

# St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping

## December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, First Sunday of Advent

### Holy Family Church



52 Falkland St  
Moncton, NB E1E 4S8  
Tel: 506- 854-6099  
**Saturdays at 7 p.m.**

### Holy Ghost Church



2 Church St  
Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3W8  
Tel: 506- 882-1123  
**Saturdays at 4 p.m.**

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



5 Fatima Dr  
Riverview, NB E1B 2X8  
Tel: 506- 386-6178  
**Sundays at 11 a.m.**  
**Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.**

### St. Jude's Church



3062 Main St  
Salisbury, NB E4J 2L5  
Tel: 506- 386-6178  
**Sundays at 9 a.m.**



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 Wolastekwiyik (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 Wolastekwiyik title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

**Welcome to our parish grouping! If you are new to any of our churches,  
please reach out to the parish office to find out more about the life and work of our parishes!**

## Staff Directory

**Parish Office hours - Monday to Friday from 9-4pm**

Priest Moderator	Fr Phil Mulligan	philstoryguy@hotmail.com	(506) 386-6178 ext 106
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**To meet with Fr. Phil, please call the parish office.**

**We pray for the sick, and those who are awaiting or recovering from surgery, those receiving treatment, and those needing strength including**

Nick LeBlanc (grandson of Louie & Ricki LeBlanc),  
Earle Leaman (cousin of Carole Power), Carmelita McCarthy (aunt of Maura McSheffery), Anna Roy (mother-in-law to Jim Merzetti) and Donald McGinn (Cousin of Lou and Pat McGinn).

**We also pray for those who have died including** Margie Sheridan (sister of Lucy McKinley), Louise West (sister of Joanne Girouard) and Rita Comfort.

**And for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.**



**Daily Readings for Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Monday	Isaiah 2.1-5		Matthew 8.5-11,13
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10		Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 26.6-10		Matthew 15.29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6		Matthew 7.21,24-27
Friday	Genesis 3.9-15,20	Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12	Luke 1.26-38
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-21,23-26		Matthew 9.35-101,5a,6-8
Sunday	Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11	2 Peter 3.8-14	Mark 1.1-8

2024 St Joseph Missals are available at the parish office **\$7.00 each**

### Upcoming Liturgies

Wed, Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Heart	9:30 a.m.	Gaby Vasquez -Gordon & Liliana Trail
Friday, Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Carl Swift (Anniv) -Sarah & Denis Duquette
Saturday, Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Saturday, Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Krista McNichol Powers (Anniv) – Betty Lou & Terry Remington
Sunday, Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Jude's	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Corbett & Kavanagh families- Gerry & Pat Corbett
Sunday, Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Heart	11:00 a.m.	Ron Marcoux (Anniv)-Gerald & Marie Pike



**Did you know?** Every year when we hear the Passion Story, the disciple's betrayal is painful. We want to plead with them to stay awake, to urge Peter to tell the truth. We'd like to think, "I would never do that!" Yet sometimes we all fail to live up to the demands of our baptism. Did I deny my faith for convenience or fail to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger or visit the sick? Did my failure to act hurt another?  
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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

Are you interested in joining a parish activity? Or seeking a faith formation time?  
Please see below for a list of upcoming meetings and events

DATE	LOCATION	
Sun, Dec 3	IHMC	<b>RCIA-6:30-8pm</b> call Mark for more info
Mon, Dec 4	Holy Family	<b>Prayer Group</b> gathers at 6:30 p.m.
Tues Dec 5	Dan Bohan	<b>Ladies Society</b> Pot Luck meeting & Gifts for Harvest House- supper starts at 6:00pm
Tues Dec 5	IHMC	<b>Catechism</b> (Years 4, 5,6) at 6:30 pm
Wed Dec 6	IHMC	<b>Prayer Day</b> following mass until 4 pm
Wed Dec 6	IHMC	<b>Catechism</b> (Years 4, 5,6) at 6:30 pm
Wed Dec 6	Dan Bohan	<b>Knights of Columbus</b> regular meeting at 7:00
Thurs, Dec 7	Holy Family	<b>Seniors Connect</b> at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Carols and Music followed by refreshments
Fri, Dec 8	IHMC	<b>A Night in Bethlehem</b> FAMILY EVENT – call Karen for more info
Sat, Dec 9	Dan Bohan	<b>KOC Christmas party</b> - Tickets can be purchased by calling Sandra or Paul 506-387-7379
Mon, Dec 11	Holy Family	<b>Prayer Group</b> gathers at 6:30 p.m
Sun, Dec 17	IHMC	<b>RCIA-6:30-8pm</b> call Mark for more info



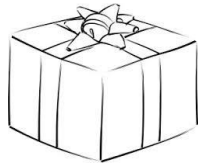
We are accepting donations in memory of deceased family and friends for  
**Christmas season environment** in each of our churches! A list will be printed in the bulletin of those being remembered.

The easiest way for you to do this is to call the Parish Office (506-386-6178) 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 into the office, or use one of the online payment options.

Please have your donation requests in by **Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**



**Planning for 2024 for all our churches:** If your committee will be using church funds for special projects or initiatives in 2024, please call Anne at the Business Office by December 15<sup>th</sup> in order to add your expenses to the budget.



### Albert County Christmas Aid

**White Gift Sunday will be on December 3rd** and this year, some of the things being requested are knitted items (hats, mitts, etc.), toys for any aged child, and gift cards (Sobeys, Walmart, toy stores, etc.).

Please deliver all items UNWRAPPED to your church and we will arrange to get them to Moncton Headstart.

Thank you everyone for helping make Toyland a special place for all families.

### Help for the Homeless



In the past we have issued an appeal for help for the homeless in the Greater Moncton Area and you have answered generously. We are once again asking for your help. **YMCA Re-Connect** are looking for donations of or gently used sweaters, sweatpants, socks, hand/foot warmers and warm blankets. If you can help, please drop your donations off here at the church between now and the Third Sunday of Advent (December 17<sup>th</sup>) and we will make sure they get to Re-Connect.



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Thank you in advance for your generosity

### **The IHM Ladies Society will be meeting**

*(please note the time!)*

**Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.**

**in the Dan Bohan Centre for our annual potluck!**

Reminder ladies we are having our annual potluck and bringing gifts for House! Please, if you can, bring in \$5 Tim Horton's gift cards or maybe candy or chocolates. Craft supplies are appreciated, especially adult coloring books, colored or crayons, puzzles, and puzzle books. Other suggestions are hand warmers, hats, mittens or socks, scarves, nail files, nail clippers, makeup for the ladies, shampoo, deodorant, razors.



Harvest  
some  
pencils  
gloves,  
Please

don't put whatever you bring into stockings or gift bags, rather, bring your contributions loose and unwrapped. **Thank you all!**



### **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 to- \$2 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. What a great gift idea!

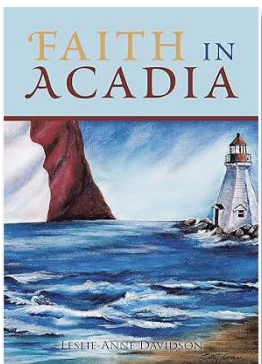
Karing Kitchen says thank you for your generosity and for sharing with so many who have so much less.



**Grocery gift cards** are a great way to budget your grocery bill! Available at the parish office, they are a great way to keep you 'on track'! AND your parish earns 5% on the value of every card sold. Purchase with cash or cheque (made out to Immaculate Heart of Mary). Thank you!



## Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



**This Christmas season, we want to invite you to an Advent event!**

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, immediately following 9:30 a.m. Mass  
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

Advent is an anchor to our Christian faith and draws our attention to a child—a baby in a manger. This child is Emmanuel, *God with us*, and maybe sometimes, we need to be reminded that from that very first Advent, God has been, and always remains, with us.

This Wednesday morning, you are invited into the stories of true Christian testimonies through the works of local author, Leslie-Anne Davidson. Together, we will share coffee and cookies and read some of the sweet stories that Leslie has collected over some fifteen years. She just recently published her novel, 'Faith in Acadia', pulling together these true short stories of hope and belief, reminding us that God is now, and will always be, with us!

**Through these stories, may you see that the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ are still vibrantly expressed in our world today.**

## Saint Jude Church

**HELLO**  
my name is

Mary Anne

### SAVE THE DATE

Fellow parishioners, do you ever see someone in church week after week but don't know their name? Or have you ever wanted a chance to just a few minutes over a coffee and chat with someone you see in church week? **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** is going to be the day we address



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issues. At 9 a.m. mass we will be having our first name tag Sunday. As you enter the church, we will ask you to put on a name tag that we will provide. Then, after mass, we are inviting all to stay for a little brunch downstairs with coffee and treats provided. Also, if you are feeling ambitious, we will be setting up the church for Christmas after brunch. This will be a great way to connect with folks you see all the time, but maybe don't know all that well. All are welcome!

## Holy Family Church



### The "Box for Mittens"

we welcome donations of mittens, hats and scarves!  
The collection box will be out next weekend Nov 25<sup>th</sup>  
and will remain there until December 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you for your support!*

## Holy Ghost



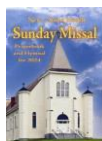
### *Holy Ghost Fundraiser –*

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$300.00 Gift Card collection  
we will also have a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize with this draw.  
Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00.

Draw date December 16<sup>th</sup> following mass.



**Advent Tree gift giving** – for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent we hope to have a tree full of gifts to give to the less fortunate. hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, socks, underwear, soap, shampoo, maybe you have a used coat, pants, etc .... just a few ideas for the gift of giving.



**Missals are available at the Holy Ghost church entrance for the coming year.**



### Christmas Tree Donation:

**Are you getting a new tree this year? Or are you down sizing?  
The Dan Bohan Center could use a Christmas tree if you have one to donate.  
Please call Pam @506-386-5451**



Your generous donations to the **Coats for Kids** campaign. A **total of \$3,700** was raised and jackets have been purchased by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for helping make this campaign a success again this year. All your gifts are appreciated!



### Please support the Food Banks in our area

**House of Nazareth** (Holy Family)  
**Albert County Food Bank** (Immaculate Heart of Mary)  
**Salisbury Helping Hands** (St Jude's)  
**Shepody Food Bank** (Holy Ghost)



When shopping this week, if you are able, pick up  
**Rice, tomato paste, canned sandwich meat, soap, shampoo and toothpaste**  
and bring the items to mass with you!  
Thank you for sharing with others.



### Up on the Hill top, Chaplain's call...

Yes, the fine chaplaincy team at Dorchester Penitentiary (Medium and Minimum) are calling out and seeking folks who might consider being a volunteer. There are monthly liturgies that take place with Fr. Phil Mulligan or Lay RC Chaplain Craig Murphy presiding. If interested in more information, please contact Craig Murphy at [craig.murphy@bridgesofcanada.com](mailto:craig.murphy@bridgesofcanada.com).

*Thanks for considering, Craig!*

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE



On Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Church. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity faith community in preparation for the coming of our saviour. All are welcome.

## Faithful Giving

**Are you a 'generous' giver?** We are all called to share God's gifts, with each other, with those in need, with family and friends, with strangers.... We may never know the extent of blessings that result from our gesture, but we can be sure that all our gifts are from God and are returned to God through our generosity. Give and share your good fortune, in God's name. Please give generously to Church Support. We thank you for all the gifts that you share with our church – and by doing so you help to share the Good News!

**People's Park Tower:** Loose \$47.00, Church Support \$185.00 (12), Maintenance Fund \$15.00 (2)

**Holy Family:** Loose \$47.00, Church Support \$845.00 (26), Maintenance Fund \$50.00 (2)

**Holy Ghost:** Church Support, \$232.00, Fundraising \$320.00

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** Loose \$451.00, Church Support \$1,562.00 (67),  
Property Upkeep \$233.00 (13),

Youth \$98.00 (7), Social Action \$196.00 (9)

**Saint Jude's:** Loose \$25.00, Church Support \$1,881.00 (33)

*thank  
you* ♥



### 2024 Offering Envelopes are available at your church.

Please check if the information on the label is correct.

If you would like a box of envelopes or wish to know more about donating by PAD, or online through Canadahelps, please reach out to Anne at the parish office.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP (MARK THE DATE!)** Our next Theology on Tap will take place on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Five Bridges Pub in Riverview. Our guest speaker will be Maurise Levesque who will share with us talk entitled “Dealing with Loss in Death and Life: Common Misconceptions about Grief.” Please register with Karen at 387-4198 or email [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com)



**May 17– 27, 2024: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years.** Cost of \$3570 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner, and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **INFO:** Hector Caissie at [hectorcaissie@gmail.com](mailto:hectorcaissie@gmail.com) or 506-857-2295.

**A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM**



All families are invited to attend a special interactive event at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Families will be led through a journey similar to that of Mary and Joseph on the night Jesus was born. This is a collaborative effort between St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and the diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. Registration is required, so please contact Karen at 387-4198, [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com).



**SENIORS CONNECT** - Welcome to Seniors Connect, a safe space for seniors to gather, socialize, learn about, and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. Our next gathering will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland Ave., Moncton. We will gather for some festive music and treats. Also bring your ideas of topics you would like to discuss. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com)

*Calling All Seniors!*

**ADVENT @ THE MOVIES**



We are excited to announce that again this year we will meet four times prior to Christmas to discuss Advent themes found in some of favourite popular films.



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**All discussions will be held on Mondays at 2:00 pm via Zoom.**  
November 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm we will be discussing the 2019 film **1917**

December 4<sup>th</sup>: ***Citizen Kane***; December 11<sup>th</sup>: ***Frozen***;  
and December 18<sup>th</sup>: ***The Polar Express***.

**Mondays @ The Movies** is a film discussion group designed to spark conversation about issues of faith and spirituality found in popular films.

Please contact Karen at 506 387-4198 or [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com) if you are interested.



Dear Friends,



The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Moncton invites everyone to join in our first ever ***Simbang Gabi*** in Moncton. ***Simbang Gabi***, a tagalog phrase that literally means “Evening Mass,” is the Filipino traditional novena Masses offered for nine consecutive evenings before Christmas Eve. It is a spiritual journey for Filipinos, a time of reflection, devotion, and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Centred on the Eucharist, the nine Masses honour the Blessed Mother Mary, who carried Our Lord Jesus in her womb for nine months. How is it different from a daily Advent Mass? On Simbang Gabi Masses, the priest wears white festive vestments, and the Gloria is sung. In Moncton, I will preside at **Simbang Gabi Masses at St. Bernard’s Church from December 15<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

**TRANSFORMED THROUGH EUCHARIST What happens during the Eucharist? How important is Eucharist to you? Why do we prepare our children for First Communion?**



Transformed Through Eucharist will deepen your understanding of what the Church believes and teaches about the sacrament of Eucharist. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Parish (52 Falkland Street). 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*. Please register with Karen at 387-4198 / [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com).



**Riverview Boys & Girls Club** is looking for volunteers for the **breakfast program at West Riverview Elementary School.**

Want to make a difference in your community? They would LOVE to have you join Matt in the mornings to help serve breakfast. If you are interested, contact Matt at [matthayes@bgcriverview.com](mailto:matthayes@bgcriverview.com) or 506-387-7070 ext. 4



**Knights of Columbus, 9270  
Potluck Christmas Party!**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Social 6 p.m. Meal 7 p.m. Dance 8 p.m.**

**Tickets \$12.50 each (\$25/couple)**

**Music by Gary Donnelle**

**Yes, we’re doing something  
different this year!**

Knights of Columbus

**POTLUCK** Christmas Party.

Tickets will be sold at IHM  
before and after Sunday Mass on  
November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



# Following Our Faith

*Let us offer each other a sign of peace.*



Offering each other the “sign of peace” is something you have done countless times, if you are a regular participant at Mass (unfortunately, this gesture is non-existent in the French-speaking churches in our diocese). Just prior to reaching our hand out for the hands of our neighbours at Mass, we hear the priest say this: ***Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you”; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.***

The part in parenthesis, “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you” is found only in the Gospel of John. It is part of what we traditionally call the “farewell discourse.” Spanning chapters 14-

17 inclusive, it’s the longest good-bye speech I can think of. It’s a sort of I-have-to-go-but-I-want-to-stay dialogue that comes right from the heart. When you think of it, it’s really quite amazing given the context. Jesus is within 24 hours of facing a kangaroo court of lies, deceit, abandonment, torture, and a violent crucifixion, but what is uppermost in his mind are the people (you and me by extension) around the Table. He wants to leave us his peace. More than that, he wants to *give* us his peace. In the New Jerusalem translation of the Bible, Jesus says, “Peace I bequeath you.” Wording like that makes it sound like we are waiting to hear what Jesus will give us or bequeath us in the will...ahead of his own death!

To make it even more remarkable, for me, is that Jesus is at peace so close to his own, unjust death. That very peace within him, that is filling him at that moment, he wants to give it to you and me. In Matthew (26:30) and Mark’s (14:26) version of the Last Supper, it says that immediately after the meal was done, Jesus lead his Apostles in singing psalms before leaving for the Garden of Gethsemane. It leaves me asking: What was bursting forth in Jesus that is almost totally absent in me? Knowing my life was about to end cruelly tomorrow, I don’t think I would be full of peace and offering it to others as my final wish. I would be calling a lawyer. Singing psalms would definitely not be at the top of my list of “things to do” either. Jesus’ ability to bring harmony to others even when dealing with such inner conflict within his own heart never ceases to amaze me. Offering peace to my neighbours at Mass can never be just an inconsequential or frivolous gesture; it wasn’t for Jesus.

Part of the same sentence where Jesus says, “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you” continues this way, ***“my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.”*** Wow! What’s wrong with the peace the world gives? Firstly, it’s often conditional. You have to cut deals and sometimes even “sell your soul” for it. Or you have to come on bended knee and plead your case about why you deserve it. There’s nothing like that in Jesus.

Secondly, the peace the world offers usually isn’t lasting as much as we would like it to be. History is full of broken promises, deceptive treaties, and feeble truces fraught with hidden agendas. Jesus’ peace is backed not with words but with integrity. When he offers his peace, I don’t think it’s just for this particular moment. I think Jesus’ words are the forerunner of an ultimate peace that we’ll only know fully at the end of time. In the meantime, we are to be ambassadors of Christ’s peace wherever we go. Perhaps our rallying cry during Advent isn’t only “Come, Lord Jesus” but “Come, Lord Jesus, and bring us your peace.”

When we say “Peace be with you” or “The peace of Christ” we are not offering our own peace but Christ’s peace, a peace the world cannot give. With the sign of Christ’s peace, we are saying with our bodies that we hold dear the One who is our peace. We are believing with our bodies that the barriers between us have been broken down, the divisions are undone, the ruptures repaired.

We are pledging to leave this place and spread this peace of Christ to the sidewalks, the supermarket aisles, the hospitals, the classroom, the homeless shelters, the boardroom, the garage, the daycare, and the nursing homes.

Jesus didn't give us his gift of peace in order for us to dig a hole and preserve it there; he gave it to be shared. If there was ever a time the world needed genuine, lasting peace...the kind that only Christ can give...it's now. Turn to the person next to you, in front of you, behind you. Clasp hands or hug that person as you would embrace Christ himself, for indeed that is what you are doing.

Fr. Phil

## Christmas / New Years Mass Schedule



### Christmas Mass's

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm  
St. Jude Church Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30  
Holy Family Church Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - 8:30pm  
Holy Ghost Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Time to be announced.



### New Years Mass's

Peoples Park Tower Dec 29<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm  
Holy Ghost Dec 30<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm  
Holy Family Dec 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm  
St. Jude Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 am  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:00am  
Holy Ghost Church Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00pm  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - 11:00am

