doris Anderson	
Frank and Wayne Boudreau	Alice and family	

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In Loving Memory of	By	
Deceased family members	Lowell and Roberta	
of Lowell Brine	Brine	
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Helen Broderick	Charlie and family	
Murray Burns	his loving wife, Mary	
Gerald Cameron	daughter, Lisa	
Joe Chisholm	Claire and family	
Deceased family members	Gerry and Pat Corbett	
Deceased members of the Daly and King families	Al and Bridget Daly	
Anna Dineen	Bob and Marie Betts	
Gerald Donovan	Marie and family	
Anne Felix	Violette Family	
Clair Fisher	Adeline and family	
John Frenette, Nora Leger and Ethel Dupuis	Evangeline Daigle	
Karl and Jerry Gregory	their sister, Bernice	
Wilfred Griffin	Anne and family	
Chris Harper	Anne Griffin	
Brian Haslam	Dianne and family	
Donald Fournier and		
Antoine Hébert	Michèle and kids	
Annie and Irvin Hickey	Evan and Emeline	
and family	Hickey	
Claire Hickox	Bob and family	
Deceased members of the Kavanaugh and McEachreon families	Al and Corinne	
Clara and Clarke Keirstead	Dianne Haslam and family	
Vaughan LeBlanc	David and Carolyn Kyle	
Rolande and Ron LeBlanc Phyllis and Norman Dernier	Debbie and Victor LeBlanc	
Priscilla LeClair	Chris, Denny and Serge	
Calvin Luedee	All our love, Eileen, girls and families	
Deceased members of the Lunney and Biddiscombe families	Dan and Carol Lunney	
Alex P. Beaton	Mary MacIntyre and family	
Chelsea Marchand	Papa and Nanny Marchand & family	

In Loving Memory of	By	
William and Maude McRae	Evan and Emeline	
and family	Hickey	
Deceased family members	Maureen and	
Deceased failing members	Emerson Mills	
Barb Noble	loving daughter,	
	Mandy Noble	
Pat and Bannon O'Hearn	Maureen Oatway	
Bertha Pellerin	daughter,	
	Diane Cole	
Kaye Rafferty	Peter Rafferty and	
	Shannon Terry	
Deceased family members	Glen and Anize	
	Ramsay	
Albert Reddin	Pat and family	
Roland 'Doc' Richard and	Evelyn Richard and	
son, David Richard	family	
Shirley and Edmond	Kathy, Andrew,	
Richard	Melanie and	
December 1 (1)	Danielle	
Deceased members of the	Ron, June and	
Robichaud and Dysart	family	
families	-	
Randy Robichaud	Mum and Dad	
Nicola and Caterina Rocca	Daughter, Anna	
Pasquale and Clementina	and family Cousin, Anna and	
Rocca	family	
Notta	his wife, Joan and	
Clayton Rolfe	family	
	Dianne Ryan and	
Jack Ryan	family	
Douglas and Yvonne	Beth, Colleen and	
Simkins	families	
Deceased members of the		
Smith and Gregory	Ron and Bernice	
families	Smith	
Peter K. Smith	Mae, Karen and	
	Stephen	
Alfanso and Anna Spataro	Son, Giuseppe and	
Analisu anu Anna Spataro	family	
Elizabeth Louise Stafford	Bernard Stafford	
	and family	
Vance Toner	Pauline Toner	
Deceased members of the	Bob and Helena	
Vaughan and Caissie	Vaughan	
families	, auguan	
Deceased members of the	Warren and Pat	
Whitehouse and Morton	Whitehouse	
families		





Congratulations Holy Family Church!

Friday, January 10th will be the 55th anniversary of the dedication of Holy Family Church and in honour of this special day, Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family at 6:00 p.m.

As Jacob said, "How awe-inspiring this place is! This is nothing less than the abode of God and this is the gate of heaven."

Genesis 28:17

Prayer

Wednesday Prayer Day, held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, will resume on Wednesday, January 8th. You are always welcome in the church for prayer or meditation though, with the church open regular hours, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CATECHISM



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - Your registration card for Confirmation is due now and your Sponsor's registration card is due on December 31st. If they are complete you may drop them in an envelope and put them in the collection basket (at any of the churches in our grouping) or in the mail box here at Immaculate Heart of Mary or drop them at the church Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be 3 options for you and your sponsor to attend the Rite of Enrolment:

- Option 1 Saturday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Family
- Option 2 Sunday, January 19th at 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's
- Option 3 Sunday, January 26th at 10:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary

There will be a meeting for the Sponsors following each Mass and it is your responsibility to let your sponsor know. Please remember to sign the book in the foyer of the Church that you attend.



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 2 - The Invitational Celebration will take place on Saturday, January 11th at the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Family or Sunday, January 12th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Please let the Catechism office know which you and your child will be attending.



meeting.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 - There will be a meeting concerning **First Reconciliation** on **Wednesday January 8**th in the basement of the rectory at 6:30 p.m.

From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development Ellen - 857- 9952 or <u>ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com</u> Trevor - 857-4879 or <u>trevord.diocese@gmail.com</u>

Adult Faith Commission: Tues, Jan 7th at 6:30 p.m. Archbishop Valéry Vienneau will be joining us for this

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Fiona Black will be providing the formation at the start of the meeting.

Sacrament Preparation Committee: Monday, January 13th at 1:30 p.m.

Youth Faith Commission: Monday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. rescheduled from the November meeting.

All meetings take place at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.



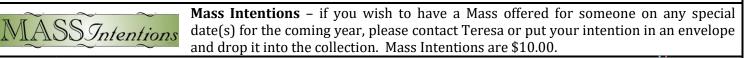
Confirmation candidates from various parishes of the English Deanery will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing for Confirmation at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 12th. Candidates need to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. for registration. The afternoon will conclude between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.



Attention Ministers of Environment and Liturgy Committee Members

Please save the date! **Monday, January 27th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's Church**, Eileen Luedee will be doing a presentation for all those who serve in the ministry of environment or serve on liturgy committees within our diocese. Eileen will be providing formation and ideas around the upcoming seasons of Lent and Easter. There is no charge for this formation, and all are welcome. Please contact Mark Mahoney at markmahoney@rogers.com or call 386-6178 to register.

Holy Ghost Church





Congratulations to Evelyn Danahy, winner of the 50/50 Draw and \$32.00!!



MERRY CHRISTMAN

Thank you to those who helped decorate the church, to the Music ministry and Lectors, Gift bearers, and to everyone who came out to celebrate Christmas Mass. You all make it such a wonderful celebration.



Roof Repairs - with this last wind/rainstorm, we had some shingles come loose and come off of the Vestry as well the North side of the Church. We have advised the Diocese and we're having some immediate repairs done to get us through to Spring. These repairs will cost us \$909. We have been advised though, that we need to be prepared to replace the roof come this spring and we will begin to look at our options and costs in early 2020.

Holy Family Church



To all those who decorated our wonderful church for Christmas – thank you so much! Thank you for the warmth and love that you've brought into the church with your ideas and all the trimmings!

Thanks to your thoughtfulness, our Christmas time together is all the more special.



Holy Family hosted Christmas Dinner for 30 people at noon on Christmas Day! What a wonderful opportunity to show our community spirit! Special thanks to all who helped and to all who stayed behind as part of the clean up crew! Each and every one of you is an important piece of the fabric that continues to make our little parish so special. God Bless you all, *Gerard*



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Please take a moment to think about the wonderful year of growth that our parish has experienced and acknowledge that the life of this church remains strong and vibrant! Together, we celebrate the continuity of faith from generation to generation since 1965!

St. Jude's Church



We are so blessed to have had so many parishioners stay for our annual pancake breakfast after Mass last Sunday! Thank you to those who cooked and served – it was delicious!

Thank you too, to everyone who was able to come upstairs afterwards to help us decorate our church for the Christmas season, one of our most special times of the year! May the beautiful Christmas decorations draw us even more deeply into the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



The regular meeting of the Immaculate Heart of Mary **Ladies Society** will take place on Tuesday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Dan Bohan Centre. Ladies, please remember to bring your donations for the Chicken Luncheon Basket that we are preparing. Thank you!



The regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council 9270 will take place on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.



Thank you, thank you to everyone who stayed after Mass on Sunday to decorate the church for Christmas! The lights, the greenery, the flowers, the tree and of course, the nativity are absolutely captivating as people come into the church and enter the worship area.

Laura and those wonderful elves - you have outdone yourselves!

Memorial gifts are a special way to give to the life and works of the church. These gifts can be made in memory of a loved one and they can also be made to honour a living person.

You can contact the parish office (386-6178), you can click on the 'Donate' button on our website (www.setmoncton.com) or now you can e-transfer in your memorial gift (use email ihmc@rogers.com), if you wish to make a donation in someone's honour.

During the months of November and December 2019

At Holy Family Church, donations were made in memory of:

Jeannine Kelly by her daughter, Louise McMahon

Founding member of Holy Family, James F. Murphy by his wife, Rita

Vincent Girouard by Lorraine Richard At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, donations were made in memory of:

Joe Chisholm by Claire and family

Sara Lia Loberza by her daughter, Liliana Trail

Charles Taylor by Mary Anne Stevenson and family Paul Rose, Irene Locke and Al Close by Garth and Simone Berry

Noryne Matheson by Peter and Carol Hanson

> Dick Stevenson by Pat Stevenson

> > New

Offering Envelopes

A donation was made for the poor by Roean Abrams of PPT

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

2020 offering envelopes are now available! (Please start to use these <u>only in</u> 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 For the weekend of December 21st / 22nd

Donation (Number of donors)

Peoples Park Tower Chapel (incl PADs) Church Support \$360.00 (23); Loose \$144.00 Maintenance Fund 20.00 (4)

Holy Family (incl PADs)

Church Support \$1774.00 (57); Loose \$140.00 Maintenance Fund \$102.00 (10) Flowers \$240.00 (11)

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$1255.00 (35); Loose \$113.00 Heat \$360.00 (7) Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs and received mail) Church Support \$497.00 (18); Loose \$20.00 Missals \$30.00; Christmas \$60.00 (2) 50/50 Draw \$32.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$5684.50 (159); Loose \$302.00 Froperty Upkeep \$454.50 (34); Youth \$48.00 (10) Social Action \$255.00 (15)

Flowers \$1327.00 (51)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!