

Upcoming Liturgies				
Wed, Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Heart	9:30 a.m.	Joe Gauvin & Medley Savoie (Anniv)-Lillian Gauvin Family	
Fri, Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Paul Bourque -Roger & Judy Bourque	
Sat, Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	For the People	
Sat, Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Shirley Daigle – Dale & Jean Ryan	
Sun, Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Jude's	9:00a.m.	Deceased members of Kavanaugh & Corbett Families – Gerry & Pat Corbett	
Sun, Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Immaculate Heart	11:00 a.m.	Evan Hickey – Harold & Monica Bourque	



**Did you know?** For many of us the spiritual life is one where we are searching for God, hoping that God will come out of hiding and talk to us, to notice us, to be present to us. Still we are invited to *fast*, not because God will appear, but with the faith that God is present even when we don't sense Him. Lent is an invitation to believe and know that God is watching even

when we don't sense Him. (p. 108 SB 2023)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	Upcoming Meetings and Events			
CALENDAK	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			
Mon Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	IHM	Choir practice- 6:30pm everyone welcome!		
Mon Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Family	Prayer group- at 6:30pm		
Tues Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	IHM	Catechism – at 6:30pm grades 1,2,3.		
Tues Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Family	Choir Practice – at 7:00pm everyone welcome!		
Tues Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>		ACA Monthly Check-in-at 9:30am via zoom		
Tues Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	IHM	Adult Faith Commission- at 7:00pm		
Wed Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	IHM	Catechism – at 6:30pm grades 1,2,3.		
Thur Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Skipper Jacks	IHM Ladies Society Lunch Club- Meeting at noon. Call Pam if going at		
		506-386-5451		
Mon Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	IHM	Parish Catechetical Coordinators- at 6:30pm		
Thur Jan 25	Dan Bohan	Prayer Shawl Ministry- Meet at 10:30am All knitters welcome !		
St Elizabeth of the Trinity				

#### St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



The "Summa Theologica" of Saint Thomas Aquinas by Thomas Aquinas (Saints and Their Works) Weighty and original, in his own words. For the scholarly readers in our assembly.



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



**Retro Riverview Valentines Dance with the Gallant Family Band-** Saturday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 Woolridge st. Riverview (use rear entrance) Admission \$10.00 per person at the door.

Family

We care about you! If you are in the hospital for any reason or sick at home, please have someone contact us to let us know. We value our Church family and would like to pray for you and send well wishes along.



**During the month of January**, we are collecting the following items to assist with the breakfast service at **Harvest House**: powdered milk, cans of coffee, boxes of cereal, cereal bowls, and coffee mugs. If you have items to donate, bring them to the church on Sundays or during the week. This collection will end on **Sunday, January 28**. Thank you for sharing with others!



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 soup, pasta, pasta sauce, and juice drinks and bring the items to mass with you! Thank you for sharing with others.

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



Riverview Winter Carnival's Ladies Society Chicken Luncheon **Saturday, February 10**<sup>th,</sup> from 11-1 pm at the Dan Bohan Centre Tickets available from Pam (506 386-5451) \$12.00 each

The ladies are serving up their delicious Chicken a la King served on a tea biscuit with a side of coleslaw and cranberry sauce. Dessert will be a scrumptious serving of gingerbread drizzled with caramel sauce and topped off with whipped topping.



**Gift Card Draw** – **Win a \$50 Gift Card** (your choice: Superstore or Sobeys!)

For each \$50 worth of gift cards you purchase, you can enter your name in the gift card draw. Winning name will be drawn on Wednesday, January 31. The parish



earns 5% on the value of each gift card sold – it's a great fundraiser for the parish AND a great way for you to keep your grocery purchases on budget! If you are from Holy Family, Holy Ghost, or St Jude's, just let us know and your parish can earn the 5% - and you can enter your name in the draw!! Gift Cards are available to purchase by cash or cheque (made payable to Immaculate Heart of Mary) on Sundays before and after mass and during the week at the parish office.

# Faíthful Gívíng

 Holy Family -Loose \$239.00, Church Support \$1,615.00 (35), Maintenance Fund \$70.00 (15)

 People's Park Tower: Loose \$41.00, Church Support \$200.00(10), Maintenance Fund \$5.00 (1)

 Holy Ghost: Loose \$30.00, Church Support \$350.00(18), Fuel \$355.00, Initial offering \$20.00 New

 Years \$50.00, Booklets \$15.00, Fundraiser 50/50 \$92.00, Donation \$45.00

 Immaculate Heart of Mary: Loose \$362.00, Church Support \$8,309.00(141), Property Upkeep

 \$250.00(8), Youth \$31.00(2), Social Action \$197.00(13)

 Saint Jude's: Loose \$27.00, Church Support \$425.00(14)



UPDATE – we have 4 new donors: 3 by envelopes + 1 by PAD – 16 MORE TO **GO!!** Will this be you? St Elizabeth of the Trinity families! Make 2024 the year that you pledge to make a financial commitment to your church. To operate as we do, we need your dedicated financial support of the life and work of the parishes. We are looking for 20 families among all our churches (over 700 families!), who are not presently regular donors, to

commit to making regular monetary donations to the church: request a box of envelopes, start a donation by PAD, or use your credit card to donate monthly at Canadahelps.org (choose your parish in the drop down menu). You decide how much you want to give and how often (weekly? monthly?) And by doing so, you are helping to secure the parish, the liturgical necessities, the formation, the fellowship, the clergy support, the buildings, and more! Will this be you? Reach out to Anne at the parish office to find out how you can become a regular donor to your parish.



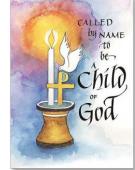
"A cup of coffee to the church" – While planning your offering for 2024, please consider donating the equivalent of an extra cup of coffee (\$2 or more!) each week to the church. For most of us, an extra \$2 per week is doable. If you give by envelope or etransfer, simply add in \$2 each week. If you donate by PAD, please reach out to Anne at the parish office to increase your monthly contribution. Every 'cup of coffee' counts!!!



Thank you for your generosity! We raised a total of \$6,318.12 \$800.00 in Oct. from: IHMC- SA at \$500.00 & \$300.00 from KOC through RKCI \$555.00 in Nov. from KOC 9270 (Puzzle Sale) \$4963.12 in Dec from: IHMC-Parishioners at \$4963.12 incl our own Mark Hanson. We purchased 18 Boxes of Coats from Supreme KOC at \$6210.00We can carry forward \$108.12 for our next Coats for Kids Campaign 2024 Thank you to all parishioners and Volunteers who made this

such a success!

# We still have copies of "Word Among Us" pick up your copy today for \$3.50 at IHM



Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, we welcome Azalea Dorothy Lawrence, daughter of Zylas & Erin and from Holy Family Church, we welcome **Obinna Harvey Ibe; son of Obinna & Chisom** 

Azalea and Obinna, may the grace and blessings received at Baptism guide you throughout your life and may this holy occasion bring your family great joy. God bless you little ones, sweet children of God!



**Palms** - We are asking those with palms from years past to please bring them into the parish office **by Sunday**, **February** 4<sup>th</sup>. We will burn these palms to have our ashes for Ash Wednesday February 14th Thank you!

## **Holy Ghost**



## Winner of the 50/50 \$92.00

Finally Phil and Jim! Congratulations your excitement was priceless! What a great way to start off a New Year

## Sacrament of Baptism

# Following our Faith

### The Miracle of the Ordinary

Today is the second Sunday in ordinary time. For much of my life I've thought of ordinary time as the "boring time" in the church year, the space holder between the important events. Today I am struck by the fact that ordinary time is the time of infinite possibility. Ordinary time is the time immediately after the creation, the birth, the resurrection, the pouring out of the Spirit. Ordinary time is the time when we are invited to work as full partners with God to move the world from potential to ...

Ordinary time is everything that we can imagine in those three dots.

Today's Scripture readings highlight the miracle of the ordinary. The most striking thing about the events of both the first reading and the gospel reading is the fact that these key moments in the biblical story are not striking events. Samuel is trying to fall asleep, and he hears his name. I imagine that in that moment between being awake and being asleep most of us have "heard" something similar, but when Samuel hears, he jumps up and runs to Eli. And Eli, either with true understanding, or in his desire to sleep without interruption, is wise enough to tell Samuel to listen to what God might want to say to him. Samuel's listening shapes the rest of the story of Israel.



In many ways, the gospel story is even more "ordinary" than the first reading. Andrew was standing with John the Baptist when Jesus walked by. John identified Jesus as someone sent by God, so Andrew decided to follow him and listen to him for the day. Andrew then decided to go and get his brother Peter and invite him to come listen too. Jesus meets Peter and gives him a nickname. Listening to that nickname shaped Peter and

shaped the life of the church which we are part of.

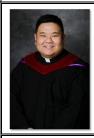
We are not told what God said to Samuel. We are not told what Jesus said that inspired Andrew. All we are told is that ordinary people, in the course of ordinary events, chose to listen for the voice of the divine and that choice changed everything.

One of the things that I have witnessed over and over in the years that I have spent working in the hospital, is the extraordinary power of being still and listening. Over and over again, I have met people who, in the face of terrible suffering, found a sense of meaning or purpose or connection, a sense of peace or joy or love which they say they never knew before. In each case it has been the act of being still and listening with an open heart that has made the difference. Sometimes it is the patient who is still and listens. Sometimes it is family. Sometimes it is staff. But always, there is stillness and listening, and then something new is born.

It is easy to think that wonder and mystery in life are elusive because they can only be found in high holy days and extraordinary events. But the truth is, the greatest wonder and mystery in life is elusive because it is hidden in the ordinary and therefore about as visible to us as the tip of our nose. I wonder what miracles would come to pass in 2024 if each of us committed to taking a few moments, before we fall asleep each day, to just be still and listen with an open heart for the echoes of God's voice in the experiences of that day. I wonder what we would find if we made what Saint Ignatius called an "examen" of the ordinary, in order to give birth to the extraordinary.

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<u>**THEOLOGY ON TAP</u>** Our next Theology on Tap will take place on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 pm at Mai Asian Restaurant on Mountain Road. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Carlos Jacinto who will speak to us about vocation and discernment. Please register with Karen at 506-387-4198, **karen.diocese@gmail.com** or online at **www.diocesemoncton.ca**  $\rightarrow$  Pastoral Offices  $\rightarrow$  Adult Faith  $\rightarrow$  Formation Opportunities.</u>



**MONDAY @ THE MOVIES** Our next film discussion will take place via Zoom on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, when we will talk about faith themes from *Five People You Meet in Heaven* (2004). 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 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com if you are interested.



May 16–26, 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.)

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