

Upcoming Liturgies				
Wed, Jan 24 th	Immaculate Heart	9:30 a.m.	Laurie Findlay (Anniv)-IHM Ladies Society	
Fri, Jan 26 th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Carm DeLong – Angela Kinden	
Sat, Jan 27 th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Ruby Beck – Stella Duffy	
Sat, Jan 27 th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Victor Pinto – Daughter Nimi	
Sun, Jan 28 th	St Jude's	9:00a.m.	For the People	
Sun, Jan 28 th	Immaculate Heart	11:00 a.m.	Anne Felix (Anniv)- The Violet Family	



Did you know? God calls every person to listen and follow Him. God is there for every person, no matter who they are or what they have done. There is nobody too lost for God to save, and there is nobody so righteous that they do not need a savior. God is always ready to teach us how to be more loving and holy if we stay open to listening and growing. (p. 24, SB 2023)

Upcoming Meetings and Events ADK YOUR ALFNDAR

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

DATE	LOCATION		
Mon Jan 22 nd	IHM	Choir practice- 6:30pm everyone welcome!	
Mon Jan 22 nd	Holy Family	Prayer group- at 6:30pm	
Tues Jan 23 rd	IHM	Catechism – at 6:30pm grades 4,5,6.	
Tues Jan 23 rd	Holy Family	Choir Practice – at 7:00pm everyone welcome!	
Wed Jan 24 th	IHM	Catechism – at 6:30pm grades 4,5,6.	
Mon Jan 22 nd	IHM	Parish Catechetical Coordinators- at 6:30pm	
Tues Jan 23 rd	IHM	Adult Faith Commission- Meet at 7:00p.m.	
Tues Jan 30 th	Dan Bohan	Prayer Shawl Ministry- Meet at 10:30am All knitters welcome !	
Tues Feb 6 th	St. Bernards	Parish RCIA Leadership-Meet at 10:00a.m.	
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Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting by Holly W. Whitcomb (*Prayer* Life)

Cathy Kennedy Lending Library "Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

Patience, Loss of Control, Living in the Present, Compassion, Gratitude, Humility. Trust in God. Colleen





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!



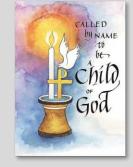
Riverview Winter Carnival's Ladies Society Chicken Luncheon Saturday, February 10^{th,} from 11-1 pm at the Dan Bohan Centre

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.



Immaculate Heart of Mary



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.

Sacrament of Baptism

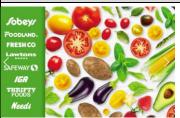
Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church,

we welcome

Collin James Padrones son of Eduardo and Maria

Collin 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 one, sweet child of God!



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 R Carlos

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.

will be drawn **on Wednesday**, January **31**. The parish



The Mary's Mantle online prayer group would like to invite you take part in preparation for Easter by joining us to discuss a book called "Set the World on Fire" through Ave Maria Press.

Each week during Lent, the book will guide us to grow in love with God, trusting Him in all things. We will then gather via Zoom allowing us to share in fellowship as we all journey through Lent as a community in Faith and Love.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Tiffany at <u>goodtiffany@hotmail.com</u> or 506-386-5442 for more information. You can purchase the book through Amazon.

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 **February 8th** at 10:30 am



at the Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. We will have Barrister and Solicitor Cyril Sutherland talking to us about Wills, Power of Attorney, Appointment of Committee; all in relation to the new legislation recently enacted by the Provincial Government January 1, 2024. Jot down any questions you may have in the meantime. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email <u>karen.dioceses@gmail.com</u>

Faíthful Gívíng

Holy Family -Loose \$76.00, Church Support \$305.00 (12), Maintenance Fund \$55.00 (3) People's Park Tower: Loose \$26.00, Church Support \$170.00(12), Maintenance Fund \$10.00 (2) Holy Ghost: Church Support \$178.00 PAD \$192.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary: Loose \$329.00, Church Support \$1,984.00(86), Property Upkeep \$151.00(13), Youth \$85.00(4), Social Action \$138.00(7)

Saint Jude's: Loose \$24.50, Church Support \$613.00(18)

In addition to the collections listed above, donations were received for: Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen, Harvest House, Albert County Food Bank, and Salisbury Helping Hands Food Bank. If you would like to know more about how you can donate to these and other charities and get receipted through your church

envelope or at Canadahelps.org, please reach out to Anne at the parish office.





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 <u>Canadahelps.org</u> (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 e-transfer, 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!!!



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



The Cosmic Walk

The Laudato Si' Committee invites you to join in the telling of a special story – a story of Mother Earth, of humans, of gazelles, of mountains; it's the story of you and me!

Birth, death, and resurrection. Our Christian story is our cosmic story!

We will tell this amazing story at two different times on Thursday, February 8th.

at the Dan Bohan Centre. Afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and evening at 6:00 p.m.

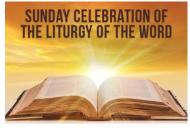
Register with Karen at 506-387-4198, karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at

www.diocesemoncton.ca \rightarrow Pastoral Offices \rightarrow

Adult Faith \rightarrow Formation Opportunities.

Following our Faith





From the first century onward, the Church (the people of God) has always insisted on the importance of gathering on Sunday. Early Church documents attest to Christians gathering on the Day of the Lord to break bread and give thanks in remembrance of Christ. Each Sunday was, and still is, considered "Little Easter" since the Resurrection of Christ is the central event in our faith. Moreover, we believe it is the Risen Lord himself who gathers us and is sacramentally present to us each time we gather for Eucharist.

When Christians cannot be nourished at the table of Christ's Body, however, they can still be nourished at the table of His Word.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) restored the importance of the Liturgy of the Word to its rightful prominence that it had during the first centuries of the Church. (Remember, it wasn't that long ago when some Catholics felts that as long as they made it to Mass in time for the consecration "it counted!" They had fulfilled their "obligation"). Vatican II, thankfully, reminded us that the readings from the Old Testament, the Psalm, the New Testament writings, and the Gospels was like a feast God spread before us and invited us to take in the mysteries of how God saved our ancestor and how God is saving us here and now. Do we ever see the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, as a feast that is meant to nourish us? The Prophet Jeremiah certainly saw it that way when he said, *"When your words showed up, I ate them—swallowed them whole. What a feast!"* (Jer. 15:16).

In the Liturgy of the Word, the first half of Mass, hopefully we can say as Eli taught the boy, Samuel, to say, *"Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening"* (1 Sam. 3:10).

Sunday Eucharist is not always possible, but gathering to huddle around God's Word is always possible; it is by no means something new. Catholics have been nourished for hundreds of years on God's Word (in the absence of a priest) long before it was legitimated by the Church leaders at the Second Vatican Council. The opening lines of the Bible, the creation story, attests to the importance and power of God's Word long before Jesus was born and long before the Church was established. We are told in the Book of Genesis that all God had to do was speak His Word and creation emerge. When the prophets appeared to tell us of the importance of God's word they spoke with conviction: *"Just as the rain and snow fall from the sky and don't return until they have watered the earth, so it is with my Word. It, too, will not return to the heavens empty-handed. My Word will bring good to the earth as it was always meant to do"* (Is. 55:11).

Vatican II (1964) along with the Code of Canon Law (1983) gave us the provision to provide Sunday Celebrations of the Word. The ritual was put into book form in Canada in 1995, although it was prayed by Catholics in this country for at least 10 years prior to that. While Catholics are no less responsive to the call of the Risen Lord for the Sunday Celebration of the Word, we must never see this ritual as a substitute for Eucharist itself. The Sunday Celebration of the Word is not a mini-Eucharist. It is celebrated in anticipation of the day when the faithful can gather with their priest and celebrate Eucharist. Provisions are deliberately built into the Sunday Celebration of the Word so that it won't be perceived as a watered-down version of Mass.

Sunday Celebration of the Word is not a mini-Mass, but it is a legitimate prayer form that makes the saving action of Christ present in its own way. God's creative Word is not thwarted because there is no priest to celebrate Eucharist on a particular Sunday. The faithful are still nourished by the Word proclaimed, the "homily," the intercessions, the hymns, and the thanksgiving that arise from their mouths.

With the clear shortage of priest, and their increasing age, Sunday Celebration of the Word is becoming increasingly important in the life of the Church. I hope you will always support this ritual, take your place around the Risen Lord, and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with your brothers and sisters in faith.

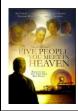
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THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next Theology on Tap will take place on Monday, February 12th at 6:30 pm at Mai Asian Restaurant on Mountain Road. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Carlos Jacinto who will speak to us about vocation and discernment. Please register 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.



MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next film discussion will take place via Zoom on January 29th 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. The cost is \$3570(optional single room supplement \$250.00 /p) For more INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or call 506-857-2295.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Church (43 Botsford Street, Moncton) on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00 pm. (Mass and Sacrament of the Sick) Who should celebrate this sacrament? Those



who are elderly and whose frailty is becoming more pronounced; those adults and children who are suffering from a major illness; illness comes in many different forms - physical, mental, psychological, emotional, and spiritual; those who are facing or recovering from surgery or serious medical tests; those suffering from a serious accident; those who suffer from chronic illness such as arthritis or diabetes,

those who care for the sick, especially those who are tightly bound in love with them. The English churches of the Archdiocese of Moncton work together to offer this communal celebration. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this celebration. It is important that those who are sick and those around them understand the significance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as a sacrament of

healing.