

Exploring Our Faith

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

"Beware of the scribes, who like to ... be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats ... and places of honour ... They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers." For years I've heard this passage as a warning against hypocrisy and a condemnation of those who pretend to be loving and charitable when others are looking, but who are really only "in it for themselves." I have been comfortable with this message. I don't usually do things just for show, and if the people directly affected by my actions value what I am doing, I don't worry about whether others are aware of what I have done.

I tell myself that I don't do things to be noticed. But this week I started to wonder if there are things that I do not bother doing because they would not be big enough to notice. I have been faced with the uncomfortable question: is there a significant difference between choosing to do something good so that others will say, "that was amazing" and choosing not to do something good because others might say, "why did she bother"? The remarkable thing about the widow who gave two small copper coins, is that she thought it was of value to give even if her gift was of no value in the eyes of the world.

In today's world we are faced by many issues that seem overwhelming; anxiety and depression levels are rising as individuals question whether anything they do matters. In a world of almost 8 billion people, how



can one person's, or one family's, actions affect climate change? In a country of 37 million, how can one person's actions impact racism? In a world of global markets and multinational systems, how can individuals change historical patterns of injustice? It is easy to wonder if our choices make enough difference to make sacrificial giving (giving that impacts our life) worthwhile. It was equally easy to wonder if the widow's gift of two small coins would make enough difference to the temple to be worth what it cost her. Her offering was a profound act of faith. She believed that God could make use of what little she had and so she gave what she could.

In every situation each of us has a choice to make, a choice to give or a choice to keep what we have for ourselves, a choice to take what we want or a choice to leave what is there for others, a choice to rely on the sacrifices of others or a choice to make sacrifices for the sake of others. Many of those choices seem to have more impact on us than they do on those around us. No one else will notice whichever way we choose so it is tempting to choose what is best for us. We will be generous when our generosity can be seen. When we are faced with impossible tasks and overwhelming challenges, Jesus calls us to be like the widow and offer what we can. Even if our act is negligible compared to what is needed it is act of faith, and faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains.

Daily Readings (Week of November 8 th – 14 th , 2021)			
Monday	Wisdom 1:1-7		Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12	CONTRACTOR OF	John 2:13-22
Wednesday (St. Leo the Great)	Wisdom 6:1-11		Luke 17:11-19
Thursday (St. Martin of Tours)	Wisdom 7:22 - 8:1	Section 200	Luke 17:20-25
Friday (St. Josaphat)	Wisdom 13:1-9		Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9		Luke 18:1-8
Sunday (33 rd Sunday in OT)	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-14, 18	Mark 13:24-32

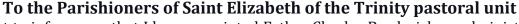
Food Banks



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 - We gladly accept whatever is offered but right now, there is a need for ladies' deodorant, cakes of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo. Also, we could really use drinking boxes, puddings (snacks), kraft dinner, baby formula and baby wipes.

St. Jude's – Thank you so much for whatever you can give to the Salisbury Helping Hands Food Bank and right now we could certainly use vegetable soup, cream of chicken soup, green beans, creamed corn, sugar, flour, pancake mix and jam. We would appreciate some ladies' deodorant, as well. Thank you all!



I want to inform you that I have appointed Father Charles Broderick as administrator for the parishes of St. Bernard's, St. Clement's, and St. Vincent's. I have also appointed Fr. Charles Lokoka as an assistant priest to those parishes and to the Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity pastoral unit. Thank you for welcoming Fr. Lokoka, as he will engage in pastoral duties in your parishes. He will work under the guidance of Fr. Phil Mulligan, your parish priest, and Fr. Charles Broderick. These appointments became effective on November 1st, 2021. Moving forward in solidarity, may the Lord bless you.

Valéry Vienneau, Archbishop of Moncton



There will be no Monday morning Mass at Holy Family, November 8th

We are currently in transition from Fr. Charlie to Fr. Charles and trying to work out schedules and who will be where and when. With that in mind, there will be no Mass this Monday morning, November 8th, at Holy Family Church.

We thank you for your understanding.



Did You Know?

We are called to cultivate the Gospel in our hearts, making our hearts rich soil into which the Word of God falls as a seed and blossoms forth in abundant yield. God's word isn't stagnant but Page 79 Sourcebook 2020 is a living and growing reality in the church.



During the month of November, a Book of the Names of the Dead will be placed out at each of our churches for all parishioners to write in the names of deceased family and friends, who will be prayed for at each Mass during the month.



Please remember that you must call the parish office at 386-6178 each week to reserve the next available spot for Mass.

Masks are mandatory.



6-ft social distancing is mandatory.

Patience and kindness – mandatory! Thank you everyone for your cooperation!



Let Us Love One Another A Three-Part Journey of Reconciliation

The third liturgy in our three evenings of prayer and discernment around the Residential School situation will take place

Wednesday evening, November 24th at 7 o'clock at Holy Family Church in Moncton.



Each evening stands on its own, and you do not have to have been at the first two liturgies to come to the third. We are looking to come together as community and come to God to find a path forward.

All are welcome!

People and Planet First

Let's spread the word about putting People and Planet first



Development and Peace's 2021-2022 campaign, *People and Planet First*, is calling for Canada and Canadian corporations not to be complicit in violations against the planet and its inhabitants The easiest way to take action is to <u>sign</u> the petition calling on the government to implement a due diligence law that would require its companies to respect human and environmental rights in their overseas operations.

However, there are several other options available to you if you have already signed and want to continue your commitment! You can follow the latest campaign news on our <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u> pages and even <u>update your</u> <u>profile</u> to show the campaign colors. If you'd like to delve into the subject deeper, take the time to read our printable <u>backgrounder</u>. And what about sharing <u>the campaign video</u> with your friends and family? Whatever you choose to do, thank you for helping to spread solidarity! <u>https://devp.org/en</u>

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



For the month of November, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church has committed to raising awareness (and other things) for the

Pregnancy & Wellness Centre of Moncton!

Each week throughout November, we will put information about this wonderful organization in the bulletin! And below, we have identified for those who some to the centre

things that they really, really need for those who come to the centre.

Almost all of the people who use our service. us that their first feelings about the possibili being pregnant is fear. The fear of being pregnant, especially when it is not planned very normal. We are here to help.	 <i>ty of</i> baby supplies, namely: Diapers (newborn and on up) Pull-ups of any size Baby formula (specifically, Parent's Choice powdered) 	
There will be specially marked envelopes for the Pregnancy and Wellness Centre and if you can help with any amount, that would be wonderful!		



BEAUTIFUL ANGELS - We have delicately crafted **ANGELS** that were handmade in honour of a loved one and given to our parish grouping to 'pay it forward'. These angels are on display in the foyer of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. All the funds raised for the ANGELS will be shared with Harvest House and Crossroads for Women and so we are asking a minimum of \$25 each.

> Available at the parish office Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call the office for more information.

We started with 102 angels (yup, she really made that many!) and **we have 17 left.** These would make a thoughtful Christmas gift for someone you love!

St. Jude's Church

Thank You

Leonard Quillian and family appreciate all the notes and calls in remembrance of Lynn's passing. We are grateful to everyone who took part in the Funeral Mass. Your kindness won't be forgotten.

Len Quillian

Holy Family Church



CPR/AED (Defibrillator) Training – Holy Family Church is considering the purchase of a defibrillator and we are looking for volunteers who are already trained, or would be willing to be trained, on its use.

Please call or email the parish office if you are interested. Thank you!

Holy Ghost Church

For the month of November, we will again, place pictures throughout the church of our loved ones who are departed. Please feel free to bring a picture and we will put it up.



Congratulations to Shirley Teahan, this months winner of the 50/50!

Knights of Columbus

COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN IS NOW COMPLETE!

Thank you to everyone across our parish grouping for your wonderful support for Coats for Kids! Here is Tom Cooney, our Grand Knight, delivering 8 cases of new coats plus 6 donated coats (that's 102 coats



people!) to Moncton Headstart. The Knights believe that they'll be able to buy more, as additional money has come in over the past week. You people are awesome! **Thank you!**



And speaking of awesome, your support of the Knights' Frozen Comfort Food, Books and Puzzle Sale last Saturday raised \$716 for ALBERT COUNTY CHRISTMAS AID!

From the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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Upcoming Meetings

Adult Faith Commission: Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use Dominion Street entrance.



Transformed Through Eucharist

What happens during the Eucharist? How important is Eucharist to you? Why are you preparing your child to make their First Communion?

As parents of children preparing to receive First Eucharist in the spring of 2022 at any parish within the English sector, you are asked to attend this session taking place on Thursday, November 25th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. To participate, you will need to provide proof of vaccination upon arrival. Masking will be mandatory. Because of the pandemic, we are unable to provide childcare. Nor are we able to offer tea, coffee or snacks; however, participants are welcome to bring their own.

Registration of children receiving the sacrament will take place from 6:15 – 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., facilitators Karen LeBlanc and Ellen Bennett will offer an overview of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and talk about how, through the Eucharist, the bread and wine *and* the assembly are transformed again into the Body of Christ. Those children who have not been registered by 6:30 p.m. will have the opportunity to be registered following the session. Please contact Ellen or Karen to confirm your attendance.

Please note the following:

- the session from 6:30 8:30 p.m. is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Eucharist, but they must register, and they must be vaccinated
- participants are asked to arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. to provide time to welcome everyone safely
- those unvaccinated will be offered another alternative. Further information concerning this will be in your bulletins



Mondays @ The Movies

Connecting faith to popular films, will meet again on November 29th at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom when we will be discussing the 1947 version of *Miracle on 34th Street*.

All participants will have watched the film prior to the session, register with Trevor or Karen at <u>catechism.set@gmail.com</u> or 387-4198. Register online by going to <u>www.diomoncton.ca</u> → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Mondays @ The Movies.

Faith Experiments Express

Learn about faith and scripture using science experiments (for grades 1-6).

We will be holding another Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom) on Monday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Register with Trevor or with Karen at 387-4198, <u>catechism.set@gmail.com</u>. Register online by going to <u>www.diomoncton.ca</u> → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Faith Experiments Express.



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



Completing 2021

We are in to the last two months of the year and it's a great time to 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 by cash, cheque, e-transfer and debit. Call Anne at the Business Office for more information and thank you!!



Planning for 2022

If your committee will be using church funds for special projects or initiatives in 2022, please call Anne at the Business Office by December 17th.

Weekly Offerings for all Churches – October 30th/31st, 2021

Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs) Church Support \$1682.50 (32); Loose \$27.00 Maintenance Fund \$287.50 (7)

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$559.00 (16); Loose \$45.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$643.00; Loose \$20.00 Coats for Kids \$100.00; Church Donation \$56.00 Evangelization of the People \$20.00 50/50 Fundraiser \$56.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)

Church Support \$3990.50 (92); Loose \$95.00 Property Upkeep \$267.50 (10) Youth \$5.00 (1); Social Action \$185.00 (11)



Sadly, again this year due to the coronavirus, the Town of Riverview will not be able to hold a ceremony at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Across the province, spectators will be discouraged from attending in-person events, due to the limited space and requirements set out in the provincial COVID-19 guidelines.

To make sure this day is one of remembrance though, families might want to take some time to reflect and remember together at home.

The Royal Canadian Legion will host a national ceremony and it will be shared via live-stream on Facebook this year, at https://www.facebook.com/CanadianLegion/

