

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish

Holy Family Church



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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 in need of prayer, including Allister MacDonald, Lindsay Louis, Stancy Beck, Kelly Campbell, Maureen Merrill, June Robichaud, Terry Young (son of Jim and Sylvia Young) and Shelley Langis (daughter of Ann Langis and niece of Marion Walsh).

We also pray for those who have died and especially this day, we pray for Eddie LeBlanc, uncle of Mike LeBlanc.

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6th, 2020

Liturgies for December 5th to 13th, 2020

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, December 5 th	4:00 p.m.	For the People	
Saturday, December 12 th	4:00 p.m.	Louis Beck - Manley, Georgina and Chelsea	

Holy Family Church

Saturday, December 5 th	7:00 p.m.	Sara Lia Loberza (Anniv) - Liliana and Gordon Trail	
Saturday, December 12 th	7:00 p.m.	Infant Lena - Ken and Carmelle Cochrane	

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, December 6 th	9:00 a.m.	Hector and Kathleen Lafferty - Albert and Marita Jackson	
Sunday, December 13 th	9:00 a.m.	Elize Hooper & Douglas Taylor - Bill Taylor and Marilyn Taylor	

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, December 6 th	11:00 a.m.	Charles Taylor - Mary Anne Stevenson and family	
Sunday, December 13 th	11:00 a.m.	For the People	

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Daily Readings (Week of December 7th to 13th, 2020)

<i>Monday (St. Ambrose, Bishop)</i>	Isaiah 35:1-10	Luke 5:17-26	
<i>Tuesday (The Immaculate Conception)</i>	Genesis 3:9-15, 20	Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12	Luke 1:26-38
<i>Wednesday</i>	Isaiah 40:25-31		Matthew 11:28-30
<i>Thursday</i>	Isaiah 41:13-20		Matthew 11:11-15
<i>Friday</i>	Isaiah 48:17-19		Matthew 11:16-19
<i>Saturday (Our Lady of Guadalupe)</i>	Zechariah 2:10-13		Luke 1:39-47
<i>Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)</i>	Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28

Exploring Our Faith

.....BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

The recent increase in COVID restrictions has added a whole new level of stress to an already stressful time of year for many. News that a vaccine may be available in the “near future” does little to alleviate the frustration of not being able to be with family and friends, or to ease the worries of financial insecurities. Our ability to be compassionate and tolerant with one another is being stretched to its limits.



I found unexpected comfort in today’s readings for they all told that, much as it may *feel* otherwise, God hasn’t abandoned us or isn’t punishing us. God is here, right in the middle of all this mayhem. (Throughout Advent we’re reminded of this when Jesus is called “Emmanuel,” which means “God with us!”) The second reading from the Letter of St. Peter urges us to be patient. Much as we would like God to solve our situation “by yesterday,” our sense of urgency isn’t always in sync with God’s sense of time. *“The Lord is not slow about his promises, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.”*

We hear the word “*repentance*” again in the gospel. It is unfortunate that the word is often used to mean a confession of sin and guilt. In fact, it is more about a radical, open-minded willingness to change one’s life’s directions. The baptism of repentance proclaimed by John the Baptist recognized that people thirsted for a better life of meaning and purpose. Their baptism symbolized a new commitment to change their life into one where God was the center. John tells them that another [Jesus], would baptize with the Holy Spirit; a baptism that would *empower* them into a whole new way of living. We sometimes forget that we too, were baptized into that same Spirit and were given the same power of God within us, needed to change our perspective to be more in tune with God’s.

Twice today, we hear the line, *“A voice cries out in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.”* How can we hear God’s voice more clearly speaking within the messy “wilderness” of today’s world? How can we “*make straight roads*” or level the “*mountains...and uneven ground*” that prevent us from seeing that God is truly among us and has not abandoned us in our fears and worries?

St. Peter’s letter tells us we must first become patient; not only with God’s plan of action but with one another!! *“...while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace.”* Acknowledging that everyone around us is dealing with the same stresses and fears, should guide us to become more tolerant and compassionate with one another.

This year of COVID confusions has led me to use the verse from 1 Corinthians 13:13 as my new mantra: *“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”* To have *faith* is to trust that God is near and active in our lives. To have *hope* is to trust that God’s goodness and love will prevail. To *love*, is to act as a living sign of that faith and hope. Even when I have fears and doubts, I can still *act* with compassion, tolerance and love. Every time I step back, pray for God’s guidance and act with God’s love as my motivation, my faith and hope are restored. A simple act of love is to start with a sense of gratitude for all that is good in this world. AND there is a lot of good still in this world.

** “Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.”*
AMEN!

(*older, pre-2011 translation of Roman Missal)

Mary Joshi

Did You Know? Early pioneers would bring their wagon wheels in for the winter to prevent warping. Wheels were stored hung from the ceiling and, decorated with greenery and lights to ward off the winter darkness, they became like our Advent wreaths. The lighting of the four candles on the Advent wreath helps bring attention to the increasing light that Christ brings as Christmas approaches. Christians are called to bear witness to that light by reflecting it and radiating it in their own lives. (Pg 2,4 The 2020 Sourcebook)



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 leave your car to walk into the church, during all the Mass, while walking up and back to your pew for communion and then again, while exiting the church, all the way back to your car).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



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 this Thursday, December 10th 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 11th from 9:00 a.m. until Noon, or Saturday, December 12th 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 must call the office here to register.



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!



Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Family/Seniors' Mass - December 23rd
6:00 p.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31st
4:00 p.m. - Holy Ghost

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th
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)

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1st, 2021
11:00 a.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

Remember, we will start taking reservations on December 14th.

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th
10:00 a.m. - Holy Ghost



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 12th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.** (storm date December 13th) 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](http://www.metrotones.org) the details at www.metrotones.org.



COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE.

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.



Wedding Anniversary Celebration!



One recent Friday evening, we recognized milestone wedding anniversaries celebrated by parishioners throughout our parish grouping, during the COVID year of 2020. We needed to get creative, because as with so many other things, we had to make adjustments to what we would normally do. We thank all couples who were able to participate and we want you all to know that next year (oh, that magical 2021 year), we will try to do this again, but with the social side of things - with a lovely meal and some mingling and mixing. You will all be invited back!

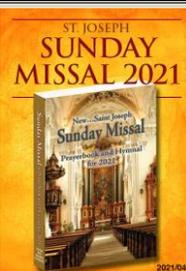
Thank you from Harvest House!!



The response to the need for dishtowels and dishcloths was fantastic and very much appreciated! Thank you to everyone from across the parish grouping for your kindness and caring!



Thank you to the ladies of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** who continue to knit the wonderful hats, mitts and scarves! As the temperature begins to drop, your time, your talent and most of all, your kindness, are greatly appreciated by all!



Missal Update!

We know that many of you are patiently waiting for the 2021 St. Joseph's Missal and we want you to know that we are trying! Our order was placed weeks ago, we've been calling and trying to track down the books but so far, we have not been successful. Please know that we won't give up and we're so sorry to keep you waiting. We will do our best to find a way to get these to you!

Holy Ghost Church

Congratulations!

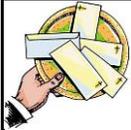
Fundraising and Winners!

Congratulations to Dan McSheffery, winner of the 50/50 draw and \$64.50, to Fr. Phil winner of the fire extinguisher, to Shirley Teahan, winner of the lamp and to Samantha MacDonald, winner of the fire alarm. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

Christmas Mass at Holy Ghost Church will be on December 25th 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!



Offering Envelopes for 2021 will be available at the church a bit later in December. Anyone not currently using envelopes but would like to, please do not hesitate to contact Teresa. Thank you all for your support.

St. Jude's Church

Envelope Fundraiser! Drum roll..... \$937.00 raised so far! Awesome!



So, have you picked up an envelope yet? As you know, our goal is to raise an extra \$2,500 for the church before the end of 2020. And how can you help, you might ask? You can choose an envelope off the fundraiser wall and donate that amount to the parish. It's so simple! This is your chance to make up for missed Sunday's collection or to put a little extra in with your regular collection. We are 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.

Thank you all!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



The IHM Ladies Society is doing something wonderful for Harvest House this Christmas! We are calling on all Ladies, and anybody else who wants to participate, to 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 IHMC, loose and unwrapped and you will see a blue bin right there in the foyer for your contributions.



Postponed!! Given our current Orange level, the Knights of Columbus have decided to postpone their Comfort Food and Puzzle Sale until January 2021.

Thank you for your understanding and as always, your continued support.

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

To contact us: Ellen - 857- 9952 or ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com;
Trevor - 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Journey Through Advent

The CCCB's Advent video series continues this week. The newest video will be on the website by December 7th. Developed to help the Canadian Catholic faithful prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, 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 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, with three weeks remaining:

December 11th, 18th and 21st 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.

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 14th at 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.

Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com for more information and to register.

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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. 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!



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!!

2020 Charitable Donation Receipts



Thank you for being so generous to the church at Christmas! To count for your 2020 offering income tax receipt, donations must be received in the collection baskets by Sunday, Dec 27th or at the parish office until Dec 28th. The office will be open to receive donations on Monday, December 28th from 9-11 a.m. You are welcome to donate in person, by email, e-transfer or by credit card (during office hours) or online by using the Donate button on the website, www.setmoncton.com. Thank you all so very much!

The 2021 offering envelopes are now available.....but how to get them safely to parishioners??

- St. Jude's, your envelopes have all been delivered to the church.
- Holy Ghost, your envelopes should be available at the church a bit later in December.
- IHM and Holy Family:
 - Over the next several weeks, for those who are attending Mass, expect to receive your box of envelopes as you enter the church and/or you'll find them waiting for you in your pew. ☺
 - If you are not attending Mass but would be able to come to the parish office to pick up your envelopes, please do so!
 - If you are not attending Mass and cannot pick up your envelopes, please give us a call!



AND, for everyone, 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.

Weekly Collection for all Churches

Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs)
 Church Support \$1425.50 (44); Loose \$13.00
 Maintenance Fund \$119.50 (5)

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)
 Church Support \$457.00 (13); Loose \$25.00
 Fundraiser to date! \$937.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)
 Church Support \$267.00 (15)
 Donation \$20.00 (1); Cemetery \$20.00 (1)
 Christmas Flowers \$60.00 (3); 50/50 \$64.50

Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)
 Church Support \$6208.50 (116); Loose \$12.00
 Building Fund \$442.50 (15)
 Social Action \$345.00 (14); Youth \$35.00 (6)

thank you ♥