# 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 and comfort to those in need, including Bill Morano, Janet Robichaud, Elizabeth Violette (grandmother of Rhiannon Violette), Ainsley Mongraw (daughter of Anne Mongraw) and Marilyn Taylor (dearest friend of Bill Taylor).

We also pray for those who have died, including Diane Kenney and Lou Santucci (sister-in-law of Joe and Dale Santucci).



# Liturgies for April 11th to April 18th, 2021

#### **Holy Ghost Church**

4:00 p.m. Winnie Smith - Sandra MacDonald St. Elizabe h Saturday, April 10th Saturday, April 17th Eunice Cail - Sandra MacDonald 4:00 p.m.

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**Holy Family Church** 

Saturday, April 10th 7:00 p.m. Vincent and Margaret Whelton - Mary Kouyoumdjian

Muriel Dallaire - Kathleen Dennis 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17th

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. Bertha Roy - Laura and Ernie Peters

Sunday, April 18th Michelle Despres (Anniv) – Terry and Yvonne Clancy 8:30 a.m.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary** 

10:30 a.m. Hazel Hendriks (Anniv) - The Royal Ladies Sunday, April 11th Vance Toner (Anniv) - Pauline Toner Sunday, April 18th 10:30 a.m.

# Daily Readings (Holy Week of April 12th - 18th, 2021)

Monday Acts 4:23-31 John 3:1-8 **Tuesday** Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21 **Thursday** Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36 **Friday** Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15 Acts 6:1-7 Iohn 6:16-21 Saturday (St. Kateri Tekakwitha) Luke 24:35-48 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Sunday (3rd Sunday of Easter) 1 John 2:1-5

# **Exploring Our Faith**

# DARK NIGHTS OF THE SOUL

that what we believed to be unchangeable is now somewhat unstable.

When unexpected loss, trauma or darkness envelops us, or those we love, we sometimes question our deepest beliefs in God and in ourselves. Although varied reasons exist, few of us have managed to totally avoid these times of soul-searching crises. Our present pandemic has been such

these times of soul-searching crises. Our present pandemic has been such a catalyst for some. Although some people have enjoyed discovering previously untapped sources of faith enrichment, the loss of "normal" has left a void in many people's lives; leaving them unsure of how to find nourishment for their spiritual hunger. Many have told me that they feel drained; that the never-ending sense of "crisis" has depleted their inner reserves of hope and optimism, making it hard to feel God's presence in their lives.

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; The reward of faith is to see what you believe."

St. Augustine

Thinking about the many different faith-altering moments of our lives made today's gospel story of Thomas relatable for me. He is often unfairly referred to as "Doubting Thomas", but I prefer how some writings refer to him as "Thomas, the Twin," for he represents all of us at those points in our faith lives when we are torn between belief and unbelief, between old beliefs and new truths; that dual nature of an evolving faith that moves between the peace we find in our assurance that God is near and the confusion of struggling with doubts and uncertainty.

Throughout our lives, we encounter experiences that knock our sense of balance off kilter and we discover



Teachers of our faith have often referred to these internal struggles of faith as "dark nights of the soul," and I find comfort knowing that many great saints experienced these difficult times on their faith journey. Like Thomas, we find ourselves begging for some sort of proof or sign that our faith in God's love is legitimate and true. We may not be given the opportunity offered Thomas to physically touch the risen Christ, but sometimes allowing ourselves to be open to encountering the risen Christ can reveal God to us in new and totally unexpected ways.

Recognizing these encounters help us to evolve, yet again, in our relationship of faith. As in any relationship of value, be it marriage, friendship or faith, a constant demand for proof of another's love can prevent the trust needed to recognize the love that is being offered. Being *open* to receiving someone's love and acceptance, often allows us to *recognize* the signs of its existence even when it may not resemble what we expected.

The disciples were experiencing their own "dark night of the soul," and locked the doors in fear, ashamed of their betrayals and failures and afraid of an uncertain future. Yet Jesus found a way to get past their walls and, without judgement or reprisals, offered them the gift of his peace. Unlike Thomas, Jesus never asks for *proof* of their belief or strength of faith or level of worthiness, but offers his gift of hope and light unconditionally. They had to accept the gift, however, to recognize its true worth. God seeks us into relationship regardless of our failings, even when we are unable to seek out God.

The story of Thomas and the disciples during their dark days of doubt and fear, reminds me of one my favourite songs, "Anthem" by Leonard Cohen, in which he writes "There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."

Mary Joshi

#### **Food Banks**



**Holy Family Church** - The need is always great for items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, toilet paper and deodorant. Also, 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 facemasks (homemade are great!), cakes of soap, toothbrushes and shampoo. For the children's lunches, we also really need drinking boxes and pudding and fruit cups. Thank you!



The Albert County Food Bank would like to thank those wonderful souls who knit, crochet and sew and then donate their beautiful works to those less fortunate. Your hearts are as beautiful as your creations. God bless you!



Did You Know? Believing does not mean merely acting as if something is real. Believing means developing the spiritual faculty to perceive the invisible reality at the heart of all things, analogous to the ability to see and hear the physical world.

(Pg 176, Sourcebook 2021)

# **World Water Day - Valuing Water**

(Facts taken from Blue Dot Movement)

- Half of Canadians live in areas where they are exposed to unsafe levels of air pollution.
- Canada has no national safety regulations for drinking water or binding air quality standards.
- Canada allows the sale and use of hundreds of pesticide products banned in Europe and has weaker rules governing toxic substances like asbestos and formaldehyde.
  - The World Health Organization and the Canadian Medical Association estimate tens of thousands of premature deaths and millions of preventable diseases are caused each year in Canada by pollution, contaminated water and other environmental hazards.

*Visit* **bluedot.ca** to watch the short video and sign your name to have stronger environmental protections laws in Canada.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW.



**OF COURSE!** I'm interested in supporting my parish in a steady and continuous way. In that case, please don't miss our Sunday gathering on the weekend of April 17th and 18th to discover a simple way to make your financial commitment to your parish.

Standing together - Even 2 Metres Apart!



**Much Thanks** - For Catholics, Holy Week is the highlight of our liturgical year. I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank-you to everyone who put so much effort into making the Triduum special, meaningful, and spiritual. My thanks go out to the music ministries, both within your respective churches and your combined effort at the Easter Vigil. I'm also grateful in a particular way to our Good Friday lay presiders and "homilists." With the risk of forgetting someone, I'm indebted to our readers, greeters, ushers, communion ministers, lectors, the environment team, our COVID "bouncers" at the door,

the disinfectors, and the wiper-downers. I also want to acknowledge the staff I work with who do so much behind the scene work, each week, to prepare the liturgical celebrations both live and online.



2021 Valuing water



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

Ellen - 857- 9952 or <u>ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com</u> Trevor - 857-4879 or <u>trevord.diocese@gmail.com</u>



**Parish Catechetical Coordinators** will meet on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on 45 York Street. Masks are mandatory. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

#### Who is My Neighbour: Exploring Fratelli Tutti

- Who is my neighbour and how can the parable of the Good Samaritan help us to examine our role in our communities?
- How does St. Francis of Assisi guide us in attending to the stranger and the other?
- How can we transform the seemingly inevitable consequences of discord and conflict?

Join Dr. Andrew Wilson, either in person or virtually, on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. as he explores these and other questions, opening up for us the encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*, released by Pope Francis in October 2020. A frequent presenter for the Office of Faith Development, Andrew is associate professor of religious studies at Mount Allison University, Sackville. In person participation will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, where all COVID-19 protocols will be respected. Register with Ellen by Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and indicate whether you will be joining us physically or virtually.

#### **Faith Experiments Express**



#### 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 via Zoom on April 26<sup>th</sup> & May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Register by contacting Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com.

Faith Experiments Express is a collaborative effort between St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Pastoral Unit and the Archdiocese of Moncton Office of Youth Faith Development.

#### Mondays at the Movies



Everyone is invited to join our film discussion series this Easter season designed to connect popular films to our faith.

On April 19th, we will meet via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the film *The Green Mile* (1999), based on the novel by Stephen King.

On May  $3^{\rm rd}$ , we will meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the film Signs (2002) starring Mel Gibson.

For each session, participants will have watched the film ahead of time. Contact Karen for more information and to register at or ihmccatechism@rogers.com or 387-4198.

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#### Join the Conversation



The Office of Youth Faith Development is seeking young people aged 12-24 to join a series of virtual conversations (via Zoom) originally initiated by the CCCB and the Canadian Catholic Youth Ministry Network.

These sessions are scheduled to take place on an ongoing basis **beginning in May** and will be an opportunity for young people across Atlantic Canada to gather and talk about issues important to them in 2021 and how we as a faith community can respond to them. All young people in this age range are welcome to join the conversation. For more information contact Trevor.

Please remember that if you come to the church/parish office for any reason, you must wear a mask and sign in with your contact information.



To watch Sunday Mass on live-stream, right around 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning go to:

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

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

#### St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



Don't forget to look for specially-marked envelopes starting this weekend (April  $10^{th}/11^{th}$ ). This will be a wondeful fundraiser for each of our four churches and should mean a nice 'pot of money' for one lucky person!

We will run this fundraiser from this weekend through to May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets will be sold 3 for \$5.00.

Each week, we will update the prize amount in the bulletin and as more tickets are sold, together we will watch that prize amount climb!

The winner's name and their fabulous prize amount will be drawn LIVE (live-stream) on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Warning....Fr. Phil has been appointed our official cheerleader</u> and excitement drummer-upper type person....LOOK OUT!



# **Knights of Columbus**



We have put a 'lid' on our 40 Cans for Lent Campaign and we thank you all for your support and 'can-do' attitude!

Total 'virtual can count' was 1113 cans! (\$1670)

Total number of cans dropped off/picked up was 291!







#### Take-Out Supper!

WHAT: Take-out Cold Plate Supper
WHEN: Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Dan Bohan Centre (5 Fatima Dr. Riverview)

WHY: Proceeds going to local Knights Bursaries COST: \$10.00.....ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY

Meal includes 2 meats, 2 salads, lettuce, tomato and cucumber, roll and butter.

**HOW TO ORDER:** Send email to *march.ray@gmail.com* with name, phone number and number of plates required *BEFORE APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.* 

### **Holy Ghost Church**



We extend our sympathy to Michael Kenny and family on the death of their sister, Diane Kenny. May Diane find eternal rest and peace in the arms of Jesus.

# **Holy Family Church**



**Holy Family Seniors Club** is meeting on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. Please call Dorothy Murray at 387-6878 to pre-register to attend because we can have a **maximum of 30** people at the meeting. Masks are required.

#### **Community**



When you go to <a href="www.cmhanb.ca/events">www.cmhanb.ca/events</a> you will see a calendar.

Look at each of these dates:

- Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (Depression in Seniors)
- Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> (Positive Attitude for Seniors)
- Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> (Understanding Challenging Behaviours in Dementia)

and click on the link for the program you want and then scroll down until you see the words, "Click here to register".

Click on that link and then enter in your information and you'll be all set to participate (online) in whichever program(s) interests you.

# Weekly Offerings for all Churches - Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday 2021

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

Church Support \$2603.00 (57); Loose \$40.00 Maintenance Fund \$122.00 (8) Good Friday \$520.00; Easter \$750.00

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

Church Support \$1124.00 (22); Loose \$20.00 Good Friday \$273.00; Easter \$395.00

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

Church Support \$295.00 (12) Initial Offering \$10.00 (1) Good Friday \$240.00 (12); GF Loose \$20.00 Easter \$810.00 (18); Easter Loose \$156.00 Cemetery Donation \$40.00; Fuel \$100.00 (1)

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

Church Support \$7597.50 (160); Loose \$63.00 Property Upkeep \$327.50 (16) Youth \$55.00 (5); Social Action \$239.00 (11) Good Friday \$1140.00; Easter \$3022.00