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 Ray McIsaac (brother-in-law of Betty Lou Remington), Bill Stafford (brother of Bernie Stafford), June Robichaud, and Maurice Daley (nephew of Shirley Connor).

We also pray for those who have died, including Stella Bil, Lenore Cormier, John Baptist Saldanha (father of Jennifer Saldanha), Marilyn Taylor (beloved friend of Bill Taylor), Nicole Connor (sister-in-law of Bill and Shirley Connor) and Elizabeth Violette (grandmother of Rhiannon Violette).



Liturgies for May 8th to May 16th, 2021

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, May 8th 4:00 p.m. Allister MacDonald – Teresa O'Hara **St. Elizabe h**Saturday, May 15th 4:00 p.m. Winnie Smith – Chris LeClair

Trinity

Holy Family Church

Saturday, May 8th 7:00 p.m. Bernard Bourgeois – Gerry Cluney

Saturday, May 15th 7:00 p.m. John Baptist Saldanha – Jennifer and Winston D'Souza

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, May 9th 8:30 a.m. For the People

Sunday, May 16th 8:30 a.m. Norman Babineau – IH Prayer Group

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, May 9th 10:30 a.m. Mike Gordon (Anniv) – Janet and family Sunday, May 16th 10:30 a.m. Wilfred Griffin (Anniv) – Anne and family

Daily Readings (Week of May 10th – May 16th, 2021)

Monday Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26-16:4 **Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11 Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 John 16:12-15 Acts 18:1-8 **Thursday** John 16:16-20 John 15:9-17 Friday (St. Matthias) Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Saturday John 16:23-28 Acts 18:23-28 Mark 16:15-20 Sunday (The Ascension of the Lord) Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 4:1-13

Exploring Our Faith

BACK TO BASICS

Whenever a coach feels his/her team is not living up to their potential, he/she will always say something typical like, "We've got to get back to basics." Without demoting anyone to the minor leagues, let's look at some of the basics of liturgy that we would do well to return to. I'll call them my seven deadly liturgical "sins". The first four "sins" we have little control over due to COVID; the next three we are totally in control of. A number of years ago in a document concerning liturgy, the American bishops wrote that good liturgy builds faith while poor liturgy destroys faith. Notice there's nothing in between. We are either being built up in faith, or we are going home after mass wondering why we



did not simply go to the park and feed the ducks. Let's look at our situation here at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. There are some temporary accommodations, due to the pandemic, that fly in the face of good, meaningful, uplifting liturgy. We have taken these interim measures for the safety of all, after all, people are always more important than liturgy, even good liturgy. Always remember, though, they are interim.

What we are not in control over

- 1) We have not been able to shake hands and greet each other in the normal way during the "sign of peace." What a shame that the power of good, human touch has to be reduced to a nod from a distance.
- 2) We are not able to share in the Cup, the Blood of Christ, at Communion time. This is the hardest part for me. With the very words of Jesus on my lips, I look right into your eyes at Mass and say, "Take this all of you and drink from it..." yet I have no intention of giving it to you. Again, for the safety of all, we cannot do as Jesus asked us to do.
- 3) Our ability to participate in processions has been curbed. Hopefully, as pandemic restrictions are lifted we will have gathering processions at the beginning and end of Mass as well as Communion processions where we don't have to keep physical distancing going. Without such processions, the Body of Christ seems so fragmented.
- 4) We are not able to sing freely without masks. Again, this is a temporary measure. When the assembly is not singing (COVID or not), we have a Mass; when the assembly is singing, we have a celebration. While we are not in control of these four liturgical "sins" just know they are temporary measures but far, far, far from what good liturgy calls us to.

What we are totally in control of

5) You have noticed that the Communion rite during COVID has changed. We have asked you not to respond "Amen" when you receive Communion. The priest or Communion minister will not be saying "The Body of Christ" to each individual. We do it collectively, that is, we all say together, "Amen" to start the Communion rite. There are no words exchanged after that. This is to minimize the chances of airborne particles being transmitting. However, 25% of you still say, "Amen." Please don't do that. Here is



an interesting fact. Before COVID, when you were expected to say, "Amen" at Communion, only 25% of you actually did. (This is not anecdotal but based on a sample size of 2-3 million over my 24 years as a priest). When you were encouraged to say "Amen," only 25% did so; when you were discouraged from saying, "Amen," 25% of you still do so. And you wonder why priests have so little hair!

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- 6) There are still some of you following the readings and Eucharistic prayers in your missals. Some of you never look up into the face of the priest, the reader, nor your fellow parishioners. Remember, those personal missals are not liturgical texts and should not be used during liturgy. They are preparatory texts; you prepare at home with them. There are only two liturgical books that are to be used during Mass: the Lectionary (readings—Word of God) and the Sacramentary (Eucharistic prayers). What you hear at Mass is a proclamation and should never be reduced to multiple, simultaneous readings. God is speaking, look up!
- 7) There are a few couples and families that show up to Mass late week after week after week after week. This is very disruptive and shows little respect for the Body of Christ, the parishioners. On top of that, it is disrespectful of the



presider, the music leader, and the readers. Anyone, including myself, can be late on any given Sunday. That's normal and perfectly forgivable. However, when the same few families show up late every week, it shows a lack of respect for everyone. This is the easiest thing on the list to correct.

These three last deadly liturgical "sins" are totally within our control, COVID or not. Let's make an effort to avoid bad habits. Remember, we are a team, a family. We are the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ deserves the best (not second, third, or fourth best) from the Body of Christ. Let's get back to basics, for the price we pay for shoddy liturgy is too high. Good liturgy builds faith. Poor liturgy destroys faith. And, there's nothing in between.

Fr. Phil Mulligan

Sacrament of First Communion

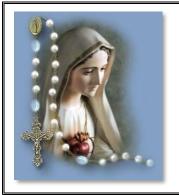


Over two weekends, May 1^{st} , 2^{nd} and 9^{th} , we will join with these children in celebration as they receive the Sacrament of Communion for the first time! We will welcome them lovingly to the Table of the Lord and rejoice that they are finally able to join us fully in the Eucharist. They have eagerly waited for this day for a very long time. We pray they will frequently seek the spiritual nourishment that participating in this sacrament will provide for them throughout their lives. And we hope they will always receive it with the eagerness and enthusiasm they showed last Sunday! Congratulations from all of us at

Holy Ghost, Holy Family, St. Jude's and Immaculate Heart of Mary Churches and may God bless you always.

Isaac Allain Arthur Carvalho Angelo Consulta Luna Garcia-Washburn Kate Gautreau Lauren Gautreau Alexus Melanson-Breen Ethan O'Grady Alexus Padrones Claire Patterson Javier Rapisura Anabelle Robichaud Laura Rose Lucas Ross Sarah Sleigh Lara Walsh Sadie Wood

Catechists: Karen LeBlanc and Fr. Phil Mulligan



The month of May - Message From Pope Francis

Pope Francis invites us to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary. He is requesting that during the month of May 2021, the entire Church invokes the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and invites us to pray fervently for those most affected by it. Thirty Marian shrines have been chosen to take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church. Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, is among the Marian shrines chosen. The Vatican website offers some models of prayers to follow and interesting articles: http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/index rosary.htm

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau

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 ladies' deodorant, cakes of soap, toothbrushes and shampoo. Thank you!



Did You Know? Jesus teaches us two things.

First, God loves you, so ask for what you need and you might just get it. Second, we have the Golden Rule, so do unto others whatever you would have them do unto you.

Jesus wants us to love and to be kind. It is important not to be physically or mentally harmful, but far better if our hearts are so full of love and respect that we don't even feel anger or contempt for our sisters and brothers, fellow children of our heavenly Father.

(Pg 110, Sourcebook 2021)



Pentecost Sunday

Come and join us in a celebration of Pentecost Sunday, May 23^{rd} from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Pentecost is celebrated all over the world as a commemoration of our Christian Church born through the Apostles!

(All COVID protocols will be followed.)

For more information, please call Roberta Brine at 386-5175.



We Need Your Help - Isthmus is a charity that packs bags of food for children and their families to bridge them from after school on Friday until they return on Monday, **AND THEY NEED SOUP!** So at our churches:

BECAUSE HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE WEEKENDS OFF

Soup Drive from May 1st through May 17th

Please mark your donations and bring the soup to your own parishes and we will arrange for pick up.

Thank you!!



STANDING TOGETHER – EVEN TWO METERS APART! of course, and I am happy to support my parish through a donation by **Pre-A**uthorized **D**ebit (PAD). It is a convenient way to make my Sunday offering and it saves the trouble of filling out 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.

Packets of information were given out at all of our churches. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the parish office at 386-6178. Thank you.



Harvest House is hoping that you will be able to help them with their dwindling coffee supply! (and coffee whitener)

When doing groceries, if you could pick up an extra **can of coffee** and/or **CoffeeMate** to donate, please drop it into the blue bin in the foyer of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Important - they need 'perked' coffee (not instant and not Keurig pods). Thank you all!

Earth Day Gratitude

Sylvie Rokab (paraphrased) Filmmaker and Certified Nature Therapy guide

Gratitude for the very first Earth Day on April 22nd, 1970, which mobilized 20 million people across the globe to take to the streets, parks, and universities to protest against the destructive power of the industrial system. Today, nearly 200 countries and over 1 billion people engage in Earth Day events. We might also envision the disappearance of Earth Day - when our nature-consciousness is so vast and intimate that "Earth Day" as we know it will no longer be needed.

Gratitude for world leaders who gathered at the Virtual Summit with the intent to take bold action against Climate Change – with multiple countries committing to slashing emissions!

Gratitude to nature for healing broken hearts during this devastating pandemic. Around the world, parks had record numbers of visitors and people renewed their appreciation for the beauty, healing power, and wonders of nature. What a breath of fresh air! (pun intended!)



"That which is untouched is unloved."

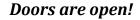
Emma Marris

The future of environmentalism lies on reawakening our innate reverence for nature. That which is untouched is indeed unloved. And quoting Rumi, "Let the beauty of what you love be what you do. There are a thousand ways to kneel and kiss the earth." (and Sylvie likes to add, "there are a million ways to be kissed by the earth.")

In honour of Earth Day 2021, enjoy a short little video clip entitled, '20 Ways to Fall in Love with Nature'

Go to www.setmoncton.com and click on the green Laudato Si' button!

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, at 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)

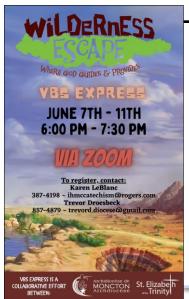
Immediately after Mass, the video will be uploaded to YouTube. (SET Moncton)



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 trevord.diocese@gmail.com

The Office of Faith Development will close May 7th and reopen August 30th



VBS Express! Vacation Bible School 2021

We are now accepting registrations for our virtual VBS which will take place June 7th - 11th, on Zoom from 6:00 - 7:30 each evening.

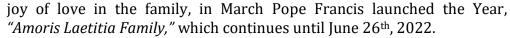
This year's theme is

Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides

For more information or to register, contact Trevor or Karen LeBlanc at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping by phone at 387-4198 or by email at ihmccatechism@rogers.com.

Amoris Laetitia

To mark the 5^{th} anniversary of the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty and





This special year will highlight the significance of the family within the domestic Church and will promote the importance of community ties among families through various spiritual, pastoral, and cultural proposals. One initiative, a collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, is a series of 10 short videos

(one each month) which include a reflection of each of the ten chapters by the Holy Father, and families from across the world responding as they speak about varying aspects of their daily lives. Accompanying each video is a downloadable pastoral guide, which includes material for personal and community reflection. Both can be found at the following link: http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziative-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



This is a wondeful fundraiser for each of our four churches!

Anyone can buy tickets!

Pick up an envelope at the office or use your own envelope and just mark it 50/50!

Currently, the total pot stands at \$4000 and growing! (Soooo, guaranteed prize of over \$2000!)

Holy Family Church



The next Holy Family Local Parish Council (LPC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. If you have any items that you would like the Council to consider at this meeting, please contact a Council member and ask to have the topic placed on the agenda. *Please note that if were to leave the Yellow level, this meeting would have to be held on Zoom.*

Also, Minutes of meetings are posted in hardcopy at the back of the church and on-line at our website, www.setmoncton.com/schedules once approved at a future scheduled Council meeting.

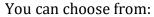
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



Looking for a gardener to volunteer to care for our precious flowerbeds located around the front entrance of the church. We supply the tools and materials, and you supply the labour of love!

Give us a call at the parish office if you would like to help make our church entrance look bloomingly lovely this spring/summer. Thank you!

Even in the COVID-craziness, you can buy Grocery Gift Cards at the parish office!





- **Superstore \$50 and \$100 cards** and these can be used at all Loblaw stores including Superstore, No Frills, Independent Grocer, Save Easy, and Wholesale Club!
 - **Sobeys \$50 and \$100 cards** and these can be used at Sobeys, IGA, Foodland, Lawton's and Needs Convenience Stores!

For more info, please call us at 386-6178.

Remember, your church earns money on each card purchased!

Weekly Offerings for all Churches - May 1st/2nd, 2021

Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs)

Church Support \$2062.00 (42); Loose \$12.00 Maintenance Fund \$187.00 (6)

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$709.00 (39); Loose \$55.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$695.00 (17); Loose \$20.00 Easter \$20.00 (1); Cemetery \$20.00 (1)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$5518.50 (102); Loose \$55.00 Property Upkeep \$382.50 (11)

Youth \$10.00 (2); Social Action \$64.00 (4)