

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish

Holy Family Church



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Holy Ghost Church



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Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



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St. Jude's Church



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Mass Times

Saturdays

4:00 p.m. at Holy Ghost
7:00 p.m. at Holy Family

Sundays

8:30 a.m. at St. Jude's
10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary

To meet with Fr. Phil, Fr. Charlie or for Confession, call to make an appointment - 386-6178



We pray to bring strength to those who are sick and today we hold in loving prayer *Beulah Morrissey, Stancey Beck, Kelly Campbell, Shirley Connor, Bill Morano, Florence Drisdelle (sister of Adeline Fisher), Peggy Melanson (sister of Polly Forsey), Curtis Jensen (Nora's daddy) and Jane Giggall (sister of Dan Sisk).*

We also hold in our hearts and prayers all who mourn the loss of *Connie Kavanaugh (niece of Al and Corinne)* and for our dear *Fr. Bernie Sloan*. May they rest in eternal peace.



Liturgies for the week of June 7th and 14th, 2020

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, June 6th 4:00 p.m. Annie, Lawrence and June Arsenault - Ivan and Rosemary Dornan
Saturday, June 13th 4:00 p.m. For the People

Holy Family Church

Saturday, June 6th 7:00 p.m. For the People
Saturday, June 13th 7:00 p.m. Vincent Girouard - his daughter, Joanne

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, June 7th 8:30 a.m. Eric and Linda Taylor (Anniv) - Nancy and Mike
Sunday, June 14th 8:30 a.m. Sam and Rita Bernard (Anniv) - family

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, June 7th 10:30 a.m. Bernard Richard (Anniv) - Lauriel and family
Sunday, June 14th 10:30 a.m. Jim Fleming (Anniv) - Gordon and Liliana Trail



Daily Readings (Week of June 8th - June 14th, 2020)

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| Monday | 1 Kings 17:1-6 | Matthew 5:1-12 |
| Tuesday | 1 Kings 17:7-16 | Matthew 5:13-16 |
| Wednesday | 1 Kings 18:20-39 | Matthew 5:17-19 |
| Thursday (St. Barnabas) | Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3 | Matthew 10:7-13 |
| Friday | 1 Kings 19:9, 11-16 | Matthew 5:27-32 |
| Saturday (St. Anthony of Padua) | 1 Kings 19:19-21 | Matthew 5:33-37 |
| Sunday (Corpus Christi) | Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 | 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 |
| | | John 6:51-59 |

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE #12

It has been a week of hitting restart buttons and a week of watching painful news stories. Last weekend, just when we thought we had made all the necessary adjustments and satisfied all the essential requirements to celebrate Eucharist with 50 of you, our plans were unexpectedly scuttled. So, we hit the restart button for this weekend and get over the pain of disappointment. The bigger and more difficult pain of this week was the pain watching George Floyd of Minneapolis begging for a little air and a little compassion, at the end of his life, and getting neither. Finding and hitting the restart button where prejudices are finally and forever extricated and replaced by mutual respect, understanding, and love is a much more urgent and necessary task. That shocking scene from Minneapolis was for me a blatant reminder of the truth: pain not transformed within ourselves is 100% of the time transmitted to others. Given that so much pain is transmitted, I wonder if we have taken the time to mourn the things that have caused us pain in life. Or, is this unresolved grief the hidden reason why blaming and transmitting our pain to others still seems like the easier option? When we do not do our own necessary inner work (soul work), somebody else always pays the price. So, let's just admit two things: 1) we all carry pain and, 2) we do not always know what to do with it.



During these months of pandemic lockdown, I have been thinking of one of the most universal pains of all...the pain of loneliness. What is most **particular**—each person's unique experience of pain--is also most **universal**--everyone in the world has experienced loneliness.

Some 16 years ago, Fr. Ron Rolheiser wrote a book entitled *The Restless Heart*. It is the subtitle, though, "Finding Our Spiritual Home in Times of Loneliness," that lured me into finally reading it. Fr. Ron could not have known in 2004 about the devastating effects of loneliness caused by a virus in 2019, yet his insights are so timely. I'm sure you have experienced at least one of these types of loneliness.

- 1) **Alienation.** This is the feeling of being estranged from others. It is the painful sense of not able to love and understand nor be loved or be understood as we would like.
- 2) **Restlessness.** Above and beyond our possessions and accomplishments there remains a constant dissatisfaction with life. It comes from the way our hearts are built. St. Augustine said, "You have made us for Yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless, until they rest in You."
- 3) **Fantasy.** This form of loneliness is caused by not being in touch with reality. In our need to idealize ourselves as intellectual, as a holy person or as an indispensable colleague in the eyes of people I work with, there is often a discrepancy between our fantasy self and our true self.
- 4) **Rootlessness.** The experience of this loneliness is the feeling of moving through life without an anchor, without absolutes, without a place to identify with. Even Jesus spoke about "***the son of man having no place to lay his head***" (Luke 9:58).
- 5) **Psychological depression.** This type of loneliness, unlike the above four, is normally experienced only on a random or sporadic basis; it is not constant nor abiding. It is linked to events such as mid-life crisis, getting over the death of a loved one, the mid-winter blues, etc.

In the middle of *The Restless Heart*, Fr. Ron enumerates some of the causes of loneliness. One of the culprits is that the world is transitory (here today and gone tomorrow), but we are not. Everything we come in contact with will eventually pass away. Ultimately nothing endures. Being aware of this, we live in constant loneliness.



Think of the last time you read or heard Ecclesiastes 3; it was probably at a funeral. This is the passage contrasting those 14 opposites and how God has given each an appropriate time or season (“there is a time to be born and time to die; a time to weep and time to laugh,...”). It ends with, ***“God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, God***

has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end” (Ecclesiastes 3:11). While God has made every beautiful thing in its time, God has also put “timelessness” into our hearts so that we are never fully in harmony with this beautiful order of things. If we are “chips off the ol’ block,” that is, if we are made in the image and likeness of God who is timeless, then timelessness is also built into us. “This universe exists in time and is ordered according to certain laws. We, however, exist partly outside of time and, thus, are partly out of tune with this order. We perpetually experience a rift between ourselves and the order of things. From this comes a certain loneliness, a certain restlessness, and a constant disquiet” (*Restless*, p. 84).

My hunch is that with every moment of loneliness you have ever experienced, just a nanosecond prior, you had an experience of timelessness, an experience of absolute communion with God whose image and likeness you are made in. And just as suddenly, because a nanosecond flies by quickly, the door closed. Is it any wonder loneliness would follow a flash of deep communion with God! What else would it be?

Fr. Ron goes on to say that the most important and most deeply rooted loneliness we experience stems from a burning desire to see God. Maybe that is why the bishops, who gathered during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), described the Church, as a pilgrim people. Desire to see the face of God keeps us moving forward and our loneliness confirms we are not there yet. Of course, we are not just 7 billion people making solitary journeys towards God. As much as it is a drive to see the face of God, it is equally a drive to see the face of God in every person in the world. If nothing else, our own loneliness can and should sensitize us to loneliness of others and, thus, make us more compassionate and understanding individuals.

We are thirsting for love and community, for unity with God and others in a body, the body of Christ. Loneliness is God’s way of drawing us into that body (*Restless*, p. 140).

I am trying to see this pandemic as not just another cause for increased loneliness in the world, but as an invitation to draw closer to the Body of Christ. After all, what is most particular, is most universal.

Handwritten signature of Fr. Ron.



Did You Know? – Christianity is not a race for the best rooms of heaven, nor is it a contest to see who can shine more brightly. The Christian life is one of letting others go first, a life of being a servant to others.

(*The Sourcebook*, Page 123)

Exploring Our Faith

Inheritance

In the name of the Father

The first reading on this Trinity Sunday tells us about Moses on Mt. Sinai when he broke the cuneiform laws carved into tablets and transcribed, transformed and translated them onto papyrus. In that same reading Moses gives a new name for God, the first "Lord". 'Lord' in the reading, stands for the traditionally unspoken "I Am". Moses is stating a new First Commandment--"I Am Lord and God Almighty".

Those cuneiform tablets came with Abraham when he left his traditional home between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. There, a new civilization grew based on the new knowledge that Eve gave to Adam in the Garden: that Adam was the father of Eve's child. "Original Sin" was not that Eve seduced Adam but that he found that "bit" "desirable to make one wise" (Genesis 3:6) and thinking that God made him the sole progenitor, he began a civilization of possession. Adam thought the child was HIS, therefore of necessity, so was Eve, as were the things needed to support that child. Even the land was HIS. (Genesis 23:16-20) This flawed idea of Father gave rise to fundamental laws and structures of our civilization. During the next 2,000 years until the time of Abraham, the laws of inheritance ruled that the son inherited the property of his father.



And of the Son

Jesus very possibly memorized the ritual recitation in Deuteronomy 26:5-9 for His Bar Mitzvah: "My father was a wandering Aramean..." St. Peter (Acts 2 and 3) and St. Stephen (Acts 6 and 7) present longer versions of this history, culminating with Christ, crucified and risen. St. Paul's theology was based on the Promise God made to Abraham as the Father of the chosen people. Christ was the true heir of the Promise so when Jesus died on the cross, his heirs received the inheritance promised to Abraham. A new covenant was written with new recipients of the Will--the family of Jesus Christ. "My mother and my brother are those who hear the word of God and do it." (Luke 8:20, 21) Those scrolls, preserved for thousands of years and studied by Jesus, became, for Christians, "The Old Testament". The heirs of Jesus Christ were named in "The New Testament".

Who receives the inheritance? Those who do the will of Our Father in heaven (as opposed to Abraham). What is that Law and Commandment? When asked, Jesus said "Love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) And what is the Inheritance?

And of the Holy Spirit

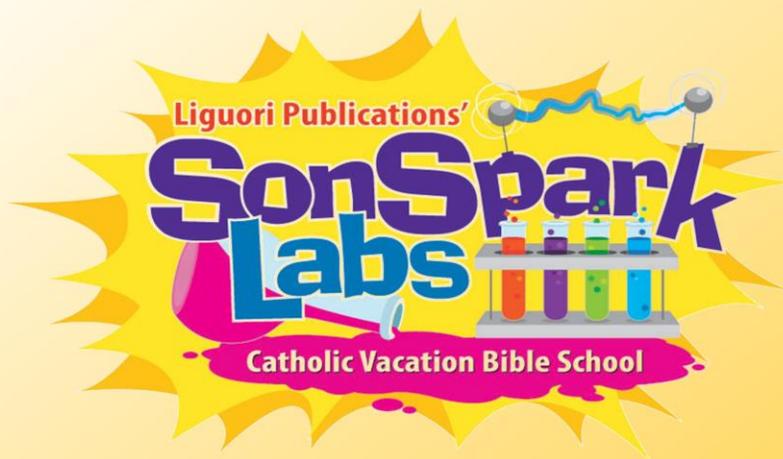
The second commandment of Jesus is actually the way to obey the second of the old commandments: Do not worship idols nor take the name of God in vain. Idols are just objects of human ideas. Our God-given intelligence leads us into the temptation of worshiping the knowledge that was so difficult to come by. When Galileo broke the heavenly spheres with the telescope and Darwin began what scientists and their microscopes revealed within us, they did not threaten "the incorruptible God" but only "images of corruptible man" (Rom 1:25) How can conflict exist between belief in the Creator and the science which shows us creation? As we know, apparently some religious people feel a conflict. The prayer of the religious leader who thanked God for his special gifts was really a prayer to his own ideas, but the prayer of the tax collector praying for mercy came from the Holy Spirit. (Luke 18: 11-13) The Holy Spirit enables us sinners to forgive and to ask forgiveness, which is how we love our neighbor. That is how the Holy Spirit creates the Communion of Saints.

Volunteers Needed

With restrictions being lifted by the provincial government that are allowing us to gather once again as faith community, albeit with lower numbers, we are in need of volunteers to assist with the implementation of new guidelines. The church must be disinfected following every liturgy; there must be a person outside the church checking people in and having them answer the Covid-19 questions; there also needs to be someone just inside the door supplying all in attendance with hand sanitizer; and finally, there must be volunteers inside the church escorting people to their seats in a manner that respects social distancing. If you feel you could help with any of these new ministries, please call Mark at the office or drop him an email. Thanks for your consideration.



On Sunday, June 21st, Al Kavanaugh will be participating in his 19th **Annual ALS Walk Strong Event**. Sadly, right now ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) is a terminal illness, but Al believes that there is still life to be lived and joy to be found and both of these deserve to be celebrated for every single person! For everybody's health, it's going to be a **virtual walk** this year, and as always, Al says that he will have his dear friend, Ken Lamey, right there by his side (and in his heart). If you would like to support Al, please call him at 389-3913. He'd love to hear from you!



ONLINE VBS

JUNE 22-26

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 10

GRADES 1-6

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Pope Francis is urging the faithful to use the coronavirus pandemic's "time of trial" to prepare for a future where inequalities are abolished and the poorest are no longer left behind.

"This is not some ideology." Pope Francis says. "This is Christianity."



Holy Family Church

Although we're a little bit late, we want to wish Mary Arsenault a wonderful 90th birthday! We are sending birthday wishes filled with happiness and love!

Holy Ghost Church

 Holy Ghost parishioners are still selling tickets (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) on a wonderful combination of gift cards worth \$300!! If anyone within our parish grouping would like to purchase tickets, please consider using e-transfer and Teresa O'Hara of Holy Ghost will put your name on the tickets. You can use the email teresa.ohara@ambulancenb.ca Thank you!

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 you can e-transfer your memorial gift, if you wish to make a donation in someone's honour.

During the month of May 2020

*At Holy Family Church, donations were made in honour of:
Jean Stewart by her daughter, Betty Lou Remington
Dr. Ashley Davidson by Jim Davidson*



*At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, donations were made in honour of:
Hazel Hendriks by Peter and Marg Mulroy
Elizabeth Gautreau by Peter and Marg Mulroy
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus by Al Daly
Florence McIntyre by Garth and Simone Berry*



Thank you for your faithful offering to our church! It has been a difficult winter and spring with Mass cancellations due to weather and now the pandemic. We are grateful for your help in meeting our financial commitments.

Weekly Collection for all Churches

Holy Family and Peoples Park Tower

Church Support \$1330.50
Maintenance Fund \$24.50

Holy Ghost Church

Church Support \$540.00
Fundraising tickets \$20.00

St. Jude's Church

Church Support \$150.00

Thank you for continuing to send in your support.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Church Support \$3258.50; Building Fund \$312.50
Social Action \$140.00; Youth \$35.00

thank you 

Coming Back to Mass!

We yearn to come together as a faith community, but first and foremost, we must be a **safe faith community**.

Depending on the size of the church, each Mass may have a maximum of **50 people** in attendance. To reserve a place, you must call the parish office at 386-6178, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. We will not take reservations outside of those hours and we cannot use email or texting as we need to speak with you when you call. There are specific questions we must ask you and some information that we must give you. **A phone call is required.**

- To start, we will celebrate weekend Mass at our four churches, as per the original schedule.
- Peoples Park Tower will have to wait a bit longer.
- We will do our best to ensure that each parishioner will get to attend once, before anyone else attends twice.
- No weekday Mass yet.

When coming to Mass, we need you to:

- In the parking lot, stay safely 6 feet apart.
- At the church door, stop and allow the volunteer to check you in.
- Inside the door, stop and you will be given hand-sanitizer (your hands will be 'squirted' ☺).
- Inside the church, follow the volunteer to your assigned seat.
- During Mass, follow all arrows and markings on the floor, so we all stay safely 6 feet apart.
- During Mass, enjoy the Music Ministry, small in numbers but mighty in song! Hum along, but for now, no singing.
- After Mass, respect the safety of keeping the 6 feet between you and your fellow parishioners while leaving the building and when out in the parking lot.

Maybe this 'new normal' won't be exactly what we **want** it to be, but it will be what we **need** it to be.

What is a Dispensation from Mass?

*Those who are sick (fever, cough, etc), those over the age of 70 and those with medical or at-risk conditions are advised not to go to church. We know that this is difficult but during the time of this pandemic, the **dispensation of Sunday Mass is given** for those who cannot go, and for those advised not to go, to church. Rather, these faithful are invited to read the Word of God and to pray in their homes and to participate in the celebrations of the Mass via TV, radio and/or the Internet.*

The words about dispensation from Mass are meant to ask people over 70 to ‘**assess their own risk**’ and ultimately, to make their own decision. If you are someone who is comfortable to go out for groceries, then you are someone who will be comfortable to come to church. We cannot wait to see everyone again, but we do want you all to remain safe and healthy. Take care!

Note: St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will continue to live-stream Mass while we are restricted to 50 people at each church. For now, live-stream Mass will continue to be from Immaculate Heart of Mary, and it will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Although not mandatory, to increase your comfort level, we encourage everyone to wear his or her own mask.

WE WANT YOU TO FEEL SAFE INSIDE YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP.

You will notice some changes to the Mass:

- **A volunteer will bring you to your pre-assigned seat(s)**
- **There will be one Lector for all readings**
- **There will be no Altar Servers**
- **We will not be singing**
- **We will wish each other the Peace of Christ by nodding, smiling, bowing and waving.**
- **We will be silent when receiving Holy Eucharist**

WE WANT YOU TO FEEL SAFE INSIDE YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP.

Please know that before each Mass, every pew, railing, door handle and all bathrooms will have been cleaned and sanitized by a crew of amazing volunteers!

Please help them by making sure that you take all of your belongings with you when you leave.