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: 386-6178

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 going through treatment, awaiting surgery or maybe just need prayers right now, including Kelly Campbell, Louise Gauvin, Maureen Merrill, Donna Babineau, Peter Lambly (brother-in-law of John Coughlan), Zach (nephew of Mandy Noble), Lorraine Stafford (sister-in-law of Bernie Stafford) and Mildred Walsh (sister of Theresa Regan Parent).

We also hold in our hearts the family and friends and all who mourn the passing of a loved one, including Florence McIntyre and Peter Hanson (husband of Carol Hanson).



Liturgies for the weekends of August 8th to August 16th, 2020

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, August 8th 4:00 p.m. Reg Fenton – Cerdic and Sandra Nelson Saturday, August 15th 4:00 p.m. Marion Black – Cerdic and Sandra Nelson

Holy Family Church

Saturday, August 8th 7:00 p.m. Deceased parents of Marie Bastarache (Anniv) – Marie and Cail

Saturday, August 15th 7:00 p.m. For the People

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, August 9th 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Herre Veldman – sister, Siene Bos

Sunday, August 16^{th} 8:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mildred Walsh – sister, Theresa R. Parent

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, August 9th 10:30 a.m. Fr. Elphège Cormier (Anniv) – Bob and Helena Vaughan Sunday, August 16th 10:30 a.m. Doug and Yvonne Simkins – Beth, Colleen and families

Daily Readings (Week of August 10th – August 16th, 2020)

Monday (St. Lawrence) 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 John 12:24-26

Tuesday (St. Clare) Ezekiel 2:8 – 3:4 Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Ezekiel 9:1-7, 10:18-22 Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday Ezekiel 12:1-16 Matthew 18:21-35-19:1

 Friday (St. Maximillian Kolbe)
 Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63
 Matthew 19:3-12

 Saturday (The Assumption)
 Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10
 1 Corinth 15:20-26
 Luke 1:39-56

Sunday (20th Sunday in 0T) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

Exploring Our Faith

THE MOST LOVING CHOICE

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

I was halfway through writing this week's reflection when I received word that my Aunt had died, and somehow the words that I had been going to write seemed irrelevant. I thought about the last time that I spoke with my aunt. She had recently been told that cancer would take her life, but it was the loneliness of her current situation that she found unbearable. Because of the pandemic she could not have visitors and the tumor in her brain had deprived her of any interest in life. Even the faith that had sustained her, her whole life seemed to have slipped out of her grasp. She was listless and except for brief flashes of anger, she was empty. Then, at the very end of the conversation something changed; there was a spark of life and a moment that felt like real connection. As I was saying goodbye, I told her that I loved her and she responded slowly and deliberately, "I know you do. I love you too." I felt the truth of her words in the core of my being, and in that experience, I felt the presence of God.

As I read Paul's words to the Romans, Aunt Judi's words keep echoing in my mind: "I know you do, I love you

too." I felt the power of those words when she spoke them, and I feel them again today. My aunt and I were never particularly close. I spent a few weeks with her when I was in my early teens and my parents were away. As I recall, those were not very easy weeks for either of us. They underscored the fact that we were very different people with very different priorities. That never really changed. We enjoyed each other's company when the family was together for holidays, but I don't recall very many one-on-one conversations. Nevertheless, when all else was stripped away, there was a debt of love between us that brought meaning and hope in a time of emptiness. In that final exchange between the two of us, there was a lifetime of belonging and



support and a sense of connection that extended beyond the two of us and held us both in a place of comfort and safety.

Paul calls love the fulfillment of the law. The purpose of the law in Jewish understanding was to bind the people to God. When we love one another, God is present; nothing else matters. That was the experience that I had with my Aunt on the telephone and that is the experience I witness over and over in my work in the hospital, as I watch families come together in love and let go of everything else in order to support the one who is sick or dying.

"Owe no one anything except to love one another." It seems so simple ... it is so simple, and yet it is so very difficult to do. Too often we get caught up in all the other things in life that seem so important: projects and goals, efficiency, productivity, reputation ... the list goes on and on. We spend so much of our time fighting for one thing or one group at the expense of another. We argue about rights and freedoms. We worry about the economy. We dread the idea of giving too much to those who do not deserve it. We disagree about who is taking advantage of whom. We despair that our world is falling apart, and we cry out, "where is God." And all the time the answer is in front of us. Focus on the one thing, the one debt and duty that matters: love one another, and in that we will find God. Each time we feel despair, each time we feel overwhelmed, we are called to pause and ask ourselves, "what is the most loving choice that I can make in this moment and in this situation?"

Pam Driedger



Our Lady of the Assumption Special Vigil Mass St. Augustine's on August 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and confession will start at 6:00 p.m. with the rosary (Glorious Mysteries) at 6:20 p.m. followed by the Litany of Loreto. Please register for the Mass by email at goodtiffany@hotmail.com or by phone at 863-3427. Please state the names of the people who will be sitting with you, contact phone number and how many of you would like confession to ensure that there are enough priests.

You will be **contacted only if there is not enough room** due to social distancing rules. Thank you and God bless!



"Could you not keep watch one hour with Me?" (Matthew 26:40)

There will be a Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on August 14th to keep vigil with Our Blessed Mother and Our Lord as Our Lady waits to be reunited with Him on her Assumption! We require a **minimum** of 2 people per hour.

To sign up, please email goodtiffany@hotmail.com or phone 863-3427.

Include your name, contact phone number and 2 optional times you are available.

You will be contacted to confirm your spot, but it will be first come first serve!

There will be specific instructions regarding sanitizing provided as well. Thank you!

Food Banks



Providing food to those in need can be difficult at the best of times.

With COVID-19, that task got a whole lot harder as many more are being served and much is needed.

Thank you all so very much!

Holy Family Church - The need is great for personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, toilet paper and deodorant. And as always, we need rice, pasta, cereal and paper towels.

Holy Ghost and Immaculate Heart of Mary Churches - We gladly accept whatever is offered but we could especially use tea, coffee, sugar, canned pasta, rice and any kind of cereal.

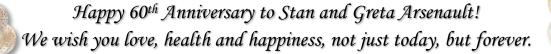
Reserve Your Spot

Please remember that you must call the parish office at 386-6178 each week to reserve the next available spot for Mass.

Thank you!



Prayer Garden – Evening prayers at the Prayer Garden have started again. Sundays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Normand 850-3841.



Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:7-8



Save the Date!

If we want our faith to remain strong and healthy, then we must invest in ourselves and take care of it!

With that in mind, the Office of Faith Development is pleased to offer a day-long formation session for catechists, taking place on September 26th at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

While of particular interest to those who are catechist coaches with their children, the day is open to all those who work in the ministry of religious instruction, i.e. marriage preparation, RCIA, baptismal preparation.

Register with Ellen by email at <u>ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com</u> or by phone at 857-9952

Register online at <u>www.diomoncton.ca</u>

Holy Family Church



Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions, Holy Family **will not be collecting School Supplies** this year. Although this has been a long-standing tradition in our church, we are going to have to wait until January 2021 and reassess the situation. Thank you to all parishioners who have supported this cause in the past and we hope to be calling on your generosity in January.

ExonMobil

¿hablas español?

One of our parishioners is recommending ExxonMobil (Moncton) in the company's search to hire Spanish-speaking Customer Service Representatives! If you speak Spanish and you think you might be interested, please give the office a call and we will pass your name along.

Weekly Collection for all Churches

Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower

(incl PADs)

Church Support \$2298.00 (54); Loose \$13.00 Maintenance Fund \$92.00 (5)

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$550.00 (14); Loose \$45.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)

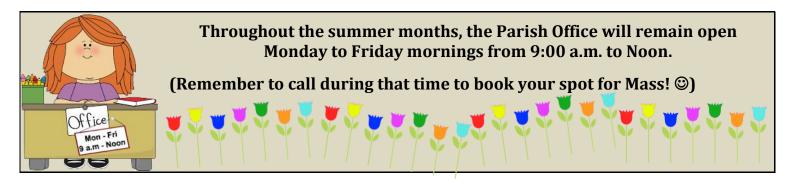
Church Support \$257.00 (11); Loose \$22.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)

Church Support \$4729.50 (97); Loose \$20.00

Building Fund \$447.50 (14)

Social Action \$250.00 (7); Youth \$30.00 (3)



Back to Mass!

To reserve a spot at Mass, please call the parish office at 386-6178, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and noon. To reduce our risk of missing someone, we try not to take reservations outside of those hours. Thank you for your understanding.

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, but for now, no singing in the pews but we'd love for everyone to hum!
- 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.

Dispensation from Mass

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, for those who are fearful to 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.

People over 70, those with medical or at-risk conditions and those who are fearful to be out during this pandemic, are asked to assess their own risk and ultimately, to make their own decision. While we are happy to see everyone again, ultimately, we want everyone to feel safe and to remain healthy.

Note: St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will continue to live-stream Mass and for now, that live-streaming will be from Immaculate Heart of Mary at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Wearing a mask is not mandatory, but it is encouraged. We even have some disposable masks at each church for anyone who asks for one. That being said, while masks are encouraged, when you're sitting in your pew, safely 6 feet away from others, you can certainly remove your mask, if you'd be more comfortable.