

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, please call the parish office at 386-6178.

We pray for those who are awaiting or recovering from surgery, those receiving treatment, those needing strength, including Kevin McKinley, Ernie Peters, Bill Connor, Bill Stafford, Albert McEachern, David Smith, Jacques Cormier, Barbara Delahunt, Doris Spencer (mother of Charlotte Melanson and grandmother of Jennifer), Pat Corbett (brother of Gerry Corbett), Lou Costello (brother-in-law of Mollie Legere), Mary Murphy (sister of Mollie Legere), Omer Mallet, Marie Bastarache and Dan Lunney.

We remember all those who have gone before us in faith, including Lorraine Stafford (sister-in-law of Bernie Stafford).



Daily Readings for the Week of January $2^{nd} - 8^{th}$, 2023

Monday (St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen)	1 John 2:22-28		John 1:19-28
Tuesday	1 John 2:29, 3:1-6		John 1:29-34
Wednesday	1 John 3:7-10		John 1:35-42
Thursday	1 John 3:11-21		John 1:43-51
Friday	1 John 5:5-13		Mark 1:4-5, 7-11
Saturday (St. André Bessette)	1 John 5:14-21		John 2:1-12
Sunday (The Epiphany of the Lord)	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgies for Weeks – December 30th, 2022 to January 8th, 2023

Peoples Park Tower Friday, December 30 th	2:00 p.m.	Ila White – Geraldine Carroll	St. Elizabe of the Trinity
Friday, January 6 th	2:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary – Ray	mond Cormier
Holy Ghost Church			
Saturday, December 31 st	4:00 p.m.	Mum and Dad, Shelda and Sharon Morrissey – G	uy and Sheila
Saturday, January 7 th	4:00 p.m.	Evilena Kendrick – Beulah Morrissey	
Holy Family Church			
Saturday, December 31 st	7:00 p.m.	For the People	
Saturday, January 7 th	7:00 p.m.	Ellen and John Gill (Anniv) – Marie Gill-McGee a	nd Dan McGee
St. Jude's Church			
Sunday, January 1 st	9:00 a.m.	John and Mary Revie – Mary Anne and Gary Grif	fin
Sunday, January 8 th	9:00 a.m.	For the People	
Immaculate Heart of Ma	ry		
Sunday, January 1 st	11:00 a.m.	Lisa Cove Mitton & Dave Cove (Annivs) – Maure	en Cove
Wednesday, January 4 th	9:00 a.m.	Glenn Higgins – Marie-Claude Higgins	

Sunday, January 8th 11:00 a.m. Jean and Jeanne Caissie – Bob and Helena Vaughan



Holy Family Church (House of Nazareth) - They need razors for men and women, toothbrushes, and any food items.

Holy Ghost and Immaculate Heart of Mary (Albert County Food Bank) Items required at this time, toothpaste, men's and women's deodorant, cakes of soap, drinking juice boxes, puddings, toilet paper and cleaning supplies.

Food Banks

St. Jude's (Salisbury Helping Hands Food Bank) – Right now, they need snack items for the children (cheese strings, applesauce, fruit cups, juice boxes, etc). Thank you everyone!



Did You Know?

The story of Christmas, the Holy Family, the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, are some of the greatest of all love stories. First, there is the love between Mary and Joseph. Joseph loves Mary so much that even though she is bearing a child that is not his own, he remains faithful to her. A sign of true love. Joseph could have abandoned Mary, but he didn't. Love is about seeking nothing but

the best for those around us and Joseph wanted nothing but the best for Jesus – because Joseph knew that the child Mary carried in her womb was the long-awaited Messiah.

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Wednesday Prayer Day, held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, will resume on Wednesday, January 4th.

Thank you all for your continued devotion to this ministry.

Exploring Our Faith my lord god, i will trust you always

Christmas has changed significantly for me since I was old enough to remember Christmases. One Christmas Eve when I was three or four years old, I recall driving from Musquash to Saint John in the middle of a snowstorm to attend mass, imagining I was Santa Claus flying through the snowy night sky. To adult me, this would represent a harrowing, steering-wheel clenched fiasco, but the four year-old in me remembers it as magical.

I have another distinct memory of one Christmas Eve mass at St. Jude's in Salisbury when it used to occupy the old Salisbury Legion. I sat in the front row directly in front of the statue of Mary, separated from her only by the organist whose name was Effie Geldart. I had attended mass in this church many times but that Christmas Eve I felt as though Mary's gaze was cast directly upon me. I looked around a bit to see if anyone else could tell she was staring at me, but no one noticed anything special. At one point during mass, I leaned over to Effie and pointed out to her that Mary was staring at me. *"It looks that way, doesn't it?"*

I spent a long time staring at Mary that night and Christmas Eve took on another sort of magic for me, magnetic and spellbinding.

Forty-something years later, the entire seasons of Advent and Christmas hold yet another kind of magic. These liturgical seasons of light during the darkest days of the year, bring forth evidence of those in various stages of preparing for Jesus' birth. Yes, darkness threatens to overwhelm us, but in the same way, we decorate our houses and communities with colourful lights at this time of year, there are heroic acts as communities expertly collaborate to bring Good News to those who need it. These acts light up the darkness, illuminating the good.



Having visited Nazareth and Bethlehem helped draw me closer to the nativity story in a way that is difficult for me to explain. In my mind, at least the heat, the desert, the constantly parched throat, the sounds of the streets, all helped me to understand a tiny bit better what life was like for the Holy Family and this brings the stories to colourful life.

I seek meaning in the nativity narrative and the lives of the Holy Family. What do these have to say to me in 2022? This year it came to me through a prayer written by theologian and Trappist Monk, Thomas Merton. While we cannot know her emotions or what she was feeling inside, we know Mary's response to Angel Gabriel's shocking announcement of a virgin birth was a faith-filled, "Let it be." How could she have been certain of the events to unfold, other than certain scandal? Mary's leap of faith is what came to mind when I encountered Merton's prayer, and in a world where folks seem 100% certain about almost everything, this will be my prayer for 2023.

The Merton Prayer

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Trevor Droesbeck, Office for Evangelization and Catechesis

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31st 4:00 p.m. - Holy Ghost 7:00 p.m. - Holy Family



New Year's Day Sunday, January 1st 9:00 a.m. – St. Jude's 11:00 a.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God



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Faith Experiments Express! Children in grades 1 through 6 are invited back to Faith Experiments Express where we use interactive science experiments to teach about God and Scripture. Sessions are conducted via Zoom and our next session will take place **January 9**th at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or <u>karen.diocese@gmail.com</u>. Register online at <u>www.diomoncton.ca</u> \rightarrow Pastoral Offices \rightarrow Youth Faith Development.

Conversations Around Death and Dying (Rexton/Richibucto)



Since 2016, a diocesan committee has been offering formation and information sessions in response to the legalization of medical assistance in dying (MAiD). One theme arising from these sessions was that many of us are uncomfortable discussing the subject of death. However, honest conversations (about values, good palliative care, or advanced care planning) can help to improve the care we receive at the end of our lives. In response to this, the diocesan Committee looking at End of Life Pastoral Care is planning a session for **Saturday, January 28th at Immaculate Conception Church in Rexton (10 School Street) from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** The session will be led by Pam Driedger, member of the Adult Faith Commission

and a Director of Spiritual Care at the Moncton Hospital with Horizon Health Network. The aim of this session will be to help families start conversations about death and dying before circumstances force them to. How can families and loved ones accompany those who find themselves struggling with illness, pain and difficult medical circumstances?

Register with Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198, <u>karen.diocese@gmail.com</u> Online at www.diomoncton.ca \rightarrow Pastoral Offices \rightarrow Adult Faith \rightarrow Formation Opportunities



Formation for Parish R.C.I.A. Teams

Mark the dates! We are pleased to offer a series of four virtual formation sessions led by Catherine Ecker, a lead Canadian voice in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Each session will take place on Zoom and run from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The dates will be **January 30th**, **February 13th**, **March 6th**, and **March 20th** and upon the completion of four sessions each participant will receive a certificate from the Archdiocese. This formation is designed for Parish R.C.I.A. teams and others involved in sacramental initiation but is open

to anyone interested and would like to learn more. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or <u>karen.diocese@gmail.com</u>. Register online by <u>www.diomoncton.ca</u> \rightarrow Pastoral Offices \rightarrow Adult Faith \rightarrow Formation Opportunities.



The following is a list of those who have donated, in memory of loved ones, the flowers that decorate our churches this Christmas season.

Holy Ghost Church		
In Loving Memory of	By	
Tracy and Ralph Dowe	Anne	
Alice and Ken Milton	family	
Wallace and Mitchell, Lulu and Ranny MacDonald, Dorothy and Ray Russell, Frances Bainbridge	Sandra	
Marion and Russell Black Brent Nelson Bernard Black & Reg Fenton	Cerdic and Sandra Nelson	
Otto and Violet O'Hara	family	
Andy O'Hara	family	
Mary and Clyde Richardson	family	
Phil and Doreen McNaught Gordon and Irene Rossiter	Monica and Earl Rossiter	

Holy Family Church/Peoples Park Tower		
In Loving Memory of	By	
Deceased family members	a parishioner	
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Dorothy Gallant	Gordon and Marian Albert	
Jack, Barb and Mike Gould Jackie Melanson	the Bishops	
George Colepaugh	Pauline Colepaugh	
husband, Omer son, John Francis dear friend, Genny LeBlanc	Georgina Cormier	
Dave Daigle	Shirley and Brenda	
Lawrence Sr. and Theresa Gregoire	Laurence Jr. and May Gregoire	
Deceased members of the Kinden, Chafe, Finn and Wesselby families	Angela Kinden	
Whelton and Kouyoumdjian family members	Mary and Varouje Kouyoumdjian	
Stella Kyle	daughter, Carolyn	

Holy Family Church/Peoples Park Tower		
In Loving Memory of	By	
My husband, Leo and daughter-in-law, Lori	Evelyn LeBlanc	
John & Ellen Gill Jesse & Daniel J. Sr. McGee & Eleanor Smith	Dan McGee and Marie Gill-McGee	
Roy and Margaret McNeil	children, Frank and Anne McNeil	
Billy Morano	wife, Sheila Morano	
The Morano family	Sheila Morano	
Ralph and Violet Mannella	sister-in-law, Sheila	
Betty Stalteri	Aunt Sheila	
Brian Mannella	Aunt Sheila	
Coleburne and Georgina Farrer	Sheila Morano and May Gregoire	
The Farrer family	granddaughters, Sheila Morano and May Gregoire	
Russel and Emma Jane Flanagan	Sheila Morano and May Gregoire	
the Flanagan family	Sheila Morano and May Gregoire	
Sterling Flanagan	sisters, May and Sheila	
Mulroy and Malone families	Peter and Margaret Mulroy	
Charles and Vera O'Donnell	Brian O'Donnell	
Mom, Dad, Carol Ann, Ryan, Annie Mae, Gary and Ann	Betty Lou Remington	
My parents, twin brother John and baby brother Ralph	Jean and Dale Ryan	
The Rommens and Sanderson families	Mary, Bob, Mike, Jess, Logan, Chris and Sarah	
Deceased family members of the Santucci and Kyle families	Dale and Joe Santucci	

St. Jude's Church		
In Loving Memory of	By	
Walter & Agnes MacDonald Ray MacDonald	Lindsay and Sharon Jones	
Bob Lamb and mom, Florence Holland	Mary Lamb	
Deceased members of the Martin and Keough families	Reg and Doris Martin and family	
John and Mary Revie James and Louise Griffin	Mary Anne and Gary Griffin	
Deceased choir members	André and Geraline	

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church			
In Loving Memory of	By		
Margaret Albert	Sam Albert		
Sylvain and Imelda Basque Levi and Rita Robichaud	Gil and Claudia Basque		
Bill and Sheila Walsh Jack and Annie Bennett	Wayne, Ellen, Sheila, Marc and Jordan Bennett		
Fred and Cathy Kennedy	Happy Hour Gang		
Deceased family members of the Robichaud, Arseneau, Berry and Priestly families and the Williams family	Simone and Linda Berry		
Deceased members of the Blanchard family	Doris and Georgette		
Deceased members of the Brine and Landry families	Lowell and Roberta Brine		
my dear husband, Murray Burns	Mary Burns		
Gerald Cameron	Elizabeth and family		
Shirley and Edmond Richard	Kathy, Andrew, Melanie and Danielle (Curwins)		
Daly and King families	Al and Bridget Daly		
Donald Fournier, Antoine Hébert, Richard and Noëlla Gallagher	Michèle and kids		
Hank Merlin, Jane Merlin, Bert Hanson, Nancy Parton	Kate and Mark Hanson		
Brian Haslam Clara and Clarke Keirstead	Dianne and family		
Bob James	Marilyn, Susan and Sharon		
Jim Fleming Adeline Fisher	Lorraine Joudrey and family		

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church		
In Loving Memory of	By	
Corinne Kavanaugh	Al and girls	
Fred Kieley	wife, Barbara	
Vaughan LeBlanc	son, David & Carolyn Kyle	
Cal Luedee Deceased members of the Luedee and Wall families	Eileen and family	
Deceased members of the Lunney and Biddiscombe families	Dan and Carol Lunney	
Joe MacFarlane	Anita MacFarlane	
Deceased family members	Mary MacIntyre and family	
Chelsea Marchand & Herman Marchand Jr.	Marchand families	
Marcel et Nola LeBlanc (Mom and Dad) Bernie and Phyllis McTiernan (Mom and Dad)	Monique and Neal McTiernan	
Deceased members of the Belliveau and Melanson families	Gloria Belliveau	
Deceased family members	Maureen and Emerson Mills	
Deceased members of the LeBlanc and Mongraw families	Anne and Alan Mongraw	
Deceased members o the Murphy, Gallant, Kelly families	Collen Murphy and Alvin Gallant	
Pat and Bannon O'Hearn	daughter, Maureen	
Deceased members of the Brennan and Pyne families	Mary Pyne	
Deceased family members	Glen & Anize Ramsay	
Albert Reddin	Pat and family	
Dave Robinson and deceased family members	Lisette Robinson	
Noel and Germaine Pelletier	daughter, Lisette	
Grampie and Grammie Simkins	Lucas, Tessa, Emma and Brianna	
Aunt Mildred Fenton and Uncle Jimmy Duffy	Shirley and Ralph Simkins	
Peter K. Smith	Mae, Karen & Stephen	
Smith and Gregary Families	Ron and Bernice	

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church		Vance Toner and	
In Loving Memory of	By	deceased members of the Aubé family	Pauline Toner
Anna and Alphonso Spataro	son, Giuseppe	Deceased members of the	Bob and Helena
Clem and Pat Rocca	cousin, Anna	Vaughan & Caissie families	Vaughan
Caterina and Nicola Rocca	daughter, Anna	Anne Felix and Elizabeth Violette	the Violette family
Dick Stevenson	Pat and family	Jim Wilson	Anne Marie Wilson



Thank you for helping us create a space where you can walk into any of our churches and feel welcomed and think how beautiful it is to be here.







Weekly Collection for all Churches will be available in the next bulletin where we will report for all Christmas and New Year's Masses.



Please note that the Parish Office will be reopening on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.

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

H&PPY NEW YE&R!