

# 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

9:00 a.m. at St. Jude's  
11:00 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, having surgery or in need of prayer, including Allister MacDonald, Lindsay Louis, Stancy Beck, Kelly Campbell, Carmel DeLong, Bill Morano, Maureen Merrill, June Robichaud and Terry Young (son of Jim and Sylvia Young).

As we close the month of November, we pray for all who have died, especially those whose names have been entered into our parish Books of the Names of the Dead. God bless them all.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



## Liturgies for November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Belva Smith – Dave and Alice Allison  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. For the People

### Holy Family Church

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Alphonsus Dennis (Anniv) – Kathleen and Eileen Dennis  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Sara Lia Loberza (Anniv) – Liliana and Gordon Trail

### St. Jude's Church

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. For the People  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Hector and Kathleen Lafferty – Albert and Marita Jackson

### Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Vernon (Mickey) Lipton – Knights of Columbus  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Charles Taylor – Mary Anne Stevenson and family

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## Daily Readings (Week of November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

Monday (St. Andrew, Apostle)	Romans 10:9-18	Matthew 4:18-22
Tuesday	Isaiah 11:1-10	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10	Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday (St. Francis Xavier)	Isaiah 26:1-6	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29:17-24	Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26	Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8
Sunday (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

# Exploring Our Faith

## A NEW BEGINNING

The first Sunday of Advent is also the first day of a new Liturgical year. Since the 2021 Sunday missal was not yet available, I opened the New Testament and read the beginning: "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." (Mt 1.1) My mother-in-law once told me that in her lifetime she read the Bible, all the way through, three times. "Except," she admitted, "for the begats. I skipped over them." Matthew 1, 2-17 presents 3 sets of 14 "begats". I imagine most of us skip over them.



If anyone has attempted to trace their genealogy today, they tend to go back through both parents. When they do it becomes quite unmanageable: 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents, 16 great, great grandparents, 32 great, great, great, grandparents. Each of us is a direct descendant of 32 people after only 5 generations. 14 times 3 generations would result in millions upon millions of direct ancestors, more than the population of the entire world. However, tracing genealogy through one parent does not reveal anything about one's genetic make-up. So what was the purpose of the genealogy through the father in Matthew, Chapter 1?

Primarily it reflected the best science of the time. As an excellent memory device, a great many historical stories are placed in chronological sequence from Abraham to Jesus, the Christ who came at the end of those times. Genealogy through the father also brought order to society. Ownership of property was inherited from father to son; the roles of men and women were simpler and sexual morality more clear-cut. Chronology was not just simpler but possible.

What causes so much of the confusion in the world today was a scientific discovery that the female is equal to the male in procreation. When Galileo saw four of the moons of Jupiter through a telescope (as we still can with ordinary binoculars) he shook the faith of many believers in the heaven of a previous science. Galileo made us realize (eventually) that belief in the Creator does not rest on our very fallible scientific explanation of creation. Likewise when Darwin saw examples of creation never seen before and scientists discovered microscopic realities about ourselves, they made us realize that our knowledge of procreation had been very incomplete. That does not change our Faith that we are all God's creation, and our limited understanding is not God's.

So when we read Matthew 1 and then go on to read Matthew 2, where one story of the virgin birth is told, we are left with a question, *How do chapter 1 and chapter 2 relate? How do faith and reason interact?* To explore is to go on a quest. A question is a new beginning that requires an open mind.

*Agnes Beirne*

**Advent Reconciliation** - As we are all aware, Covid-19 has caused many things to be done a little bit differently than normal and our Advent Reconciliation will be no exception. We are going to have a **Reconciliation Preparation Service** on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will **not** be sacramental, but rather a preparation for individual confession. **You can call the church and book an appointment for individual confession for Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until Noon, or Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** This liturgy will be live-streamed on Facebook, so if you cannot be here in person, you will be able to participate online. If you are watching from another parish unit, you can call your own parish office to schedule a time for individual confession. And finally, if you plan to attend in person, you are asked to call the office here to register.





### ***In Gratitude***

Thank you to everyone who gave me a card and/or a gift for my birthday. There were too many to respond to individually ...hundreds...no, thousands of cards. It was all so very much appreciated. Keep up the good work for next year. Just 350 more days, but who's counting?

**Fr. Phil** (a.k.a. "Greedy")

## 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.***

*NOTE: We continue to follow all Province of NB regulations. That being said, unless you have a medical reason, masks are mandatory throughout all of Mass. (i.e. from when you come into the church, during Mass, while walking up and back to your pew for communion and then again, while exiting the church) Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!*



**Did You Know?** We may sometimes feel as withered as the autumn leaves that are carried away by the wind, but in truth, we are the work of the hands of God who never forgets us. Let us be mindful of him and at the coming of Christ we will be found doing good. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent is the Church's official 'New Year's Day'. A good New Year's resolution might be to develop a good habit for keeping alert to God's saving action and to pay attention to the quiet hidden things that God is already doing in your life everyday to see you already live as God's beloved. **Happy New Year!** (Pg 6,7, 20, 21 The 2020 Sourcebook)

### **Food Banks**

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 right now, there is a need for ladies' deodorant, shampoo, drinking boxes, pudding/fruit cups, baby food and diapers (larger than 14 lbs). Also, please consider providing candy for the Christmas Aid boxes. Thank you!

 **THE METROTONES POP CHORUS** along with the **MONCTON WESLEYAN CHURCH** are holding a **FOOD, TOY, CEREAL, and CASH Donation Drive-Through Event** Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. (storm date December 13<sup>th</sup>) in the Moncton Wesleyan Church parking lot, 945 St. George Boulevard. All food and cash donations will assist **Food Depot Alimentaire** and the toys donated will assist **Moncton Headstart** in its annual toy drive. Check out ALL the details at [www.metrotones.org](http://www.metrotones.org). **COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE.**

 **Albert County Christmas Aid – OPEN TO ALL!** - Phone lines for the Albert County Christmas Aid are now open and will stay open until Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please call **386-1771** to register your family and when you call, be sure to have Medicare numbers available for all those in the family you are registering. **For those wishing to visit Headstart Toyland**, an appointment will be assigned at this time. Only one family per address can be registered and please note that you cannot register for another family. **Act now, as you will not be able to register for Albert County Christmas Aid at any other time. There will be no extensions to these dates.**

 **Let's Do Lunch!** Want to consider something different for gifts this year? 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! **Especially this year**, Karing Kitchen says thank you for your generosity and for sharing your love.

## Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

### Family/Seniors' Mass – December 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 p.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary

6:00 p.m. – St. Jude's

6:00 p.m. – Holy Family

8:00 p.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary  
(live-stream)

### Christmas Day - Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. – Holy Ghost

### New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

4:00 p.m. - Holy Ghost

### New Year's Day - Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary



We are accepting donations in memory of deceased family and friends for Christmas season environment in each of our churches! 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, mail it in to the office or use one of the online payment options. Call the office if you have any questions. Thank you!

### LITURGICAL COLOURS



Have you wondered about meaning of the colours of Christmas?

Christmas reds and greens are part of our secular tradition remarking this season of joy and celebration. So why, I ask myself, does the church insist on gold and white? I did a bit of research that I think is interesting and worthy of note.

I found that the colours of red and green actually came from several sources in folklore, and believe it or not, from an advertisement for Coca Cola in the early 1950s, featuring Santa Claus wearing red and holding a green sprig of holly. Later, the artist Norman Rockwell painted the red and green theme in his images, some finding their way onto magazine covers and other illustrations including Christmas cards and calendars. Interesting! Yes and we will, traditionally all brighten our homes with the secular reds and greens, bells and holly, and maybe, a strategically placed sprig of mistletoe. These are part of our cherished traditions and they hold great value.

The church also holds true to its traditions, including liturgical colours, ensuring the church environment encourages “whispers rather than shouts”. Decorations in the church are intended to enhance the mystery being celebrated rather than being an end in themselves. The official colours of Christmas are white and gold, representing innocence, joy, and triumph. Being soft colours they are more restful than the screaming “look at me” heavier reds. White also represents the holiness of Christ as the richness of gold in the designs represents his dignity and kingship. Helen Keaton, a noted liturgical design consultant, notes that the central focus should never be the environment; rather everything should be done in moderation so that “when liturgy speaks, the din of the environment isn’t dominant.”



We are all tired of the restrictions and lifestyle changes demanded by the pandemic, in the words of Auntie Mame, “We need a little Christmas”. Decorate your living spaces with bright lights and cheering colours, enjoy the sounds of laughter and singing. Eat lots of turkey and mince pie, enjoy a little afternoon nap on the sofa. During this blessed Christmas season though, the church will continue its tradition of white and gold; with the quiet, simple beauty, in our nave, of the gentle white and gold that encourages prayerful contemplation of the true meaning of this sacred season.

The Environment Team wishes you all a happy, joy-filled Christmas.

## Holy Ghost Church

**50/50 Draw** – will be drawn in the coming weeks and will include a draw for these three items donated by Jean. Thank you Jean! 1) Fire Extinguisher 2) Fire and CO<sub>2</sub> Detector 3) Small Lantern

**Christmas Mass at Holy Ghost Church** will be on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and on New Year's Eve at 4:00 p.m. Holy Ghost is asking that all parishioners start to call now, if they plan to attend. With COVID, we need to ensure seating is appropriate and registered. You can reach the office at 386-6178 or contact Teresa at 874-6123. We will do our best to accommodate as many as we can.



**Advent Tree** - Let's again this year attempt an Advent tree of Gifts for the less fortunate. We will conclude on the third Sunday of Advent so that the gifts can be forwarded on. Thank you all!

## Holy Family Church



Please note that due to our Orange level, the Holy Family Parish Council that was scheduled for this Tuesday evening, **has been postponed**. That being said, if there are any items you would like brought up at our future meeting, please let one of the council members know or email the office. Minutes from council meetings can be found at the back of the church and are posted on our website.

## St. Jude's Church



Congratulations to **Ian Hoogendyk** on celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at his home parish of St. Jude's this Sunday morning. Ian, may you have the courage to live as a beloved child of God and the wisdom and knowledge to discern the presence of the Holy Spirit. May you use your judgement to make good choices throughout your life and see wonder and awe in the ordinary. May the grace of this sacrament fill you with reverence, and may you feel the unconditional loving presence of God throughout your life.

## Envelope Fundraiser!

Have you picked an envelope yet? We need you to help us raise an extra \$2,500 before the end of 2020. How can you help? Choose an envelope off the fundraiser wall and donate that amount to the parish. It's simple! This is a chance to make up for missed Sunday's collection, or a chance to put a little extra in with your regular collection. We are all so grateful that we have been able to gather as a community at our church and we need your help to make our financial commitments for this year. You could choose your favorite number, the ages of your kids, your anniversary date, or a combination of amounts or any number! All donations are accepted! Give the parish office a call if you want to send an e-transfer or donate by credit card. If you are unable to get to church, but wish to participate, give us a call at the parish office and we can get you set up.

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

**Given that we've moved to Orange, the IHM Ladies Society December meeting has been cancelled.**



We still want to do something wonderful for Harvest House, though! So Ladies please, (and anybody else who wants to participate!) bring in your \$5 or \$10 Tim Horton's gift cards and maybe some candy or chocolates. Craft supplies are appreciated especially adult coloring books, colored pencils or crayons, puzzles and puzzle books. Hand warmers are a big help too! Bring your contributions into the church, loose and unwrapped and you will see a blue bin right there in the foyer for your contributions. Any questions at all, please call Janet Gordon. Thank you all!



On **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, the Knights will be hosting a Comfort Food and Puzzle Sale in support of the Albert County Christmas Aid and the Coats for Kids Programs. This will be at the Dan Bohan Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you have any **puzzles or board games** you would like to donate, please contact Ray March at 386-2870 or at [march.ray@gmail.com](mailto:march.ray@gmail.com).

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

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## Journey Through Advent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has created this new online weekly video series to help the Canadian Catholic faithful prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. A joint project involving the CCCB's Office national de liturgie, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, the initiative was developed as a way, through the modern method of video messaging, to offer a resource that enriches faith formation during a time of joyful anticipation for the coming of the Lord and Saviour into the world. The videos serve as an introduction to the liturgical season and present reflections on the Gospel readings

for each Sunday in Advent. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. Especially relevant given the COVID-19 pandemic that places limitations on in-person gatherings for faith communities, it is hoped that *Journey through Advent* will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful preparation for all. The videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration: November 23, 30, December 7 and 14. The series may be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/>

## A Wonderful Life in Christ (via Zoom)



Everyone is invited to join us for a series of four discussions as we reflect on the themes of the 1946 film "It's a Wonderful Life," and relate it to our Christian story. Sessions are open to anyone, will take place on Zoom the four weeks of Advent: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Karen for more information at 387-4198 or register through the website for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, [www.setmoncton.com](http://www.setmoncton.com).

## Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom)

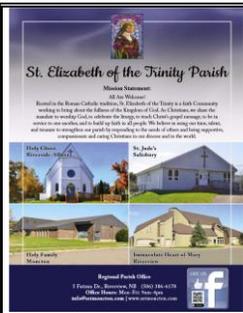


Join Karen and Trevor on Zoom as they share lessons in faith using science experiments that your children (grades 1-6) will do at home. Our next session will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, DEC 10TH.** Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or [ihmccatechism@rogers.com](mailto:ihmccatechism@rogers.com) for more information and to register.

## Keepsake Christmas (via Zoom)



Families from all parishes are invited to register for an online gathering where each family will create its own miniature nativity set as they learn about the Nativity story. The session will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Karen for more information at 387-4198 or register through the website for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, [www.setmoncton.com](http://www.setmoncton.com). **Spaces for this event are limited so please register early.**



As we approach 2021, there is a small window of time where new advertisers are able to sign on. If you own a business or know of a credible company that may benefit from this advertising, please call Shani Court at 506-875-1962 or you can email her at [church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com](mailto:church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com). Space on the back of our bulletins is an effective way to advertise in a highly credible local venue. Please note that these advertisements will appear in seven local parishes in Moncton/Riverview area. Also, as we have all year long, we encourage our parishioners to support these advertisers, as they are supporting our parish grouping!

## St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



**Completing 2020** - We are coming into the last month! Let's make up for any offerings that you missed over the year. **Every dollar counts** - together we can meet the financial commitments for the year. Donations can be made in so many ways! Call Anne at the Business Office for more information and thank you!!



### The 2021 offering envelopes will be available soon!

When you receive 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? Just call Anne. ☺

## Memorial Gifts

*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 click on the 'Donate' button on our website ([www.setmoncton.com](http://www.setmoncton.com)) or simply contact the parish office for the various options, if you wish to make a donation in someone's honour.*

### During the month of October and November 2020

*At St. Jude's Church, a donation was made in memory of:*  
**Walter Constantine** by Evelyne and Normand Jaillet

*At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, donations were made in memory of:*

**Tom Cooney Sr.** by Al and Corinne Kavanaugh  
**Cal Luedee** in honour of his birthday (Oct 25<sup>th</sup>) by Eileen, girls and families  
**Joan Mabee** by Al and Corinne Kavanaugh  
**Brian Berry** by Simone Berry  
**Rick Osborne** by Simone Berry  
**Carman Smith** by Al and Corinne Kavanaugh & Simone Berry  
**Donald O'Connor** by Al and Corinne Kavanaugh

## Weekly Collection for all Churches

### Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs)

Church Support \$2935.50 (38); Loose \$5.00  
 Maintenance Fund \$59.50 (4)

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

Church Support \$1410.20 (20); Loose \$12.00  
 Fundraiser to date \$55.00 (2)

*thank you* ♥

### Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$375.00 (15)

### Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)

Church Support \$3554.50 (97); Loose \$20.00  
 Building Fund \$647.50 (37)  
 Social Action \$145.00 (26); Youth \$60.00 (22)