St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping March 3rd, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

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 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 Bill Connor, Bill Cochrane (brother of Ken & Carmelle), Anna Roy (mother in-law of Jim Merzetti), and Chelsey Bent (niece of Terry & Yvonne)

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

Daily Readings March 4th -March 10th, 2024 Monday 2 Kings 5.1-15a Luke 4.24-30 Tuesday Daniel 3.25,34-43 Matthew 18.21-35 Matthew 5.17-19 Wednesday Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9 Jeremiah 7.23-28 Luke 11.14-23 **Thursday** Friday Hosea 14.1-9 Mark 12.28b-34 Hosea 5.15b-6.6 Luke 18.9-14 Saturday Sunday **(4th Sunday of Lent**) 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a,19-23 John 3.14-21 Ephesians 2.4-10

Upcoming Liturgies March 6 th - March 10 th 2024				
Wed Mar 6 th	Immaculate Heart	9:30 a.m.	No Mass- cancelled Fr. Phil will be away.	
Fri, Mar 8 th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Barry Heath- (Mother) Ruth Heath	
Sat, Mar 9 th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	No Mass Sunday Celebration of the Word	
Sat, Mar 9 th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	No Mass Sunday Celebration of the Word	
Sun, Mar 10 th	St Jude's	9:00a.m.	Patsy Mac Kinnon – Alison Smith	
Sun, Mar 10 th	Immaculate Heart	11:00 a.m.	Tony Gauvin – Sheila & Family	

Did you know? Jesus desires a contrite heart. We are called to abandon our ego and pride to make room for God's kingdom. (P.101, SB 2024)



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 Mar 4th	IHM	Choir Practice-At 6:30pm
Mon Mar 4th	Holy Family	Prayer group-At 6:30pm
Tues Mar 5 th	IHM	Catechism-At 6:30pm grades 4,5,6.
Tues Mar 5 th	Holy Family	Choir Practice-At 7:00pm everyone welcome!
Tues Mar 5 th	Dan Bowen	IHM Ladies Society- Meeting at 7:00p.m.
Wed Mar 6th	IHM	Catechism-At 6:30pm grades 4,5,6
Wed Mar 6th	TBD	Knights of Columbus- Meeting at 7:00p.m.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



Remember daylight savings time starts at 2:00a.m. On March 10, 2024, the second Sunday of March. Spring is only a few weeks away!





Remembering our loved ones at Easter. We are accepting donations in memory of deceased family members and friends for the Easter season environment in each of our churches! 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 in the collection basket, mail it to the office or use one of the online payment options.



Please take note of Special Collections during Lent:

Palm Sunday-collection for Development & Peace

Good Friday-collection for Hospital Chaplains

If you would like to add a one-time amount to your PAD to donate to one or more of these collections, please reach out to Anne at the parish office.



Francis of Assisi (DVD)

This one starts Bradford Dillman and is a Hollywood tale. Also stars Delores Hart (of the Elvis movies) who you may know left Hollywood to becomes a nun. A period piece version of a great man, one of our most beloved Saints. Enjoy!

Colleen.





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)

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



ATTENTION ALL: The Penitential Service for Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Thursday March 21st at 6:30pm.



Lenten Coin Folders are available at your church or from the parish office. Set aside 25¢ or more per day for the 40 days of Lent. Turn in your collection at the end of the season. The money is forwarded to Development & Peace. Your collection will count toward your annual charitable giving.



Supporting our food banks during Lent – bring your cans to church with you or donate through your church envelope (cheques should ALWAYS be made payable to your church!). Thank you for generously supporting the food banks during Lent.

Immaculate Heart of Mary "40 Cans for Lent" - Albert County Food Bank

Holy Family – Peter McKee Food Bank

Holy Ghost – Shepody Food Bank

St Jude's – Salisbury Helping Hands Food Bank

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



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!



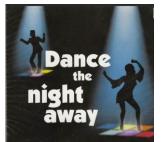
Our goal is to help fight hunger and the project is simple. We are asking for cans or monetary donations are preferred!

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 24**th

Knights of Columbus are recruiting new members. On March $3^{\rm rd}$

The knights of Columbus are a Fraternal organization of men dedicated to the service of its members, the church, and the world community. We would like to meet with you before or after Mass on Sunday If this were something that would interest you.

Looking forward to meeting with you and seeing you there!



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARYCHURCH- is putting on an amazing fundraiser!
On Saturday, April 6th
Featuring the fabulous Gallant Family Band
Dancing from 8:00-10:00
Opening act will be Bill Taylor
and Mountain man Loney - 7:30-8:00



Please call Laura@ 506-854-1899 or Helena@ 506-386-2017 to reserve your ticket.

Holy Ghost Church

Holy Ghost Fundraiser: This Spring we will have a Fundraiser again with a \$300.00 Gift Certificate

príze draw date to be announced.



Holy Family Church



Holy Family Seniors Club presents gospel music by GREATER STILL on Sunday, March 10 at 2 pm at Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland Street.

Admission is \$10. Tickets are available at the parish office

(5 Fatima Drive, Riverview), from Joe Esson (506 204 4917) or Jean Ryan (506 382 9812), or at the door. All welcome!

Saint Jude Church

St. Jude's Spring Raffle Fundraiser!
Gift cards/ Gift Certificates/ Merchandise
Tickets 1/\$2.00 or 3/\$5.00 Draw date March 24, 2024
Tickets sold after mass on Sundays also tickets sold at the parish office. Thank you for your support!



Sharing God's Gifts

Holy Family:Loose \$178.00, Church Support \$456.00 (20), Maintenance Fund \$65.00 (4).

People's Park Tower: Loose \$51.00, Church Support \$210.00(13), Maintenance Fund \$15.00 (2), Nazareth House \$150.00.

Holy Ghost: No Mass- (Due to weather, nothing to report)

Immaculate Heart of Mary: Loose \$372.00, Church Support \$3,004.00(88), Property Upkeep \$378.00(12), Youth \$334.00(8), Social Action \$96.00(6), 40 Cans (to date) \$135.00.

Saint Jude's:Loose \$50.00, Church Support \$1,857.00(29), Cemetery Fund \$30.00(1),

Salisbury helping hands food bank \$45.00.

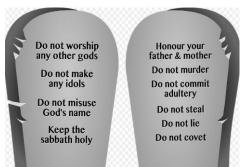
In the bulletin this weekend, please find your parish's 2023 financial summary. We are sustained by our faith, but our churches rely on financial contributions to operate. Please read through the 2023 report and if you have questions, reach out to the parish office or members of your finance committee or parish council. Let all around us know that through each donation, every ministry, and all offerings of service to each other and to those outside our doors that we are God's people, doing God's work in our communities, and in the world. We are the church together!

What Does Sabbath Mean to You?

Recently I was in an R.C.I.A. meeting and as a group we were looking at today's First reading. As our leader read the text for us, we were asked to listen intently and then share a word or phrase that we heard that really jumped out at us. The line that kept replaying in my mind was, "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy." As we shared our responses to the question on the floor, I was surprised to hear that this also resonated with others at the meeting. As the discussion continued, it was pointed out how difficult it is to honour this commandment in today's world.

I began to remember the stories my dad would tell me about my grandfather and grandmother and how, when he was young, they would peel the vegetables for Sunday dinner on Saturday night so as to not have to work on the Sabbath. And heaven forbid anyone hang a load of laundry on the line on Sunday. And even when I was a young lad, I played a lot of sports, but never on Sunday. Fast forward a few years and it seems today that for most of society, Sunday is just another day. Just as an aside, I know the Sabbath day can be different depending on your faith, but for anyone who is Christian, it is Sunday.

I often wonder why things have changed so much in such a relatively short period of time. While I don't know the answer to that, I do believe that the legislation that has allowed these changes is not changing anytime soon. So, with that in mind, it falls to us, me, and you to decide how we will keep God's commandment to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. As I started to examine my own routine on a Sunday, I tried to see how Sunday was different in any way from any other day in my week. If I am being totally honest, other than being at mass every Sunday morning, most of the time having the rest of the day off, and then gathering with family for Sunday dinner, the day is quite similar to many other days.



It occurred to me that while most, if not all of us, do our best to live by these 10 commandments that we hear today, we seem to be able to justify bending the rules a little bit when they become inconvenient. We tell ourselves that we are not hurting anyone if we spend the day shopping, because we're busy through the week and there is no other time to get this stuff done. And what could be any more wholesome than spending time at the arena with our children on a Sunday morning yelling at them to do better? But with this mindset, I think we are missing the point.

When I look at this commandment to honour the Sabbath, I need to see it as God doing for me a favour, I refuse to do for myself. I have a loving

God, who only has my best interest at heart, telling me that I need to rest. Not for God's benefit, but for mine. Whether I want to admit it or not, I need time out of the busyness of everyday life to re-focus and re-visit who I am as a beloved child of God. How do I live this truth in my relationships with family and friends? And maybe trying to figure out why I always seem to be on the run, and who or what am I running from? The Gospels are filled with accounts of Jesus having to retreat and spend time in prayer so as to live out his mission as God would want him to. I think we can safely say that if rest was important for Jesus, it is crucial for us.

I know that for many people, not working on Sunday is not an option. I was one of those people for many years in my life so often my day of rest was another day in the week. I still needed that rest. I also know from experience with my children that unsolicited advice is often unwanted advice, but I would like to offer this. Take the win, if you can. Be good to yourself and allow yourself to rest without guilt. After all, this is not just a piece of good advice from a friend, it's a commandment from God.

Mark Mahoney Pastoral Associate



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.) INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.



Used postage stamps are brought in by parishioners and picked up by an IHM parishioner, Art Gillard. Art does an amazing job sorting and triming the stamps (thousands of stamps) and then the office will box them up and send them to Sr. Georgette Arsenault, who works to sell these stamps to collectors, raising money for missionaries abroad. Thank you for the work that goes into this wonderful cause.

Parishioners from SET Moncton grouping save their plastic milk bags and a lady by the name of Sylvia Legere comes in to pick up the milk bags collected. We store the bags in the storage closet off the foyer of IHM. Sylvia usually calls once a month. Sylvia and a wonderful group of volunteers weave those plastic bags into pillows and matts for the homeless. Sylvia said the reason they use the milk bags, the bugs do not like the plastic and stay away. What a wonderful use of those milk bags. Thank you



all for the great work you do!

Pop can tabs are collected at Holy Family and IHMC and that nice source of recyclable aluminum adds up to dollars for the Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Program! Thank you, Jim Young, for volunteering your time towards this great cause and thank you to all that save the tabs. It would not be possible without you!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 12th 6:30 PM - Parish R.C.I.A. Leadership - St. Therese, Dieppe

March 13th 10:30 AM – End of Life Pastoral Care Committee – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Riverview

March 18th 6:30 PM - Parish Catechetical Coordinators - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Riverview

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 26**th – *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 mail com to register. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, and DVDs will be made

<u>karen.diocese@gmail.com</u> to register. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, and DVDs will be made available for participants to borrow.



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 **March** 14th at 10:30am at the Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. We will be joined by a representative from the Alzheimer's Society to talk about how we can keep our brains sharp. Jot down any questions you may have in the meantime. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198

or email karen.dioceses@gmail.com

ENLARGE YOUR TENT: POSTPONED: A Symposium on Welcome and Hospitality has been postponed to a later date. Please watch your bulletins for more information, and those who registered will be notified when a new date has been determined.

Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria



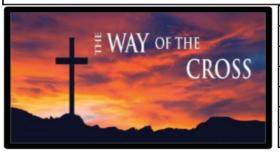
Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands.

To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our <u>Mini-magazine</u> and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

The Way of The Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross <u>during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings at</u>
<u>6:30 PM</u>. 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

WAY OF THE CROSS 2024 – Please note the Way of the Cross on March 29th will take place at Holy Family Church in Moncton and **NOT** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church as originally published in your bulletin.



World Water Day March 22nd

The Laudato Si' Committee invites youth from across the diocese to 'dive in' with us to learn more about **World Water Day**!

Beginning the week of March 10th, youth will be given a package of water information and activities. There will be short videos from individuals across our community, all to raise awareness about the sacredness and importance of God's perfect creation, **WATER**!