

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

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish grouping acknowledges that we carry out our worship and ministry on the traditional *unceded* territory of the Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which these nations first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but, in fact, recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyik title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



Mass Times

Saturdays

4:00 p.m. at Holy Ghost
7:00 p.m. at Holy Family

Sundays

9:00 a.m. at St. Jude's
11:00 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 for those who are sick, including Kevin McKinley, Brian Hope, Bill and Lorraine Stafford, Phyllis Brideau (sister of Polly Forsey), Aurora Kelly (granddaughter of Marc and Suzanne McLaughlin), Corinne Kavanaugh, Frank MacEachern (brother of Anne Ayles), Clarice Coish (sister of Pat Finnegan), Natalie Rayo, Dorothy Connor, and Jacques Roy (brother of Carmelle Cochrane).

We also pray for those who have died, including Janice Boulis (dear mother of Paulette Tingley).



Liturgies for December 11th to 19th, 2021

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of the Trinity

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, December 11th 4:00 p.m. Clara Keirstead – Arnold and Mary Morrissey
Saturday, December 18th 4:00 p.m. Helena Teahan – John and Robbie O'Connor

Holy Family Church

Saturday, December 11th 7:00 p.m. For the People
Monday, December 13th 9:00 a.m. Sylvia Burns – Cail and Marie Bastarache
Saturday, December 18th 7:00 p.m. Deceased family members – Cail and Marie Bastarache

St. Jude's Church

Sunday, December 12th 9:00 a.m. Hector and Kathleen Lafferty – Albert and Marita Jackson
Sunday, December 19th 9:00 a.m. In honour of St. Jude for favours obtained – a parishioner

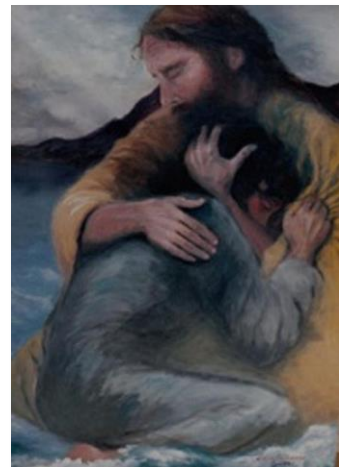
Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, December 12th 11:00 a.m. Ken Collins (Anniv) – son, Ken Jr.
Wednesday, December 15th 9:00 a.m. Bernadette O'Leary – Shirley and Bill Connor
Sunday, December 19th 11:00 a.m. Kevin Kavanaugh & Gladys Gorey-Al and Corinne Kavanaugh

Exploring Our Faith

PREPARE HIM ROOM

For the past three years, I have experienced the Advent season differently because of a reflection from Sr. Ilia Delio, a Franciscan Religious with doctoral degrees in both theology and science, who suggested that during these four weeks leading up to Christmas, we as Christians are not passively waiting for what is not there, but we are preparing room in our hearts for a Jesus who has already come and part of our task is to illuminate his presence through loving actions. The “coming of Christ” also means an active moving onward towards a new way of living, believing and thinking. In essence, God is waiting for *us* to awaken “as if we’re asleep in the manger, and not Jesus.”



My experience has been that meaningful transformation does not come easily, because at some point, I must acknowledge I am not “done” with my faith development, and there will always be room for growth and change. The way in which I understand God and relate to Jesus Christ is different at the age of 48 than it was at the age of 18, not because God has changed, but because I have. I have also noticed that my own transformation has often been accompanied by people and situations I might have otherwise avoided given the opportunity. However, these same people and situations have challenged me to reconsider my certainties about God, “to get up from where (I) was and move on” towards Jesus Christ.

So how do we move on in a significant way towards a God who is waiting for us when many of us do not even like to change where we sit at mass each Sunday? How can we make room in our hearts for Jesus when we fear those we consider “outsiders,” or people who are different from us? I know when I am forced to change my routine or way of thinking, I often feel a sense of having the rug pulled from beneath my feet.

When I was a child, each year before Christmas a group of adults and catechism children from St. Jude’s in Salisbury would visit the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium in River Glade to sing Christmas carols and distribute candy canes and Christmas cards to the residents. Through the eyes of a child, the sanatorium building was intimidating, sitting like a massive, haunted mansion, with its unfamiliar smells, sounds and endless hallways that led to a common room where many residents and staff had gathered. This common room had a stage, which is where we stood to sing our Christmas Carols.

During my first visit, I spent a great deal of time staring at residents because I was unfamiliar with this environment. In particular, I recall one resident who was confined to her wheelchair with a little table crossing the arm rests, maybe as a safety precaution, I am unsure. All I know is she terrified me because she stretched her arms out across that table towards us children as though she was beckoning us, making noises in her throat my ten-year-old mind could not understand. No way was I going anywhere near her.

Many years later, I understand better that Jesus was present in every one of us there, residents and carollers both, but the woman in the wheelchair makes me think of how moving towards a God who longs to embrace me can involve frightening steps outside my comfort zone. Maybe I do not treat all children of God with the respect I should be offering every human being, this might be hard for me to admit. The onus was upon me then, and the onus is upon me now, to open my heart to a God who waits patiently for me to prepare room in my heart and awaken to Jesus’ presence in each of us as we journey through this Advent season of love, joy, and hope.

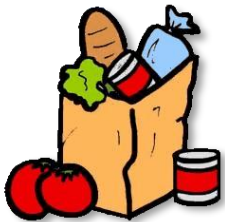
Trevor Droesbeck
Archdiocese of Moncton
Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

Daily Readings (Week of December 13th – December 19th, 2021)

Monday (St. Lucy)	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17	Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday (St. John of the Cross)	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13	Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25	Luke 7:19-23
Thursday	Isaiah 54:1-10	Luke 7:24-30
Friday	Genesis 49:2, 8-10	Matthew 1:1-17
Saturday	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Matthew 1:18-24
Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Advent)	Micah 5:2-5	Luke 1:39-45



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 items required at this time include toothpaste, juice drinking boxes, apple juice, kraft dinner, baby formula and, if you please, **Christmas candy**. 😊

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!

Prayer
Shawl Ministry



Thank you to the ladies of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** who knit the wonderful hats, mitts and scarves in support of Albert County Christmas Aid! As the temperature continues to drop, your time, your talent and most of all, your kindness, are greatly appreciated by all our families!

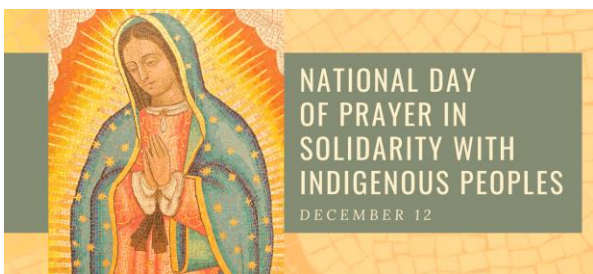
Did You Know?



John the Baptist is called the 'Precursor', one who precedes and suggests the course of future events. He was to 'make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord'. But the message was not about John. It was to point the way and lead others to Christ. We must remember that we too, like John, are simply vessels to help bring others to the Lord.

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The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is celebrated by the Church in Canada



on December 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each year the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council prepares a reflection for this occasion. This year the message centers on the theme: *"We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation. We, the Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God"*. You may read this reflection on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.cccb.ca

Catholics across the country are invited to join in prayer as a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and young people travel to Rome to meet with Pope Francis as soon as health condition surrounding international travel will allow it to be done in a safe manner in 2022. The delegation will also help inform the planned pilgrimage of the Holy Father to Canada at a future date.

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



The founder of the Knights of Columbus, **Father Michael J. McGivney**, was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world. In his Apostolic Letter that was read at the Mass for Beatification on October 31st, 2020, Pope Francis stated, *'Blessed Michael McGivney's zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance.'* The Holy Father set his annual feast day for August 13th, the day between Father McGivney's birthday (in 1852) and the day he entered eternal life (in 1890).



Let's Do Lunch! Want to consider something different for gifts this year? How about sharing your blessings with those less fortunate by donating a number of dinners to the Karing Kitchen! When \$1 buys one serving, this is a wonderful gift idea! We have red 'Karing Kitchen' cards at the office that could be put under the tree for your loved ones! **Especially this year**, Karing Kitchen says thank you for your generosity and for sharing your love.



We are accepting donations in memory of deceased family and friends for **Christmas season environment** in each of our churches! A list will be printed in the bulletin of those being remembered. The easiest way for you to do this is to call the Parish Office (386-6178) and then put your donation in a clearly marked envelope and drop it into the collection basket if you're at Mass, or bring it or mail it in to the office, or use one of the online payment options.

Call the office if you have any questions.
Thank you!

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Family/Seniors' Mass – December 23rd

6:00 p.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary

6:00 p.m. – St. Jude's

7:00 p.m. – Holy Family

8:00 p.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. – Holy Ghost

New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31st

4:00 p.m. - Holy Ghost

New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1st, 2022

11:00 a.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary



Reservations are required for all Masses. Call 386-6178
(Remember, emails will not be read until the end of the day!)



Holy Ghost	Please contact Teresa directly	
St. Jude's	Monday, December 13 th	Starting at 9:00 a.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Tuesday, December 14 th	Starting at 9:00 a.m.
Holy Family	Wednesday, December 15 th	Starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

Ellen - 857- 9952 ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com Trevor - 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Pope Francis Prays for Catechists

During December 2021, Pope Francis is praying “for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God.” He says the Church needs “good catechists who are both companions and teachers. ... The lay ministry of catechist is a vocation; it’s a mission ... an entire way of being.” We, the faithful, are invited by Pope Francis to “thank catechists for the interior enthusiasm with which they live this mission at the service of the Church.” Check out his video at the link to see what Pope Francis has to say:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-11/pope-s-december-prayer-intention-for-catechists.html>

Advent Video Series by the CCCB

Beginning Sunday, November 21st, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and for the four Sundays of Advent, the CCCB will release a video recording of one of Canada’s bishops reflecting on the Gospel Reading for that Sunday. This year’s reflections were inspired by the Indigenous Delegation travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from 17th-20th December 2021, and may be found at the following link:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>



FAMILY MOVIE
MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET
Sunday, December 12 @ 12:30

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH
DAN BOHAN CENTER

Admission:
Non-perishable Food Item(s)
MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING & PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED

PLEASE REGISTER WITH:
Karen @ 387-4198 or catechism.set@gmail.com

CINEMA

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St. Elizabeth Trinity

MONDAYS @ THE MOVIES ADVENT EDITION
St. Elizabeth Trinity

MIRACLE ON 34th STREET
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NOVEMBER 29, 10:30 AM

THE NATIVITY STORY
THE NATIVITY STORY
DECEMBER 13, 10:30 AM

Participants will have viewed the film prior to the discussion on Zoom.

Contact: Karen @ 387-4198 or catechism.set@gmail.com
Contact: Trevor @ 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com

Mondays @ The Movies

Connecting faith to popular films, will meet again on December 13th at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom when we will be discussing the 2006 version of

The Nativity Story

with Oscar Isaac and Keisha Castle-Hughes.

All participants will have watched the film prior to the session, register with Trevor or Karen at catechism.set@gmail.com or 387-4198.

Register online by going to www.dionmoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Mondays @ The Movies.

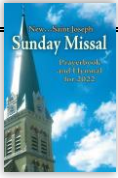
Faith Experiments Express



Learn about faith and scripture using science experiments (for grades 1-6). Due to inclement weather, our session scheduled for Monday, November 29th has been postponed until **Monday, January 10th, 2022**

Register with Trevor or with Karen at 387-4198, catechism.set@gmail.com.

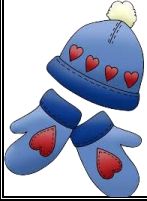
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Holy Ghost Church

St. Joseph Missals for 2022 have arrived! They are \$5.00 each for a personal copy, but please, if you cannot afford this, do not hesitate to take one. With Covid this year, so many are home and not able to attend Mass, and this is another way of following our journey with Christ.

Holy Family Church



The “**Box for Mittens**” has been a traditional Holy Family Advent project for many years but this year with all the COVID changes and the back-and-forth, we didn’t have an opportunity to formally collect the goodies! Parishioners though, (such wonderful memories), brought in mittens anyway! Thank you to all who helped in any way...we delivered the mittens to two different schools, and they were very well-received. Much appreciated! Thank you for your support!



Snowstorm Mass Cancellations! (ugh)

For the **weekend Masses**, in the event of a snowstorm that’s bad enough to cancel Mass at any of our churches, volunteers will email and/or call everyone who was registered for that Mass. And for **all Mass** cancellations: (weekend and weekday), we will post the cancellation on the website (www.setmoncton.com) and on our Facebook page and the office phone (386-6178) will be updated with the cancellation message.

Reserve Your Spot



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

Masks are mandatory. 6-ft social distancing is mandatory.

Thank you everyone for your cooperation!

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



Help us reach our financial goals for 2021!

Consider making up missed envelopes, making a special Christmas offering or starting a regular PAD offering. Please call the church office or visit www.setmoncton.com to find out how you can safely and securely make faithful donations to the life and work of our parish!

Thank you!

Weekly Offerings for all Churches – December 4th/5th, 2021

Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs)
Church Support \$2882.50 (59); Loose \$70.00
Maintenance Fund \$187.50 (6)

St. Jude’s Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$520.00 (14); Loose \$0.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$230.00; Loose \$5.00
Missals 10.00; Flowers \$60.00
Cemetery \$20.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$9136.50 (128); Loose \$68.00
Property Upkeep \$292.50 (12)
Youth \$40.00 (5); Social Action \$224.00 (14)

Thank You