

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.



Regular 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, Aurora Kelly (granddaughter of Marc and Suzanne McLaughlin), Corinne Kavanaugh, Frank MacEachern (brother of Anne Ayles), Clarice Coish (sister of Pat Finnegan), Dorothy Connor, Jacques Roy (brother of Carmelle Cochrane) and Parker Corno (grandson of Lucy McKinley).


We also pray for those who have died, including Phyllis Brideau (sister of Polly Forsey) and Paul MacIntyre (nephew of Dan Lunney).

4th Sunday of Advent



December 19th, 2021

Daily Readings (Week of December 20th – December 26th, 2021)

Monday		Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10	Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday		Zephaniah 3:14-18	Luke 1:39-45
Wednesday		1 Samuel 1:24-28	Luke 1:46-56
Thursday		Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6	Luke 1:57-66
Friday		2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8:12, 16	Luke 1:67-79
Friday (The Nativity of the Lord - evening)		Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7	Titus 2:11-14
Saturday (The Nativity of the Lord - daytime)		Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-6
Sunday (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)		1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28	1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
			Luke 2:1-16
			John 1:1-18
			Luke 2:41-52

*Grow
in Christ*

Did You Know? The Virgin Mary said yes to the Father's will and gave her consent to be the Mother of Our Lord; God's own Son, our Saviour, became a child, fully human and fully divine – in *her* womb. The Virgin Mary led an unblemished and blessed life and Christ 'clothed' his mother with immortality for Mary's Assumption into Heaven.

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Exploring Our Faith

WHEN WE BELIEVE

What do we believe? If we allow the words we effortlessly recite at every Sunday Eucharist during the Creed to resonate within us, we should know. In this Sunday's Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Elizabeth says of Mary, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." *Blessed is she who believed.* That resonates with me this week.

It has been a tough week for our province – tougher than most of the weeks of this ongoing global pandemic, with a virus that continues to mutate as it persists working its insidious way into our bodies. It has also been a tough few weeks for my family, as we encounter many of the same issues as other folks during Advent season preparations for Christmas within COVID-19, made more chaotic because of renovations and a challenge surfacing from an intellectually disabled adult son. A line from the movie *The Sound of Music* comes to mind when Mother Superior comforting Maria says, "God never closes a door without opening a window." About time for God to get to that window, I think!



Within all this, I hear Elizabeth's greetings to Mary, and I ask myself – do I believe, do I *really* believe?

Mary was young – historians say that Jewish women from 1st century Israel were having children as young as 14 years of age. Scripture doesn't tell us how old Mary was; only that the angel Gabriel was sent to a virgin named Mary. (Luke 1:26) However, if we accept the tradition of the time, we expect that Mary was between 14 and 20 years old when she was pregnant with Jesus.

When I was 14, I was busy worrying about what to wear to the next dance. Having a child was not anywhere on my agenda. And yet Mary, who could arguably have been the same age, trusts what the angel says, and accepts this huge responsibility, which will now also mean she has to trust that Joseph will not abandon her. Still, she believes.

We all face challenges in our lives that shake our belief in God – I doubt it is possible to mature in faith if we do not. Elizabeth is led to her exclamation about Mary because of the knowledge which comes to her of who it is that Mary carries in her womb. Mary responds, first with her Fiat, "Let it be [done] with me," to the angel, and then through her Magnificat, a response to Elizabeth's greeting which follows the verses we hear from Luke today.

Belief and trust can be difficult. I am no more immune from that than anyone else. Yet, last week, the window opened in the Bennett household, not fully, only a little, but it is enough. My mother had a marvellous saying: "better to live in hope, than die in despair" stolen from an 18th century German poet (although I suspect she did not know that.) Belief gives us hope.

As we can have no clear idea of what the future holds for us, Mary had little inkling of what the future held for her or her son. Yet she believed, she trusted, and she hoped. She is my inspiration in my attempt to do the same. For, as Elizabeth told us: if we believe, we will be blessed.

Ellen Bennett
Archdiocese of Moncton
Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



Liturgies for December 18th to 26th, 2021

Holy Ghost Church

Saturday, December 18th 4:00 p.m. Helena Teahan – John and Robbie O'Connor
Saturday, December 25th 10:00 a.m. Fred Morrissey – Beulah Morrissey



Holy Family Church

Saturday, December 18th 7:00 p.m. Deceased family members – Cail and Marie Bastarache
Monday, December 20th 9:00 a.m. Marjorie Branch – Mary Helena Delahunt
Friday, December 24th 7:00 p.m. Carol Ann Colpitts & Ryan Stewart – Betty Lou Remington

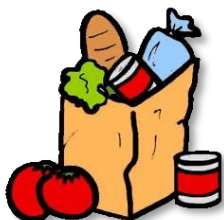
St. Jude's Church

Sunday, December 19th 9:00 a.m. In honour of St. Jude for favours obtained – a parishioner
Friday, December 24th 6:00 p.m. John and Mary Revie – Mary Anne and Gary Griffin
Sunday, December 26th 9:00 a.m. For the People

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, December 19th 11:00 a.m. Kevin Kavanaugh & Gladys Gorey – Al and Corinne Kavanaugh
Wednesday, December 22nd 9:00 a.m. Sara Lia Loberza – Gordon and Liliana Trail
Thursday, December 23rd 6:00 p.m. Jesus' suffering in the garden - Ken and Carmelle Cochrane
Friday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. Bill Morano – his Ontario family
Friday, December 24th 8:00 p.m. Priscilla LeClair – Chris, Denny and Serge
Sunday, December 26th 11:00 a.m. Noëlla Gallagher – Michèle and family

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.

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!

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Family/Seniors' Mass – December 23rd

6:00 p.m. – Immaculate Heart of Mary
(recorded and then uploaded)

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
(live-streamed)

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
(live-streamed)



Reservations are required for all Masses. Call 386-6178

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission



You have heard some talk, I hope, about the Synod, which was announced by Pope Francis in October, and will be taking place over the next two years. You may have some questions about what this all actually means. Over the next couple of months, we will be speaking about that, attempting to answer questions you may have. Let's begin by answering what a synod is.

A Synod is a formal process, used by the Church, in which many people are consulted on a specific topic for discussion. Though it usually leads to a formal gathering from which a formal document is produced, Synods can involve countless discussion groups that precede the formal gathering, assuring the greatest amount of participation possible. Two of the most recent Church Synod includes the Synod on the Family and the Synod on Youth.

Advent Video Series by the CCCB

The Advent videos offered by the CCCB are continuing and may be found at the following link:

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



Faith Experiments Express



Our next Faith Experiments Express for young people in grades 1-6 will be on Monday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Faith Experiments Express uses science experiments to help children learn about faith and scripture, and it's on Zoom so you can participate from the comfort of your own home. Contact Karen for more information at 387-4198 or Trevor.

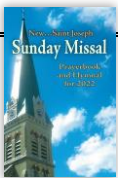
Mondays @ The Movies

Our next Mondays @ The Movies conversation will take place on Monday, January 24th at 10:30 a.m. The film for our next discussion will be announced soon so watch your bulletin for additional details.

Contact Karen at 387-4918 or Trevor for more information or to register.



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.

*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Heartfelt sympathies to Phyllis Sanford and family on the passing of husband, Ken Sanford. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Snowstorm Mass Cancellations

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!

2021 Charitable Donation Receipts



Thank you for being so generous to the church at Christmas! To count for your 2021 offering income tax receipt, donations must be received in the collection baskets by Sunday, December 26th or at the parish office until December 27th. The office will be open to receive donations on Monday, December 27th from 9-11 a.m. You are welcome to donate in person, by email, e-transfer or by credit card (until Dec 27th) or online by using the Donate button on the website, www.setmoncton.com. Thank you all!

Weekly Offerings for all Churches – December 11th/12th, 2021

Holy Family & Peoples Park Tower (incl PADs)
Church Support \$622.50; Loose \$10.00
Maintenance Fund \$52.50

St. Jude's Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$379.00; Loose \$20.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$300.15; Loose \$7.25
Missals 50.00; Flowers \$60.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)
Church Support \$3809.50; Loose \$65.00
Property Upkeep \$402.50
Youth \$25.00; Social Action \$170.00

Thank You



Please note that the Parish Office will be closing at noon on Friday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) and reopening on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

**Back to regular office hours on January 3rd!
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 386-6178 and leave a message. We will check those messages several times a day.