

St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
February 4th, 2024 -Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9-4 pm.

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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 Beth Nichol, Wanda Dornan, Joseph (Manh
 Thuong Nauyen- Priest in CSSR), Brian Kavanaugh (Brother) & Natalie Corbin (Friend) of
 Pat Corbett, Claire Cordeiro, and Larry Gilroy.**

**For those who have died.
 and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.**



Daily Readings Feb 5th to Feb 11th, 2024

Monday	1 Kings 8.1-7,9-13		Mark 6.53-56
Tuesday	1 Kings 8.22-23,27-30		Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday	1 Kings 10.1-10		Mark 7.14-23
Thursday	1 Kings 11.4-13		Mark 7.24-30
Friday	1 Kings 11.29-32;12.19		Mark 7.31-37
Saturday	1Kings 12.26-32;13.33-34		Mark 8.1-10
Sunday (6th Sunday in OT)	Leviticus 13.1-2,45-46	1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1	Mark 1.40-45

Upcoming Liturgies

Wed, Feb 7 th	Immaculate Heart	9:30 a.m.	Marilyn Copp (Anniv) IHM Ladies Society
Fri, Feb 9 th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	For the People
Sat, Feb 10 th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Clara Keirstead- Grace Elderkin
Sat, Feb 10 th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	John & Ellen Gill (Anniv)- Marie Gill Mc Gee
Sun, Feb 11 th	St Jude's	9:00a.m.	Albert & Melvina Gordon – The Gordon Family
Sun, Feb 11 th	Immaculate Heart	11:00 a.m.	Dan Lunney – Nina & Doug Geldart



***Did you know?** When we are humble, we understand that all we have comes from God. When we are humble, we know we need God to help us become better at showing mercy and forgiveness: we become better at being compassionate and loving. (p. 128, SB 2023)*

**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	
Mon Feb 5 th	IHM	Choir practice -At 6:30pm everyone welcome!
Mon Feb 5 th	Holy Family	Prayer group - At 6:30pm
Tues Feb 6 th	IHM	Catechism – At 6:30pm grades 4,5,6.
Tues Feb 6 th	Holy Family	Choir Practice – At 7:00pm everyone welcome!
Tues Feb 6 th	St. Bernards	Parish RCIA Leadership -Meeting at 10:00a.m.
Tues Feb 6 th	Dan Bohan	IHM Ladies Society - Meeting at 7:00pm bring items for basket for luncheon
Tues Feb 6 th	St. Bernard's	Parish R.C.I.A Leadership - Meeting at 10:00a.m.
Wed Feb 7 th	IHM	Adult Faith Commission - Meeting at 7:00p.m.
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Thur Feb 8 th	IHM	Parish office Closed - At Noon for Diosean meeting-
Thur Feb 8 th	Dan Bohan	The Cosmic Walk - Happening at 2:00pm and again at 6:00pm
Tues Feb 13 th	Holy Family	Holy Family Social Club - Meeting 11:00am- 1:00pm
Wed Feb 14 th	IHM	Cancelled – 9:30 Mass is cancelled for this week

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Thank you again everyone who has contributed to the library in the past months, either in donations or being active readers. I prayed for more children's books and can now set up a couple of different age-related sections. I prayed for more of the Saints and that has also grown. Also, magazines, videos. Please bear with me while the new inventory becomes more organized. Dynamic and stable, an interesting mix. Colleen.

Cathy Kennedy Lending Library

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



Riverview Winter Carnival's Ladies Society Chicken Luncheon

Saturday, February 10th, 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.



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)

Cereal, powdered milk, canned vegetables, and Juice Drinks
 and bring the items to mass with you! Thank you for sharing with others.

Immaculate Heart of Mary church



The winner of the Gift Card Draw is Christine Picard! Congratulations!
THANK YOU to all who purchased gift cards during the month of January!
 Gift cards are available for purchase before and after mass (IHMC) and from the parish office.



Lenten Mass Schedule – Ash Wednesday, February 14th 2024



Peoples Park Tower – 10:00 a.m.
 Holy Family – 12:00 p.m. (noon)
 Holy Ghost -3:00p.m.
 Immaculate Heart of Mary – 6:30 p.m.



Please note, there will be no 9:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Ash Wednesday



Knights of Columbus - 40 Cans for Lent Project!

*Once again, the Knights of Columbus' **can-do** attitude is launching our 40 Cans for Lent Project!*

Our goal is to help fight hunger and the project is simple. We are asking for cans or monetary donations are preferred!



*You **CAN** donate to the cause through e-transfer, collection baskets at your church, mail in your cheque, any which way you wish, and each week we'll translate your money into numbers of cans!*

We will be collecting till Palm Sunday March 24th



Winter Carnival Fundraiser: The gentle are cooking up a soup and Chowder night Just what we need for those cold days to warm the body and soul.

Feb 2nd Eat in only (no take out available)

Dan Bohan Center starting at 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Cost \$6.00 per person or \$20.00 per family

Proceeds go to **The Knights of Columbus 40 cans for Lent Program**



Tax Receipts- are available at your church. Thank you for your gifts in 2023. If there is an error or a correction needed to your receipt, or you would like an email copy of your receipt, please reach out to [Anne](#) at the parish office.



*Plan on a night out of the Kitchen!
Or How about a Knight in the kitchen?
Your choice On Shrove Tuesday, February
13th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake
supper from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*



*Menu includes pancakes, sausage, beans soup, crackers,
tea, coffee, and. lemonade Price \$10.00*

Sharing God's Gifts

Holy Family -Loose \$132.00, Church Support \$649.00 (33), Maintenance Fund \$105.00 (7)
People's Park Tower: Loose \$85.00, Church Support \$220.00(13), Maintenance Fund \$15.00
(2) Nazareth House \$140.00
Holy Ghost: Loose &10.00 , Church Support \$291.00
Immaculate Heart of Mary: Loose \$385.00, Church Support \$1,633.00(115), Property Upkeep
\$76.00(11), Youth \$46.00(6), Social Action \$103.00(8)
Saint Jude's: Church Support \$462.00(18)



'...Freely you have received; freely give.' – Matthew 10:8 We may never know the
affect our gifts have on others, but together we make a difference. Thank you for your
generous offering to **Church Support**, supporting the life and work of our church.
*We could not have a church building, clergy and staff, liturgical supplies, or even a bulletin,
without your generous gifts to the church. Please prayerfully consider what your church
means to you and as you are able, to church support. Offering envelopes, PAD forms, and more are
available from the parish office – please reach out to [Anne](#) to discuss your options.*

**Development
and Peace**
CARITAS CANADA



Ash Wednesday is fast approaching, marking the beginning of Lent and the
Share Lent campaign of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada,
DPCC. This year's theme is: **Growing Rights Together**. DPCC, its members
and supporters will be mobilizing during this campaign to support farmers
around the world who face many challenges in their aspiration to live in dignity. **To prepare for the
campaign**, an exchange, information and training workshop is planned in every diocese across the
country. If you want to attend one of these workshops, please join by zoom my colleague in Halifax,
Adah Ogbe, who will be leading the one for Saint-John (NB) diocese in English. During the workshop,
you'll discover the fine work of our partners, notably in Bolivia, Indonesia and Nigeria, in tackling
these many challenges. **Date and time: Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 9 a.m.** For any details
or to register, please contact: Regional Office of Development and Peace In New-Brunswick in
Moncton Tel. 506 801-0440, email: dpatlantic@devp.org Or in Nova Scotia: (902) 429-9489
(free call #: 1 800 494-1401, # 238); email: Adah.Ogbe@devp.org

Exploring our Faith

The Breaths of Life

Patience is not one of my virtues. Lack of it is probably one of my more glaring faults. While I have spent much time in my life praying for patience, persuaded to continue to do so by a priest friend when I was about to give up (or run the risk, he felt, of losing my trust in God's willingness to respond to our prayers 😊) that particular prayer has not, as yet, been answered.

The first reading today is from a man who had endless patience – we've all heard (and likely used) the saying 'the patience of Job.' Job is from the land of Uz. He had a good life - a large, close-knit family; plenty of livestock; and many servants. In the first chapter of the Book of Job he is described as "blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil."

We learn that Satan believes this to be so only because of his circumstances in life. To prove such is not the case, God allows Satan to turn Job's life upside down, rendering him penniless, without his family, left miserable and desperate and it is at this point that we meet him in today's reading. If you were to continue to read from there, you would learn that despite all the adversity that Job experiences, all his many sufferings, he remains faithful to God. At the conclusion of the book, God rewards Job by making his life even better than it was before. Job was indeed blessed because of having great patience.

What strikes me today, however, from the reading we hear, is not Job's patience, but his wisdom. "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle ... my life is a breath." The older I get the more I become aware that I have far fewer days in front of me than behind me.

Time passes way too quickly, and the years fly by not as slowly as they once seemed to. Life, I have realized for some time, is indeed but a breath. I know, logically, that each breath I take could be my

last, and try to remind myself of that every morning. THIS day is a gift – I may have no other. I ask myself: How would I live if I really understood that to be a truth? Experience has taught me that somehow, we all believe we are invincible, despite all proof to the contrary.

At times I am able to live with gratitude for the many blessings that fill my world – the love and support of family and friends; the material comforts that allow me to be sheltered, feed, watered; the means to travel and be entertained; the faith that gives me hope and comfort. Still, as often as I succeed in living that way, I also fail to do so. Something doesn't work the way I want it to; someone doesn't respond the way I expect them to; tasks aren't completed as quickly or efficiently as I desire. And my response is impatience, or worse. Gratitude disappears.

We are here for a breath. In his book *The Winners*, Fredrik Backman says: "We can't stop the first and last breaths we take any more than we can stop the wind." So, I ask, how do we live the breath of time we get between those two breaths? How do we WANT to live them? Are we anywhere near to doing that? And, if not, are we willing to make the changes in our lives we need to, to achieve that? Many years ago, I remember someone saying, 'I want to live my life so that there is standing room only at my funeral.' Me ... I'm going to aim for that.



Ellen



“New to You” Clothing Sale Something for Everyone!
Clothes, Footwear, Accessories for all ages.
Saturday, February 10, 9 am - 2 pm
Snow Date: February 17, 2024,
St. Paul’s United Church 404 Cleveland Ave. Riverview.



Here we are in February already!
Winter Carnivals are happening this month in **Riverview**
(Feb 2-11) [Winter Carnival | Town of Riverview, New Brunswick,](#)

Fundy-Albert (Fundy Frolic Feb 10-19)

[Calendar - Connecting Albert County](#)

and **Salisbury** (Winterfest Feb 17-19 [Recreation and Wellness - Town of Salisbury \(salisburynb.ca\)](#)). Shake off the winter blues and get out and enjoy some good fun with your friends and neighbours.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – The following items can be dropped off at your church for recycling/repurposing: eye glasses, stamps, milk bags, pop can tabs, and returnable containers (such as pop bottles).
Call the parish office for more information!

Thank you for finding new purpose for your trash!



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 → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.

LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet five times over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films. **February 26th - *The Notebook* (2004); March 4th - *Straight Story* (1999); March 11th - *Calvary* (2014); March 18th - *Monsoon Wedding* (2001); and March 25th - *Billy Elliot* (2000).** All discussions take place on Zoom at 2:00 pm. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com to register. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, and DVDs will be made available for participants to borrow.

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.*



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 karen.diocese@gmail.com



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!

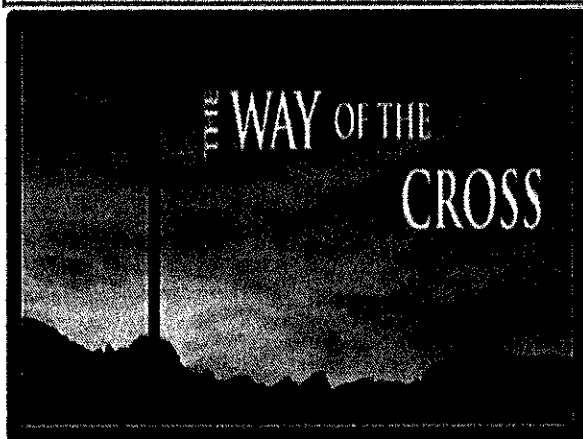
We will tell this amazing story at two different times **on Thursday, February 8th** at the Dan Bohan Centre. Afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and evening at 6:00 p.m. Register with Karen at 506-387-4198, karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at

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The Way of The Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM. To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in different churches according to the following schedule:



February 16	Immaculate Heart
February 23	St. Augustine's
March 1	St. Bernard's
March 8	Immaculate Heart
March 15	St. Augustine's
March 22	St. Bernard's
March 29	Immaculate Heart



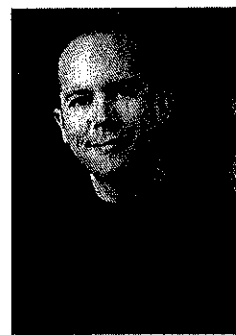
Join us on a Lenten Adventure!

Laudato Si is a letter from Pope Francis that he writes to everyone on the planet, urging us to protect the earth. In his wisdom, Pope Francis suggests that human life is built on three important relationships:

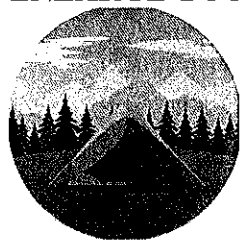
with God - with our neighbour - with the earth itself

A young Franciscan Friar, Daniel Horan, has taken it upon himself to try to help us better understand Laudato Si. Please plan to join us on a **Lenten Adventure** as we post Fr. Dan's videos every few days throughout Lent. We encourage your comments and thoughts as each video is posted. Pope Francis is asking us to change, and so we hope that you will join us on this journey.

Posts will start on Ash Wednesday. We look forward to spending Lent with you!



ENLARGE YOUR TENT: A Symposium on Welcome and Hospitality- The English Diocesan Adult Faith Commission invites you to an interactive discussion on Thursday, February 29th, 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish in Moncton (52 Falkland Street). Grounded in Isaiah 54:2, the tent image was used by Pope Francis to help inform our Synod conversations, and we will use it as a starting point for our conversation on the 29th. For more information and to register, contact Trevor at 857-4879, trevord.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.





Moncton, January 30, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May God bless you as we begin the new year 2024!

It's indeed a year that's starting off on the right foot. Hallelujah!

As you are no doubt aware, the Archdiocese of Moncton has had to deal with the settlement of various legal claims made against former priests in our region for a number of years. Over the past 13 years, settling the claims of some 200 victims of abuse has required considerable effort and work to collect large sums of money. And God knows what sacrifices our parishes and the archdiocese have had to make to weather this unprecedented storm.

In order to meet the requirements of the court ruling, we had no recourse but to use the assets of the Archdiocese to meet the requirements of the ruling. Admittedly, these were difficult decisions to make, but they were necessary to avoid a major financial crisis, or even the bankruptcy of the Archdiocese, which would certainly have had an irreversible impact on the functioning or survival of all the parishes under our pastoral responsibility.

Despite our best efforts, we were still short by a considerable amount to meet the requirements imposed on us by the courts. At the beginning of September 2023, we had to borrow \$900,000 from the Bank to finance our current operations. What's more, we still had to disburse some \$5.4 million to finally bring the abuse case to a close. Since my arrival as Archbishop, Mgr Vienneau and I have embarked on a fund-raising campaign to pay the victims and the lawyers. In early December 2023, I wrote to all kinds of benefactors to help us overcome the looming crisis. Without hiding anything from these possible donors, I explained the dramatic financial situation that would lead us to contemplate insolvency (bankruptcy of the archdiocese).

It was at this point that a true miracle of Providence began to manifest itself to us just two weeks before the great feast of Christmas: the compassion and generosity of numerous benefactors who didn't even live in our diocese, suddenly enabled us to reposition ourselves financially. Thanks to their contributions, we were able to meet our financial and

legal requirements, with a payment deadline of December 29, 2023. This is truly a miracle from God. Let's give Him thanks for this unspeakable favor!

I'm delighted that this new year has brought us a new outlook. I'm proud of the hard work accomplished by our parishioners, clergy, staff and volunteers. It's been a long and often difficult road. Now that our financial obligations have been met, we must turn the page, as I said in my homily on the day of my installation at Moncton Cathedral. On that day, I asked all those present: "Are you too ready to turn the page on the past of abuse? And everyone present that day answered loud and clear: "Yes!

Well, dear fellow priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, parishioners and faithful, the time has come for all of us to turn the page once and for all on this issue that has been more than thorny for so many years! We must now work together to find solutions that will enable us to rebuild our assets and properly support our operations and pastoral work. It goes without saying that strategic measures are required. So, in 2024, the Archdiocese will have to undertake this turning point by increasing the diocesan tax in order to rebuild the Archdiocese's finances. At present, we are the diocese with the lowest diocesan tax of all the Atlantic provinces.

Other measures or projects will be undertaken and announced at a later date, in order to lift us up, not only financially, but also pastorally, morally and spiritually.

Dear parishioners, brothers, and sisters, these are extraordinary measures because these are extraordinary times. Rest assured that we will do our best to find other ways to begin this journey of restoring the Archdiocese's finances. We will do our best to communicate with you throughout this process.

My heart and vision for our archdiocese are for a living, missionary church whose apostolic zeal will be driven by the singular desire to bring Christ's message of hope and love to one and all. May the Holy Spirit guide us in this "synodal" journey, in this journey of solidarity and trust that now points to the horizon. May we all learn to walk together, hand in hand, respecting our different charisms and personalities, to accomplish the great task of evangelization that Jesus entrusts to each and every one of us.

In Christ, our Redeemer and with Mary, our Blessed Mother,



+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Moncton.