## 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 just need prayers right now, including Bill Morano, Bill McGrath (brother of Paul McGrath), Amanda McCordic, June Robichaud, Marilyn Taylor (dear friend of Bill Taylor) and Shelley Langis (daughter of Ann Langis).

We also pray for all who grieve and today we hold in our hearts those who mourn the death of Denise Murray. May she always be loved and never forgotten.



#### Liturgies for September 12th to 20th, 2020

#### **Holy Ghost Church**

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Gerry Stuart – a parishioner

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. For the People

**Holy Family Church** 

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Terry Lakey – the family

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Bev Ross – Betty Lou Remington

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Clovis and Natalie Maillet – Monty Maillet

**Immaculate Heart of Mary** 

Sunday, September 20th 10:30 a.m. Charles Taylor – Mary Anne Stevenson and family

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m. Hazel Hendriks – Marion Walsh Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Jean MacLean – IHM Ladies Society

Daily Readings (Week of September $21^{st} - 27^{th}$ , $2020$ )			
Monday (St. Matthew)	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13		Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday	Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13		Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday (St. Pius of Pietrelcina)	Proverbs 30:5-9		Luke 9:1-6
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11		Luke 9:7-9
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11		Luke 9:18-22
Saturday (St. Jean de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues)	Revelation 7:9-17	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Luke 9:23-26
Sunday (26th Sunday in OT)	Ezekiel 18:25-28	Philippians 2:1-11	Matthew 21:28-32

### **Exploring Our Faith**

#### THE UNFAIRNESS OF IT ALL

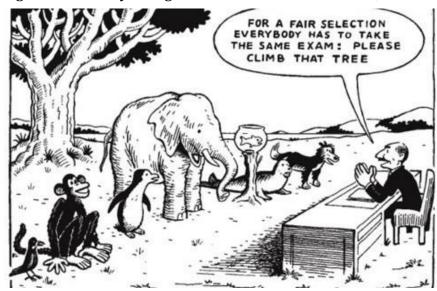
I was in high school (a Roman Catholic all girls high school) and dating the captain of the boys' Roman Catholic high school hockey team. There was an eagerly anticipated big game scheduled for the weekend. However, I was in the school choir, who were in the midst of the Kiwanis Music Festival, kind of a big deal in music circles in St. John's, NL in the 1970's. Our director, who knew a thing or two about teenage girls, and what was going on in the schools, warned us all to stay away from the game. The screaming from rooting for our team was not going to help our vocal chords for the singing required during the Festival, she told us, "You are going to have to sit this one out ladies." "It's not fair!" I said to my parents. "It's not fair! Everyone is going. I am leaving the choir!" My dad rarely engaged in these conversations – far to trivial to concern him and anyway, child management was Mom's job. But, in this situation: "Very little in life is fair, Ellen. Probably best if you learned that now," he said as I stated my case to Mom.

In the Gospel reading of this Sunday, I totally get where the first workers hired are coming from. While a case may be made for workers hired at 9:00, ones hired at 5:00 to get the same wages as those who worked all day? That doesn't seem fair at all. Yet, "My thoughts are not your thoughts ... my ways are not your ways."

My dad was right almost 50 years ago – much in life seems unfair. Is it fair that some people doing good, valuable, important, necessary work get paid exorbitant wages for that work, and others also doing good, valuable, important, necessary work receive barely a liveable income? We learned during the Covid-19 lockdown that essential work comes from a variety of occupations. Is it fair that some folks struggle to grasp even the most basic mathematical concepts, and others will someday be able to tell us how the universe started? Is it fair that Jeanne Calment from France celebrated her  $122^{nd}$  birthday, and Becca Schofield only her  $18^{th}$ ?

I have no answers for any of this. Still, I am grateful that my thoughts and actions are not God's, because

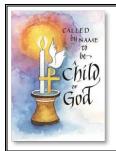
sometimes those thoughts and actions are not life-giving: not to others ... not even to me. Fair is not always equal. The owner of the vineyard is right when he tells the workers he is doing them no wrong - he paid them what he told them he would pay them. Somehow though, we expect in such situations, that we should be rewarded more - we don't want just what we need; we don't want just what we are entitled to ... we want what she has. And the more we get, the more we want. We think if we can simply have that one more thing, we will be happy; but humans are always yearning for more. I read once that luxury, once tasted, becomes



necessity. The reality of that becomes clearer to me every day.

God forgives the unforgiveable, loves the unlovable, extends mercy to cruelty. Mostly we find that difficult to understand because we are unable to do it. God, thank God, doesn't reward us only what we are merited. God's ways are higher; God's thoughts are higher. God sees what we are unable to see and responds as only God can respond.

Ellen Bennett, Office of Faith Development



# Through the Sacrament of Baptism, on August 22<sup>nd</sup> our faith family welcomed Noah Clayton Cecil Savoie, son of Nicholas and Tayla Carter John Burke, son of Shawna

Noah and Carter, may the grace and blessings received that special day, guide you throughout your life and may this holy occasion bring your family great joy and wonderful memories. Welcome sweet children of God!



As decreed by Pope Francis, September 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of the **Season of Creation**. To help us build a display at IHMC, please send in a picture of your favourite place on earth. It could be somewhere you have visited or a place you hope to go one day. You can email your photo to **sperkison@rogers.com** with an identification of the place in the photo

and your name. Please continue to send in your pictures!



#### ATTENTION ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN OF CATECHISM AGE

You can register your child for **CATECHISM** at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church from Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **or** online at <a href="https://setmoncton.com/registration/">https://setmoncton.com/registration/</a> Catechism fees are \$30 per child or \$50 per family and will be taken at time of registration.

During the day, the church doors are locked, so we ask that you ring the doorbell. You will be asked to sign in and wear a mask, social distancing is observed. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Karen by email at <a href="mailto:ihmccatechism@rogers.com">ihmccatechism@rogers.com</a> or phone 387-4198.



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



If you can think back to pre-Covid days, you may recall that we had just gotten started on our photos for the new parish directory when we were forced to put things on hold. Now, some six months later, Universal Portrait is ready to resume. You may have already received a phone call, or you will get one shortly from them looking to set up an appointment for your photo. Please be open to participating in this and be assured that all precautions

are being taken for your safety. They will be booking for appointments for the following weeks: September 29th - October 3rd; October 13th - 17th and October 20th - 24th.

If you have already had your photo taken, you will not be receiving a call.

#### **Wedding Anniversary Celebration!**



For several years, here at Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity, it has been our custom to recognize milestone wedding anniversaries being celebrated by our parishioners. This would usually include a gathering for prayer in the church followed by an evening of food and entertainment. Unfortunately, as with so many other things, we have to make adjustments

to what we would normally do. Having said that, we think it is still important to recognize these significant events in people's lives and to honour them, as they truly are signs of God's presence and love in our midst. So, on Friday, October  $16^{th}$  at 6:30 p.m. we will have a Mass for all those who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (i.e. 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, etc...). Please call and register for this Mass and we will be happy to welcome you on the  $16^{th}$ . There may even be some special treats for folks.  $\odot$ 

#### Fundraiser!



Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

#### Thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets!

We will have envelopes at each church throughout the fundraiser, so please, if you'd like a chance to win one of the wonderful prizes, put your ticket money in one of those envelopes and place it in the collection basket. Parish office staff will open these envelopes and enter your name(s) in the draw! One winning ticket will be drawn from each of the four churches on Thanksgiving weekend and then those four tickets will be put into a 'grand prize' draw.

One winner from every church!

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

 $To\ contact\ us:\ Ellen\ -\ 857-\ 9952\ or\ \underline{ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com};$ 

Trevor - 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Adult Faith Commission will meet on Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Catechetical Coordinators will meet on Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m.

All meetings take place at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Masks are mandatory upon arrival. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

#### Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower, 2020



Your final opportunity to register for this year's catechists' formation day is rapidly approaching. The formation is scheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and is open to all catechists.

To support necessary changes meant to ensure the safety of all, we will now begin at **8:30 a.m.** with prayer, offer three 1.5-hour sessions, facilitated by Trevor Droesbeck, Susan McCarthy and Charlene Peters with a 10-minute stretch break between the

sessions. No tea, coffee or snacks will be provided; however, participants are welcome to bring their own. Masks upon entrance and during one-on-one conversations is mandatory. **Participants are asked to arrive no later than 8:15 a.m. to provide time to welcome everyone safely.** 

- I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For: Vocation and the World Synod, with Trevor will invite us "to reflect on our faith journeys and the important role that discernment plays in our lives as we strive to live out our vocations, as well as enter into dialogue with the young people whom we serve as we accompany them in their faith."
- It Takes a Village: Welcoming the World to Our Sessions, with Susan will speak about the importance of extending God's abundant hospitality to all who participate in our catechetical sessions, recognizing the wonderful myriad of cultures which now make up our groups.
- When the Bottom Falls Out: Keeping the Faith in Difficult Circumstances, with Charlene will acknowledge the struggle of holding on to our faith in challenging times, particularly given our current reality.

Pre-registration, by September 23<sup>rd</sup> is necessary and may be done by contacting Ellen, Trevor, Karen or go online at <a href="http://www.diocesemoncton.ca/en/calendar-details/tending-the-soil-tending-the-sower-2020-catechist-formation-">http://www.diocesemoncton.ca/en/calendar-details/tending-the-soil-tending-the-sower-2020-catechist-formation-</a> and click anywhere on the "Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower" poster.

Participation in this day of formation is critical for all those who will be catechist coaches or helpers with children's catechesis.

#### Children's Catechesis

Given our current reality, catechism for children will begin later than usual this pastoral year, commencing the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>. This will allow parents and children the opportunity to adjust to the changes in the school system and provide parishes the necessary time to prepare to receive families in a safe way. Registration for sessions will take place over the coming weeks, so please watch your bulletins for further information on that as well as what catechism will look like this year.

#### **Holy Family Church**



Dan McGee, congratulations on celebrating your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!! We are blessed to have you in our parish and we all wish you a happy and healthy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! May you enjoy many more beautiful days ahead.

#### **Holy Ghost Church**



50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to Earl and Monica Rossiter!! Your parish community wishes you both special blessings on this milestone and many more wonderful years ahead.

#### **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

#### COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN!!



**Coats for Kids** is a joint project between the Knights of Columbus Council 9270 and our parish grouping's Social Action Committee where we work together to buy new winter coats in bulk and then donate them to Moncton Headstart! These new coats are distributed to needy children throughout the greater Moncton area. **COVID does not change that need!** 



These little children need our help, they need to be warm and so, these are the ways that you can be part of the 'Coats for Kids' effort!

- Place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked 'COATS'. To make sure you get your income tax receipt, be sure to include your name and/or envelope number.
- Drop by the parish office to drop off your donation. Remember to ring the doorbell!

#### Last week \$600 was received for Coats for Kids - well done people!!

**AND PLEASE NOTE:** Used coats are accepted as well. Anyone wishing to donate a used coat (or coats) should contact Ray March (866-4195) and he will arrange to get them picked up. Thank you!



**Assisted Listening System** – In the same way that binoculars take faraway, difficult-to-see objects and bring them closer to your eyes, there is '**Loop Hearing System**' at IHMC that will take faraway, difficult-to-hear sounds and bring them closer to your ears! This systems works for anyone who could use a little help in sharpening up the sound and/or increasing the volume, whether you wear a hearing aid or not. Please call the office if you think you'd like to try one the next time you reserve a spot for Mass.

#### **Weekly Collection for all Churches**

#### **Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower**

(incl PADs)

Church Support \$1460.50 (36); Loose \$12.00 Maintenance Fund \$94.50 (8)

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

Church Support \$807.00 (22); Loose \$3.00

#### **Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)**

Church Support 395.00 (16); Loose \$40.00 Cemetery \$200.00

#### **Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)**

Church Support \$3809.50 (102); Loose \$10.00 Building Fund \$387.50 (14)

Social Action \$205.00 (8); Youth \$55.00 (3)



The Parish Office will remain open
Monday to Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

(Remember to call during that time to book your spot for Mass! ③)