

**St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 -The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>Holy Ghost Church</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</b>	<b>St. Jude's Church</b>
			
52 Falkland St Moncton, NB E1E 4S8 Tel: 506- 854-6099 <b>Saturdays at 7 p.m.</b>	2 Church St Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3W8 Tel: 506- 882-1123 <b>Saturdays at 4 p.m.</b>	5 Fatima Dr Riverview, NB E1B 2X8 Tel: 506- 386-6178 <b>Sundays at 11 a.m.</b> <b>Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.</b>	3062 Main St Salisbury, NB E4J 2L5 Tel: 506- 386-6178 <b>Sundays at 9 a.m.</b>



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 Wəlastəkwiik (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 Wəlastəkwiik 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**

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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 Victor Godbout., Lowell Brine, and Nancy Creighton and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.**



### Daily Readings

<i>Monday</i>	Numbers 6.22-27	Galatians 4.4-7	Luke 2.16-21
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 John 2.22-28		John 1.19-28
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 John 2.29;3.1-6		John 1.29-34
<i>Thursday</i>	1 John 3.7-10		John 1.35-42
<i>Friday</i>	1 John 3.11-21		John 1.43-51
<i>Saturday</i>	1 John 5.5-13		Mark 1.4-5,7-11
<i>Sunday</i>	Isaiah 60.1-6	Ephesians 3.2-3a,5-6	Matthew 2.1-12

## *Upcoming Liturgies*

Wed, Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Immaculate Heart	9:30 a.m.	For the People
Fri, Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Kathy Kinden LeBlanc & Diana (Dee) Morin- Marie Clare Belliveau
Sat, Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Fred Mercer- Late Verna Curtain Douthwright
Sat, Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Shirley Daigle (Anniv) – Daigle Family
Sun, Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Jude's	9:00a.m.	Elizabeth Lewis- Mary Lamb & Family
Sun, Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Heart	11:00 a.m.	Dan Lunney – The Choir

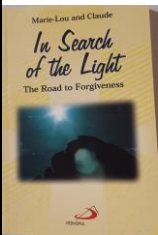
## *Upcoming Meetings and Events*

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	
Sat Dec 30	Holy Family	<b>Mass time- 7:00p.m.</b>
Sun Dec 31	IHM	<b>Regular Mass - 11:00a.m.</b>
Sun Dec 31	Holy Ghost	<b>Mass time - 5:00p.m.</b>
Mon Jan 1	IHM	<b>Mass - 11:00a.m.</b>
Tues Jan 2	Dan Bohan	<b>IHM Ladies Society-</b> Regular meeting at <b>7:00p.m.</b>
Tues Jan 2	IHM	<b>Catechism cancelled-</b> will resume on Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> 4,5,6 at <b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Wed Jan 3	To be announced	<b>Knights of Columbus -</b> Regular meeting at <b>7:00p.m.</b>
Wed Jan 3	IHM	<b>Catechism cancelled -</b> will resume on Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> 4,5,6 at <b>6:30 p.m.</b>

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

### *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*



**In Search of the Light – The Road to Forgiveness**  
by Marie-Lou and Claude  
(Healing & Personal Growth)

**From darkness to Light.** A very personal in-depth account. For this reason, I chose Healing for this category rather than Biographies and Journeys. It seemed fitting for such a profound book.

**Colleen.**

**Cathy Kennedy Lending Library**

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**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)**

Canned goods, sandwich meat, Soup, pasta sauce, juice drinks and bring the items to mass with you!

Thank you for sharing with others.



**Did You Know?** God loves us as if we were His children and He was our parent But God's care and compassion for us are even bigger and stronger than the best mother's love. (P 134, SB2023)



**Memorial and Special Gifts this month**  
*Memorial & Special Gifts are a special way to give to the life and works of the church.*  
*These gifts can be made in memory of a loved one and they can also be made to honour a living person.*  
**During the month of December 2023**



*At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, donations were made to the church in memory of Cal Luedee at Christmas time from Eileen Luedee in memory of George Power – The Royal Ladies Christmas flowers in memory of John MacIntyre from Mary MacIntyre and a special Christmas donation in honor of our amazing Fr. Phil Mulligan and excellent staff members Mark, Karen, Trevor, Stephen, Debbie, and Anne from Lorraine Joudrey*

Memorial and Special Donations can be received any time at the parish office.  
 Consider making our church (IH, HF, HG, or SJ) your charity of choice.  
 Please call the parish office to inquire about memorial cards and options for your donations.

### **Holy Ghost**



**What a wonderful fundraiser**, thank you everyone for participating to make this a success.  
 Winners of Fundraiser:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Ruth McSheffery  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Doug MacLean  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Lisa Parsons  
 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Robin Stuart

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**



**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!



*Thank You for Supporting Your Local Karing Kitchen!!  
 With the 'Let's Do Lunch' donations*

*Jim & Sylvia Young  
 Ken & Carmelle Cochrane*



### A note of Thanks!



*I personally want to thank all of you who gave me cards and gifts. It was so appreciated. You could have chosen to support a worthy GoFundMe cause, but you supported the Poor-Downtrodden-Pastor-Fund. The staff, Stephen, Anne, Mark, Karen, Debbie (a.k.a. "vultures") also appreciated your cards and thoughtfulness. All kidding aside, I really do work with the "A-Team". I want to express my gratitude to those of you who put extra effort and time into your ministry, liturgical or otherwise, during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. And lastly, my gratitude is for all your efforts in making Christmas special, meaningful, and less lonely for many in our church in the greater community.*

### Faithful Giving

**Hello 2024!** Why not start the new year with a **renewed commitment to the life and work of our parish** – consider starting a regular offering using one of the many ways to give – through envelopes, by PAD, or by using the DONATE button on our website, [www.setmoncton.com](http://www.setmoncton.com). Automated giving is a great way to work your church offering into your monthly budget. Reach out to the parish office for more information by calling Anne at 506 386-6178. **Please be generous when giving to Church Support.** We cannot do the work of the church without your faithful support.

#### Offering Envelopes for 2024

Envelopes are a great way to help you become an intentional donor to our parish. Use them weekly, or biweekly or monthly, as you wish, to make your offering by cash or cheque to the church.

#### Collection from last weekend

**Weekly Offerings for all Churches for Christmas and New Year's Masses will be posted in the January 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 bulletin.**

**See you all in the New Year!**



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### COP28

The core issue at COP28 was fossil fuels and in the end, negotiators agreed to call for a global transition away from all fossil fuels. This is a significant step in the right direction and indicates governments are ready to deal with the problem. Our leaders' climate actions matter, and our climate actions matter.



## Following our Faith

### Mary, A Model of Faith

Talk about a jam-packed weekend. Sunday we are celebrating Epiphany, and then right back to church on Monday to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. I would like to use this reflection to focus on Mary, and what a model of faith she is for all of us.



The Solemnity of Mary, from the church in Canada's point of view, carries a great deal of importance as it is one of only two holy days of obligation in the entire year (the other one being Christmas). When I was growing up there was a tremendous devotion to Mary in our household. Most every evening we would gather as a family and say the rosary shortly after supper. I can remember how inconvenient this was as it was almost always at a time when friends would be knocking at the door to see if one of the seven of us could come out to play. Looking back, the Pope could have been at the door, and he would have had to wait until we finished the rosary.

In the room where we would say the rosary there was a statue of Mary elevated on a shelf with candles lit around it while we were praying. I can remember that the statue had Mary with her eyes cast toward the ground and looking meek and mild. This is the image of Mary that I (and I suspect many others) grew up with. In my later years I have come to believe that if that is our only image of Mary, then we are really selling her short. I recently had the opportunity to put together a presentation on Mary for an R.C.I.A. meeting and it ended up being quite the eye opener for me. First, I was able to find an image of what Mary probably would have looked like as a teenage girl in first century Palestine. Quite different from any image I had seen before. But more important, Mary was anything but a shrinking violet, as the downcast eyes on the statue might suggest. As we hear in the account of the Visitation, Mary didn't just blindly accept the mission being placed in front of her by the Angel, Gabriel. She had questions, and good ones too.

Also, think of the tremendous responsibility of not just giving birth to the messiah but raising him through childhood and adolescence, trying to prepare him for what will be the most important mission anyone has ever carried out. And at the end of her son's life, just as she did not flee when being presented with this mission all those years ago, she did not flee when the going got really tough. Witnessing the death of your own son is something no parent ever wants to live through, yet there she was, front and center, watching the whole ordeal play out. I also have come to believe that even though we don't hear a lot about Mary in the Acts of the Apostles and other stories of the early church, she was the glue that kept those disciples together until they could develop the gifts they would need to bring this news to the rest of the world. Mary was as strong a woman as there has ever been. To imply that she was anything less not only does her a great disservice, but flies in the face of what Scripture tells us about her. That is why Mary continues to be someone we can look to when we are trying to navigate our own faith journey.

This is the first weekend of the new year, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous and blessed 2024.

*All of us from the Parish office wish  
each and everyone a wonderful,  
healthy, happy, blessed New Year*

