

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

If we remain in the RED COVID level:
in-person Mass remains cancelled
Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 10:00 a.m.

If we move to the ORANGE COVID level:
we may have up to 50 people registered for Mass
Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 11:00 a.m.



Parish Office is open mornings 9 a.m. - noon

**To meet with Fr. Phil, Fr. Charlie or for confession,
please call to make an appointment - 386-6178. If no answer, please leave a message.**



We pray to bring strength to those who are in need of prayer, including Inez Doiron (sister of Anne Griffin), Terry Murphy (brother of Colleen Murphy), Bill Morano, Gerald Melanson and his family, Thérèse Elward and Christine Spykerman (sister of Siene Bos).

We also pray for those who have died, including Peter Cormier, Allister MacDonald and Annette Fairweather (sister of Angela Wilson).



If in ORANGE

Liturgies for February 6th to 14th, 2021

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, February 6th 4:00 p.m. Gerry Stuart – Donna and family

Saturday, February 13th 4:00 p.m. Fred Mercer – the late, Francis and the late, Clare O'Hara

Holy Family Church

Saturday, February 6th 7:00 p.m. Deceased parents (Anniv) – son, Cail and Marie Bastarache

Saturday, February 13th 7:00 p.m. Margaret McNeil – Roy McNeil

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, February 7th 9:00 a.m. In honour of St. Jude for favours obtained – a parishioner

Sunday, February 14th 9:00 a.m. Marilyn DeAdder – Joyce, Nicole and André Amirault

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, February 7th 11:00 a.m. Jean Caissie (Anniv) – Bob and Helena Vaughan

Sunday, February 14th 11:00 a.m. Margaret Comeau – Dan and Carol Lunney

If in RED

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Exploring Our Faith

SUFFERING AND GRACE

The Book of Job is one of the most interesting books in the Old Testament. Most scholars agree that the person of Job didn't exist but that he represents every person who has ever suffered undeserved hardship. Job had everything: wealth, health and a large family to ensure his future legacy. He assumed his life was good because God had rewarded him for being loyal and for having lived a good and righteous life. (Satan argues that Job is only loyal to God *because* his life is good. If his life had been rotten, he wouldn't be so loyal!) Through a series of disasters, Job loses everything: his possessions, his family and his health. Although he remains loyal to God, our first reading is taken from a time when he bemoans the unfairness of his predicament, arguing he had done nothing wrong to *deserve* the hardships he is now experiencing.



The Book of Job deals with that difficult question many of us have asked, "Why do bad things happen to good people." (Also, the title of a wonderful book by Harold S. Kushner.) We know that innocent children sometimes suffer cancer and abuse. We see how natural disasters destroy the homes and livelihoods of people who were only in the wrong place at the wrong time. We are experiencing a random pandemic that is causing the death and economic destruction of innocent and vulnerable people. We, too, might be lamenting, "It's not fair!"

Although today's reading from Job ends on a sentiment of despair, it is important to note that Job's story doesn't end there. His own pain and suffering lead him to a newfound understanding that suffering is an inherent part of being human and he becomes more compassionate toward others who suffer innocently. He also knows that God hasn't abandoned him, nor does God reward or punish him for his level of goodness or sinfulness. Job teaches us that suffering often cannot be predicted or controlled, but we *can* control how we respond to it.

The readings of today challenge us to think less about why suffering happens, and to focus more on our *response* to hardships and suffering either within our own lives or that of others. Are we pessimists who spend our energies on complaining about the unfairness of it all and seeking out someone to blame? Are we optimists who feel life is a gift, despite all its pain and messiness and so spend our energy on easing the hardships as best we can?

Today's gospel shows us how Jesus responds to the pains and suffering of humanity. At the time, it was believed that illness was caused by demons and given as a punishment for having sinned. Although Jesus is inundated with people seeking to be healed, he offers his healing to everyone who asks, *without* judgment. The first to be healed in today's gospel is Peter's mother-in-law. She models for us a response by serving those around her. To be a follower of Jesus is to serve and to help ease the sufferings of those around us without judgement of their "worthiness."

Sometimes in our pain, we exert a great deal of energy looking for explanations or pointing fingers of blame, and we get distracted from actually doing something to alleviate that pain. Like Job, we are called to trust that God is present amidst our sufferings and giving us the grace we need to work within it. Grace allows us to see loss also as a source of gain. Grace opens our eyes to new perspectives we may not have been able to see before. Our present pandemic has been both a source of suffering *and* grace. I hope that when we get through this all, we will remember how the light of God's grace *was* working among us, making us more aware of our connectedness to one another and empowering us to become a better, more compassionate community.

Mary Joshi

Did You Know? We give gifts to show our love for one another. When we act with kindness, fairness and honesty, we give God the gift he desires, that we love one another as he loves us.

(Pg 52, Sourcebook 2020)



Food Banks



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

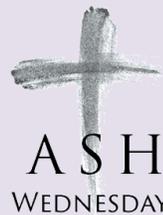
Holy Ghost and Immaculate Heart of Mary Churches - We gladly accept whatever is offered but right now, there is a need for ladies' deodorant, shampoo, drinking boxes, pudding/fruit cups, baby food and diapers (larger than 14 lbs). Thank you!

Daily Readings (Week of February 8th – 14th, 2021)

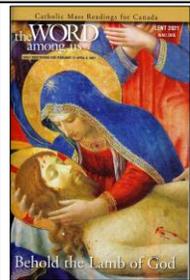
Monday	Genesis 1:1-19	Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday	Genesis 1:20-2:4	Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday (St. Scholastica)	Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17	Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	Genesis 2:18-25	Mark 7:24-30
Friday	Genesis 3:1-8	Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	Genesis 3:9-24	Mark 8:1-10
Sunday (6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
		Mark 1:40-45

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 – Mass Schedule

12:00 p.m. (noon)	Holy Family Church
2:30 p.m.	Holy Ghost Church
5:00 p.m.	St. Jude's Church
7:00 p.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary



Please note that these Masses will take place only if we move to the ORANGE level.



The Word Among Us – Lenten Daily Devotions

The Word Among Us booklet (Lenten Season) is available by calling the parish office at (386-6178). It includes daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, essays of inspiration, testimonies and stories of the saints and other Christian heroes. This little publication is meant to help you as you seek to make the most out of this Lenten season. We have limited copies at the office, so please don't wait to call. If you can, we ask for \$3.00 to help offset the cost of the booklet.

Please remember that if you come to the church/parish office for any reason, you must always wear a mask.



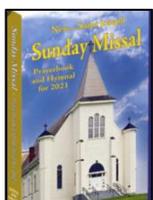
To watch the live-stream Mass, on Sunday morning go to:

- our website at www.setmoncton.com and click on the link or
- go directly to our Facebook (Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity parish) page.

Immediately after Mass, the video will be uploaded to YouTube. (SET Moncton)

Holy Ghost Church

2021 Sunday Missals



Today, with COVID-19 affecting how we worship, this Missal can serve as a welcome companion to help you participate more fully in the Mass—our greatest prayer. With this little Missal, you would have the complete readings and prayers for all the Masses celebrated on the Sundays and Holydays of the Church Year.

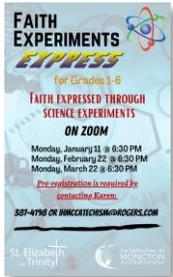
These little Missals are \$5.00 each and while there are copies at Holy Ghost Church, we also have a couple left at the Parish Office. Please call 386-6178 if you'd like one.



Catechetical Gatherings:



Until we return to Yellow Alert Level, children's catechism will be held virtually. Please arrange with your parish catechetical coordinator to have the necessary supplies for the sessions.



Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom)

Learn about faith using science experiments! Designed for young people in grades 1-6, participants will be guided step by step through various fun and simple science experiments that will help them to learn more about faith and scripture. The next sessions will take place at 6:30 p.m. on February 22nd, and March 22nd.

Contact Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com to register.

The End is Nigh of an Era: Exploring the Book of Revelations, Part 2



When will all that is spoken of in the Book of Revelations take place? Are we judged individually at the time of our death, or as part of large groups as depicted in some paintings?

The questions continue to surface from the first gathering, so the virtual conversation about the Book of Revelations with presenters Dr. Fiona Black and Dr. Andrew Wilson continues Tuesday, February 16th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Fiona and Andrew will answer your questions from the first session and dig a little deeper into the end of the world images we see in Revelation passages. It is not necessary to have attended the first session to join us, but if you had attended that, you will need to re-register if you do plan to join us again. Contact Ellen to register.

"We're All in this Together": Exploring Pope Francis's encyclicals, Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti



In all his writing, Pope Francis calls us to see the world through a different lens, emphasizing the unconditional and unending love of God for all God has created and the importance of our connectedness with this creation. In *Laudato Si'*, calling us to care for our common home, he states: "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." (LS#13) In *Fratelli Tutti*, on fraternity and

social friendship, he says: "To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family, dwelling in a common home." (FT#17)

Lent is the Church's season of repentance and conversion. What better time to dig deeper into the message these two beautiful documents wish to share with us? Join Sr. Denise Lirette, fj and Dr. Andrew Wilson on February 18th, March 4th and March 18th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. as they share the message contained in these words of Francis, and explore with us, how we should respond. Given the fluidity of the COVID-19 challenges, we are uncertain at this time, whether these gatherings will be a hybrid of physical and virtual, or completely virtual. We'll keep you posted on that. For now, register with Ellen, and we will see where we are led.

Adult Faith Commission meeting has been rescheduled yet again – darn COVID – to Tuesday, Feb 23rd. We will keep our fingers crossed that by that time, Zone 1 will be out of red alert, out of orange alert and back to yellow alert. Meeting time, 6:30 p.m. at 45 York Street.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



40 Cans for Lent!

We are going to 'COVID-change' our Lenten Project this year so that we **can** still help those in need, but we want to do it safely and securely in the midst of the pandemic. So:



1. **You CAN** donate to the cause through e-transfer, collection basket (once we're back to Mass), mail in your cheque, any which way you wish, and each week we'll translate that money into 'virtual' cans!
2. **You CAN** still buy your cans while you do your grocery shopping but please keep those cans at home throughout the Lenten Season. Tuck them away, adding to your pile over the 40 days and the Knights will be 'out-and-about' at the end of March for pickup!

Each week, we will show the 'virtual can count' in the bulletin, translating donations into number of cans and then at the end of March, after the community pick-up, we'll add in the actual cans that were picked up.

Together, we CAN do this - and not let COVID-19 derail this much-needed Lenten project!



As a part of this year's Riverview Winter Carnival, the Knights of Columbus will offer a **HOT MEAL TAKEOUT** for those who would like something hot after being out and about!

WHAT: Winter Carnival Hot Meal Takeout

WHEN: **Saturday, February 13th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

COST: \$5.00 per 16 oz serving (2 cups)

**If still in the RED
COVID level this
event will be
cancelled.**

For more information and/or to pre-order, go to www.townofriverview.ca/koc

Knights of Columbus Council 9270 is offering 4 bursaries of \$500 each to graduates of Riverview High School who are children and/or grandchildren of fellow Knights. Applications must be received no later than **May 3rd**. Also, do not forget about the \$800 Knights NB State Council bursary application, due by **March 1st**.



In these COVID times, please call the office and we can:

- email these applications to you or
- put a copy of each form in the church mailbox for you to pick up

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If you would like to start 2021 with a renewed commitment to our parish, please consider starting a PAD offering, becoming a consistent envelope or online contributor, or increasing your offering over last year. What will you give back to God for the blessings you have received? Together we can meet our goals for 2021.



For 2020, donation receipts (HF, IH, SJ) for income tax purposes will be delivered to donors by mail or email only. If you haven't already, you should receive them this week. To receive your receipt by email, please email annemarcoux@rogers.com and indicate your name and email address and your receipt will be forwarded to you.

**Have You
Considered
PAD?**
(Pre- Authorized Debit)

Weekly Offerings for all Churches - January 30th/31st, 2021

Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs)
Church Support \$1365.50 (34)
Maintenance Fund \$179.50 (9)

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$280.00 (3)

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$0.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$3469.50 (80)
Property Upkeep \$417.50 (14)
Youth \$85.00 (7); Social Action \$170.00 (11)

*Thank
you*