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, Bill Stafford (brother of Bernie Stafford), Ainsley Mongraw (daughter of Anne Mongraw) and Marilyn Taylor (dearest friend of Bill Taylor).

We also pray for those who have died, including Gloria Cyr (beloved mother of Paul Cyr).



Liturgies for April 17th to April 25th, 2021

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, April 17th 4:00 p.m. Eunice Cail – Sandra MacDonald Saturday, April 24th 4:00 p.m. Diane Kenney – Teresa O'Hara

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Holy Family Church

Saturday, April 17th 7:00 p.m. Muriel Dallaire – Kathleen Dennis Saturday, April 24th 7:00 p.m. Margaret McNeil (Anniv) – Roy McNeil

St. Jude's Church

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

Sunday, April 25^{th} 8:30 a.m. For souls in purgatory – a parishioner

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, April 18th 10:30 a.m. Vance Toner (Anniv) – Pauline Toner

Sunday, April 25th 10:30 a.m. For the People

Daily Readings (Holy Week of April 19th - 25th, 2021)

Acts 6:8-15 Monday Iohn 6:22-29 **Tuesday** Acts 7:51 - 8:1a John 6:30-35 Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8 Iohn 6:35-40 **Thursday** Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51 Friday Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59 Saturday Acts 9:31-42 Iohn 6:53, 60-69 Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter) John 10:11-18 Acts 4:7-12 1 John 3:1-2

Exploring Our Faith

EASTER REPENTANCE?

The days are getting longer and warmer. We have had flocks of evening grosbeaks and redpolls at our feeders. Spring is here! It is a time of hope, of excitement, of possibility ... And yet, the dominant emotions that I am seeing and hearing all around me are discouragement, sorrow and frustration. It is hard for many of us to see what we have because we are so acutely aware of what we are missing. Even Easter seemed to fall short of what it used to be. We celebrated to the best of our ability; and we were glad that we could gather this year. But with everyone spread apart and wearing masks, with no processions, with no sprinkling rite, with no choir, the joy has felt muted. As I sat down to read the scripture passages for this Sunday, I couldn't help thinking that it was going to be hard to write a reflection because it doesn't feel like the Easter season. And then I read today's readings.

Somehow, in a lifetime of hearing these same readings every three years, I had missed the fact that they hold a space for a much wider range of emotions than I normally associate with Easter. Joy, exhilaration and excitement are natural and authentic responses to the resurrection, but these emotions alone are not sufficient to hold the fullness of the Easter story. In today's gospel Jesus' apostles and others are sharing accounts of seeing the risen Lord, yet when Jesus appears in their midst, it is not joy, but terror followed by doubt that fills them. And when they finally realize that it is Jesus and he really is alive, the conversation

turns not to exuberant celebration but to a discussion of suffering that precedes resurrection and to a repeat of the proclamation that began the gospel, a call to repentance now paired with a proclamation of forgiveness.

I usually think of the call to repentance as a Lenten call, not an Easter call. But today, I realized that it is also the perfect Easter call for times like these. Easter repentance is not a call to see the faults; it is a call to compassion. Compassion is one of the great spiritual gifts that has been around forever but has recently been



"discovered" by neuroscientists and healthcare professionals. The root meaning of the word compassion is "to suffer with." Compassion requires three things: 1) awareness of suffering; 2) an emotional connection with the one who is suffering and a sharing/companionship in the suffering; and 3) a desire to reduce the suffering. Numerous studies show that offering compassion to others and to ourselves, has a significant positive effect on both our physical and mental wellbeing.

The risen Jesus is a visible reassurance that suffering will not have the final word. Therefore, rather than run from suffering, we can turn toward it and change it. To repent is to see the suffering, to see the suffering that causes us to make destructive choices and to see the suffering that is caused by those choices. To repent is to allow ourselves to truly feel the suffering, to open our hearts even in the midst of the pain, to love the one who is suffering. And finally, to repent is to desire to reduce the suffering, to offer comfort and connection. To repent is to follow Jesus through suffering to new life.

So back to the discouragement, sorrow and frustration that seems so prevalent right now. The Easter message is not that they have been eliminated. The Easter message is that I can meet these difficult emotions with love and compassion and I will find new life even in these difficult times.

Pam Driedger



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!



Did You Know? Forgiveness was the central message of Jesus' teaching. People used to blame all Jewish people for Jesus death. Peter considered himself among those who unjustly turned Christ over to authorities. Jesus reversed the evil in the resurrection to show the cross to be the means of salvation. Jesus preached forgiveness in his life, crucifixion and resurrection, not condemnation. God forgives his people and we should not spend time blaming one another. "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." All people act in ignorance at times and need forgiveness. We are called to help one another walk in faith. (Pg 182, Sourcebook 2021)

Earth Day - April 22nd, 2021

As we celebrate our second Earth Day in the Covid-19 Pandemic, we invite you to take time to reflect on how nature has helped you cope during this time. Offer a prayer of gratitude and act by going to **earthday.org/take-action-now/** to do your part in caring for our Common Home.

We would like to recommend two different videos for you to watch and share. Please go to

https://uplift.tv/2020/the-writings-of-an-earth-lover/ (9 minutes and 20 seconds)

https://uplift.tv/2019/love-thy-nature/

(1hour and 16 minutes)

Just sign in with your email. It's free to watch.



2021 Valuing water

On Saturday, June 5th, IHMC parishioner, Al Kavanaugh, will be participating in his 20th Annual ALS Walk Strong Event!



'Walk Strong' is the ALS Society's single biggest annual fundraiser! They depend on that important revenue coming in every year, and they depend on people like Al and all of us, to make it happen!

In honour of his dear friend, Ken Lamey, Al has been active in the fight against ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) for more than two decades now and this year is especially important to him because, with your help, he is hoping to

surpass the \$200,000 mark in money that he's raised in his 20 years of walking!

Al has reached 50% of his goal for this year!

If you would like to help Al reach 100% of his goal, please call him at 389-3913.

He'd love to hear from you!



STANDING TOGETHER – EVEN TWO METRES APART of course, and I am happy to support my parish through a donation by **Pre-A**uthorized **Debit** (PAD). It is a convenient way to make my Sunday offering and it saves the trouble of filing an envelope or of looking for the right amount of change. It also allows my parish to be able to count on my uninterrupted contribution ... and I have the pleasure of being part of the solution!



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

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Who is My Neighbour: Exploring Fratelli Tutti

- What are some of the big problems with our world and what can we do?
- How can a renewed understanding of dialogue and friendship open us to a new encounter with God and with each other?

Last chance to register for this session with Dr. Andrew Wilson is Monday, April 19th. You can attend either in person or virtually on Tuesday, April 20th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. as Andrew explores these and other questions surfacing from Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*. 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.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Catechetical Coordinators: Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at 45 York Street **Adult Faith Commission:** Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Dan Bohan Centre, Immaculate Heart of Mary **Sacrament Preparation Committee:** Wednesday, May 5th at 2:30 p.m. at 45 York Street Masks are mandatory.

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 26th & May 10th 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^{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

50/50 FUNDRAISER This is a wondeful fundraiser for each of our four churches and should mean a nice 'win' for one lucky person!

Currently, the 50/50 pot stands at \$455.00

(Soooo, what would you do with \$455?)



Knights of Columbus





Take-Out Supper!

WHAT: Take-out Cold Plate Supper

WHEN: Saturday, April 24th 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.

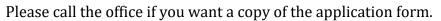
HOW TO ORDER: Send email to *march.ray@gmail.com* with name, phone number and number of plates required *BEFORE APRIL 22nd at 5:00 p.m.*

If you don't have email, you can call Ray at 866-4195



Knights of Columbus Council 9270 is offering 4 bursaries of \$500 each to high school graduates!

Priority will be given to children and grandchildren of fellow Knights, then to parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and then to Riverview High School grads. Applications must be received no later than **May 3**rd.





Weekly Offerings for all Churches – April $10^{\text{th}}/11^{\text{th}}$, 2021

Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs)

Church Support \$1945.50 (33); Loose \$5.00 Maintenance Fund \$249.50 (5)

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$355.00 (15); Loose \$60.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$397.00 (15); Loose \$5.00 Easter \$40.00 (1); Memorials \$241.35

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$2795.50 (103); Loose \$25.00 Property Upkeep \$352.50 (32) Youth \$110.00 (24); Social Action \$155.00 (29)



We Need Your Help



BECAUSE HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE WEEKENDS OFF

"Just as you cannot understand Christ apart from the kingdom he came to bring, so too your personal mission is inseparable from the building of that kingdom."

Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and be Glad) Pope Francis – Paragraph 25

In response to the 2018 encyclical, Gaudete et Exsultate, the Adult Faith Commission, which has representation from the three Moncton area parish groupings, has been mandated by Archbishop Vienneau to put our faith into action in a way that can help families within our geographic area. With that in mind, representatives from the AFC recently met with Vincent Merola from the City of Moncton and Valerie McIntosh from the non profit organization, Isthmus, formerly known as "Blessings in a Backpack". Isthmus is a charity that provides for families who face food insecurity. They pack bags of food for children and their families that will bridge them from when they leave school on Friday until they return on Monday. Currently they serve 734 children in 33 Moncton area schools. The need is great, but the labourers are few, to paraphrase a quote from Scripture. In our meeting, Valerie outlined a concrete way our faith communities could provide help.

She said that one thing they are in need of, but most often cannot afford to purchase, is soup. She was saying that a Soup Drive among all our parishes would be of great help.

With that in mind, we would like to do a *Soup Drive from May 1st through May 17th*. Just bring your donation to your own parishes and we will arrange for pick up. Most parishes already have a basket in their churches for donations to the food bank, so when you bring in your cans please mark them as being for the *Soup Drive*.

Thank you for your consideration of this ministry. I feel I can speak for all of us in saying that nobody wants to see a child go hungry.

Mike Jeffries, Susan McCarthy, Mark Mahoney, Fr. Phil Mulligan Adhoc Committee – Adult Faith Commission