

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping

March 17th, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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**

*Chelsey Bent (niece of Terry & Yvonne)
for those who have died including Doris Seaman,
Michelle Methot (daughter of Anne Methot)
and Frank Abad (uncle of Ellen Bennett)*

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

Daily Readings March 18th -March 24th, 2024

Monday	Daniel 13.2,4-6,8,15-16,19-23,28,41-46,48-64		John 8.1-11
Tuesday	2 Samuel 7.4a-5a,12-14a,16	Romans 4.13,16-18,22	Luke 2.41-51a
Wednesday	Daniel 3.13-20,24,49-50,91-55		John 8.31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17.3-9		John 8.51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20.7,10-13		John 10.31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37.21-28		John 11.45-56
Sunday (Palm Sunday)	Isaiah 50.4-7	Philippians 2.6-11	Mark 14.1-15.47

Upcoming Liturgies March 20th - March 24th 2024

Wed Mar 20 th	Immaculate Heart	9:30 a.m.	Blondine Dube – Lisette Robinson
Fri, Mar 22 nd	Peoples Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Carm Delong – Roger & Judy Bourque
Sat, Mar 23 rd	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Andy & Francis O'Hara- O'Hara Family
Sat, Mar 23 rd	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Kathleen Delahunt- Harold & Monica Bourque
Sun, Mar 24 th	St Jude's	9:00a.m.	Laura Cultrera (special Intention) – Sheila Morano
Sun, Mar 24 th	Immaculate Heart	11:00 a.m.	Donald Fournier (15 Anniv) Michele & Kids



DID YOU KNOW

For a plant to grow, the seed must be planted. A seed cannot grow into the plant or flower it is to become if it remains just a seed. With nourishment and care, water and sun, a plant will sprout from the seed and grow. The seed won't look the same as when you planted it. It will look very different. Jesus is like the seed of our life with God. While Jesus lived, he was a good role model for us. But when Jesus died and rose, he showed us that He was something much greater. His death becomes the beginning of a new life. He truly was God and He was willing to share God's life with us. (p. 128, SB 2024)

**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 Mar 18 th	IHM	Choir Practice–At 6:30pm
Mon Mar 18 th	Holy Family	Prayer group–At 6:30pm
Tues Mar 19 th	IHM	Catechism–At 6:30pm grades 1,2,3
Tues Mar 19 th	Holy Family	Choir Practice–At 7:00pm Everyone welcome!
Wed Mar 20 th	IHM	Catechism–At 6:30pm grades 1,2,3
Wed Mar 20 th	IHM	Prayer day –Following 9:30 mass call Janet 506-386-3184
Mon Mar 18 th	IHM	Parish Catechetical Coordinators Meeting at 6:30pm
Mon Mar 18 th	Holy Family	Senior's Club Meeting from 1:30-4:00pm
Tues Mar 19 th	St Augustine's	Solemnity of Saint Joseph- Special Mass 12:00 noon
Wed, Mar 20 th	Zoom	Adult Faith Commission at 7 pm
Thur Mar 21 st	IHM	Penitential Service for St Elizabeth of the Trinity- at 6:30 pm
Thur Mar 21 st	House of Lam	IHM Ladies Society-Luncheon at noon call Pam if you plan to go.
Fri Mar 22 nd	St. Bernard's	Way of the Cross at 6:30pm
Fri Mar 29 th	Holy Family	Way of the Cross at 6:30pm

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

FREE TAX CLINICS

TAXES - VALUE - IMPACT - BENEFITS - GRATITUDE



If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers from the **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** may be able to do your taxes for you, **for free!**

Bring your tax information slips, receipts, SIN and ID to a clinic near you.

**Riverview
Public Library**

Walk in clinic offered on
March 27 & April 17 from 10 -12 p.m.

**Moncton, Hillsborough, Salisbury
Public Libraries**

Walk in during library hours
and drop off your paperwork!

To find out where more of these clinics are, go to canada.ca/free-tax-clinics or call 1-800-959-8281.



Join me for a Tribute to the 70's

I will be doing some of my favorites of Karen Carpenter, Anne Murray, Crystal Gayle, Abba, and Dolly to name a few. Friday, May 10th (Mother's Day weekend) Doors open at 6:30 show starts at 7:00

Dan Bohan Center, Tickets are \$15.00 (available at parish office)

Cash Bar and 50/50 tickets (All proceeds go to our local Albert County food bank)

To reserve your ticket call or text Debbie @ 506-232-3017 Hope to see you there!



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.



The Chosen – Season One by Creator Dallas Jenkins (DVD)

Currently just finishing airing the fourth season in theaters (hopefully to become available on the streaming app this spring) here is the DVD of the first season. This series is riveting and compelling and very thoughtfully and humanly developed. Many have found this series

inspiring and I am grateful this has found our way to our library. Jesus changed lives in a heartbeat and these profound and irrevocable callings to the soul, in my estimation, have never been so believably portrayed. We know the story, but still, we hold our breath as it happens, feeling ourselves there. At least that was true for me

Cathy Kennedy Lending Library

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



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, tomatoes, soup, canned sandwich meat, Juice boxes and bring the items to mass with you! Thank you for sharing with others.



What's your marriage worth? A romantic dinner for two? A dream vacation? Or a worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience? Apply now for a Worldwide Encounter Weekend and look forward to a weekend of discovery and a lifetime of ever deepening love. **The next weekend will be held in PEI at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center April 26-28th 2024.** We need a minimum of 10 couples for this weekend to go ahead. Please consider applying early! This Fall, a WWME Experience is scheduled for September 27-29th 2024 at Vila Madonna in Rothesay, NB. **For more information**

and to receive an application form, call 506-451-5459 or email ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



Knights of Columbus - 40 Cans for Lent Project!

Update – \$1,787 collected to date - Great work!

Donations can be made with your church envelope or use one of the special envelopes

We will be collecting until **Palm Sunday March 24th**

The 4th Degree Knights recent inductees to be addressed as Sir Knights are: Dan Joyce, Larry Gilroy, and Fr. Angus Johnston, pastor at St. Augustine's Church. Congratulations to all!



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be holding a **FUNDRAISING CARD PARTY** on **Tuesday, April 2 from 12:00-4:00pm. Cost \$15.00.** Lunch will be served. Please call Shirley Simkins 506-387-7122 to reserve your table!



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

SPRING FLING

Saturday, April 6th Tickets \$15.00 (Tickets available after Sunday mass)

featuring the fabulous Gallant Family Band

Dancing from 8:00-10:00

Opening acts are Bill Taylor & Mountain Man Loney - 7:30-8:00

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

Social Action Committee The Social Action Committee is looking for two new members. If you feel that this is a ministry to which you are called, please see Vic LeBlanc, the chairperson of the committee. He can give you more information. Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration.



Holy Family Church



*Line Dancing Classes starting Thursday, April 4th
from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family*

Classes will be in church hall and will follow each subsequent Thursday at the same time and place. **No need to pre-register, just show up!**

St Jude's Church

St. Jude's **Spring Raffle** Fundraiser!

DRAW DATE IS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24!

Gift Cards + Gift Certificates + Merchandise → Tickets 1/\$2.00 or 3/\$5.00

Get your tickets now after mass and at the parish office.

Thank you for supporting our parish!



Sharing God's Gifts

Holy Family: Loose \$186.00, Church Support \$544.00 (24), Maintenance Fund \$80.00 (3).

People's Park Tower: Loose \$50.00, Church Support \$170.00 (12), Maintenance Fund \$10.00 (2)

Holy Ghost: Church support \$136.00, Fuel \$75.00, Share Lent \$20.00, Ticket sales \$235.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary: Loose \$235.00, Church Support \$1,515.00, (69), Property Upkeep \$64.00(9), Youth Support \$38.00(5), Social Action \$96.00(7)

Saint Jude's: Loose \$9.00, Church Support \$450.00(16)

Thank you for your generous and faithful support of our parishes! We are the church together!



Make it Monthly!

from March 1-31 at Canadahelps

[DONATE](#) to our parish monthly

with your credit card and Canadahelps!

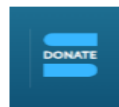


Are you NEW to Canadahelps? Set up a monthly donation of \$20 or more, and the parish receives a donation from Canadahelps of \$20 per new monthly donor!*

Already a monthly donor? Increase your monthly amount by \$10 or more, and the parish receives a donation from Canadahelps of \$10 per donor increase!*

Go to our website www.setmoncton.com

- Click on the [DONATE](#) button
- Choose 'Donate Monthly'
- Choose your parish from the 'Fund' menu
- Fill in your donor information



These donations are processed through Canadahelps.org – a Canadian charity, making electronic donations easy and secure for donors and fellow Canadian charities.

*[Make It Monthly Terms and Conditions | CanadaHelps - Donate to any charity in Canada](#)
For more information, call the parish office (506) 386-6178 or info@setmoncton.com

Exploring Our Faith

A Little Irish

A few years ago, someone close to me learned through DNA testing that one of the parents who raised her was not a biological parent. This sent waves of shock through her family, in part because half her DNA was from an entirely different race of people with a different language and culture. *"Your ancestry DNA certainly sounds more interesting than mine,"* was my response, which I now know was cavalier, given the personal and emotional upheaval she was experiencing. This news was shocking mostly I think because at the age of 65, she learned her identity was different than what she had known her entire life. In one sense, this did not matter because to me she was the same human being I had known and loved my entire life. Nothing had changed. But if you were to ask her, she would have told you that everything had changed because with all possible parents dead by then, she was left with unanswered questions about the story of her family. If you have submitted your DNA for analysis to one of the many organizations offering the service, you are granted access to a list of thousands of people from around the world who have submitted their own DNA for analysis and with whom you share DNA. You can easily communicate with these people via email or other messaging service, so reaching out and attempting to forge relationships with her newly found biological family played an important part of my friend's life. A life-long Christian woman who loved her family and all of Creation, she would never have said she hated her life. At the same time I admired the courage it took for her to step away from what she had known into the completely new and unknown territory of meeting relatives from a different walk of life.

My DNA story is fairly typical of someone born in Atlantic Canada in the early 1970s; mostly French and other assorted European. My mother was a LeBlanc with connections to the Bourque, Richard, and Bourgeois families, among other familiar names. My father was a Droesbeck, whose grandfather immigrated to Canada from Belgium but had strong German connections. After I submitted my own DNA for analysis the greatest surprise has been that 19% of my DNA was Irish. "Oh Danny Boy!" I could celebrate St. Patrick's Day like a real Irish person at O'Donahue's in Miramichi. To be honest most of what I knew about Ireland involved St. Patrick, *Angela's Ashes*, and the (1991) film *The Commitments* (which you should really watch by the way).

I was reminded of a time several years prior when one of my Theology professors returned to me my final paper for the course with the comment, *"You have a Celtic soul."* I had not heard of such a thing before, and at the time I did not understand what she meant, but it sounded kind of interesting to me, maybe something to do with wind instruments.

According to U.S. Catholic,

Celtic pre-Christian culture, dating back to 500 B.C.E., permeated the land, and these beliefs also strongly influenced Celtic spiritual practices. As a result, much of Celtic Christianity can be characterized by a strongly incarnational theology: The natural world, in particular, reveals the sacramentality of all creation. Matter is infused with the divine presence and offers glimpses of the world behind the surface of things. This spirituality celebrates the human imagination, cultivating creativity through various art forms such as manuscript illumination and vibrant metalwork.

As I read about Celtic spirituality and Celtic Christianity, I noticed some of its characteristics (dreams, landscapes, water, solitude, silence, seasonal cycles, etc.) echoed strongly through my own personal spirituality, and inform how I (try to) live out my faith despite my Germanic surname.

So on this Feast of St. Patrick when we are all a little Irish, *may the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh!

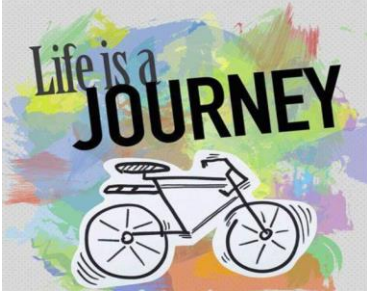


Trevor Droesbeck,
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**To: Faith Community**

We are looking for 'volunteer drivers to' transport low-income clients from Monday - Friday to mostly food banks [including food box deliveries] and medical appointments [including those needing dialysis]. We are recruiting volunteer drivers for all of the areas we service. If you have a few extra hours a week to extend an act of kindness. Volunteers are re-imbursed .50/km. More information can be found on our website at www.urbanruralrides.ca

A Special Journey



Is your spiritual life in need of renewal? Are you ready to embark on a spiritual journey? Look no further: we have the perfect experience for you! You are cordially invited to attend a 7 - week journey beginning April 8th, 2024!

Where? Holy Family Church, 52 Falkland Drive, Moncton

When? 7 -9 pm Cost: \$15.00

This is a life-changing experience that will increase your faith, bring joy to your heart, and fill you with a new understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life. This experience is enhanced with music, praise, scripture, and friendship. Do plan on embarking on this faith-filling journey with us.

Contact: Donna Babineau 506-386-2072 or Roberta Brine 506-386-5175

RECONCILIATION - EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Adults, as we prepare to celebrate God's mercy and love through the sacrament of Reconciliation, the following examination of conscience is offered for us to reflect on ahead of time. As with all sacraments, it is always a good thing to prepare ourselves interiorly. It is like preparing the soil before planting. The celebration, this coming Thursday, **March 21st @6:30p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary, will be for both children and adult. The gospel reading will be about the foolish man who built his house on the sand and the wiseman who built his house on a rock. Eight children will be with us that evening and will be celebrating their First Reconciliation. Please hold them in your prayers. Before pondering this examination of conscience, you may want to read Matthew 7: 24-27.

Is protecting human life at all its stages and promoting the dignity of every human being a priority in my life?

Can I celebrate the good fortunes of other people, or am I secretly jealous and despise them?

Do I give special attention to the needs of the poor and vulnerable in my community and in the world?

Do my purchasing choices take into account the hands involved in the production of what I buy?

When possible, do I buy products produced by workers whose rights and dignity were respected?

Do I see my care for creation as connected to my concern for poor people, who are at most risk from environmental problems?

Do I respect my body as a temple of the Holy Spirit? Do I see others in the same way?

Am I grateful for all that God has given me? Or do I compare myself to others and feel that God has short-changed me?

Do I lift up vulnerable people throughout the world in my prayer, or is my prayer reserved for only my personal concerns?

RECONCILIATION - EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Dear children, several of you will be joining us this Thursday, **March 21st at 6:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. We are excited for you and hope you are not nervous as some of your parents may have been when they were your age. When it comes to God's love and forgiveness, there is nothing to fear. Others of you, who will also be joining us that evening, will have experienced this wonderful sacrament before.

To help you prepare your minds and hearts, we ask all of you children, who will be coming on Thursday evening, to read and think about the questions below. These questions are there to help you think about what you want to ask Jesus' forgiveness for.

Do I talk to God every day?

Have I disobeyed on purpose?

When I was wrong, have I admitted that I was wrong and said I was sorry?

Have I refused to do what's asked of me at home or at school even though I know I should?

Have I been selfish?

Do I ask for Jesus' help when I need to make decisions in my life?

Do I freely share with others? Am I forgiving, or do I wait for a chance to get even?

Do I realize that God has given me gifts that are meant to be shared with others?

Do I reach out to new children in my class and try to make them feel welcome?

As a follower of Jesus, am I a good example to other children?



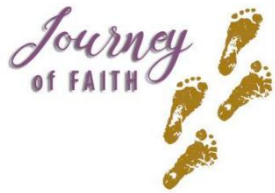
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LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet regularly over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films. **March 11th – *Calvary* (2014); March 18th – *Monsoon Wedding* (2001); and March 25th – *Billy Elliot* (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.



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



THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next Theology on Tap will take place on Monday, April 22nd (Earth Day), when we will be joined by Sr. Denise Lirette, fj who will give a presentation entitled "My Faith Journey: From Sky God to God Consciousness at the Heart of the Cosmos." The event will take place at Mai Asian Restaurant (1909 Mountain Road, Moncton) at 6:30 pm. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 18th 6:30PM - Parish Catechetical Coordinators – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Riverview
March 20th 7:00 PM – Adult Faith Commission - Zoom

This Lent, please give generously



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's ***Reaping our Rights*** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports, and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**



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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF MONCTON FOR SHARE LENT 2024

Re: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada Share Lent Campaign 2024
Celebration of *Solidarity Sunday*, March 17, 2024, 5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since February 14, Ash Wednesday, we have been in Lent, a liturgical season that prepares us to commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each year, the Church proposes a series of fasting, prayer and sharing gestures that offer us the opportunity to draw closer to God, to Jesus, and to our brothers and sisters in need at home and abroad.

If these three gestures are inseparable to live our Lent to the full, I'd like to underline the importance of sharing, in particular the Share Lent of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. In Africa, South America, Asia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, Development and Peace supports partners who accompany local communities whose members are actors in their own development. The organization also responds to requests for humanitarian aid during natural and man-made disasters.

This year, Development and Peace invites us to show solidarity with peasants around the world, and to mobilize for the recognition, protection and guarantee of their rights to land, water, seeds, biodiversity, food sovereignty, a healthy environment and decent livelihoods. Under the theme Create Hope – Reaping our Rights, three partners are highlighted. They work in Bolivia, Indonesia and Nigeria respectively. They face a number of challenges, caused in particular by climate change and the excessive exploitation of extractive resources.



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That's why, on March 17, the 5th Sunday of Lent, also known as Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday, I encourage you to carry our brothers and sisters affected by poverty in your thoughts and hearts. On this nationwide Sunday, the bishops encourage the members of the Christian communities of their dioceses to pray for peace, to bear witness to the work of Development and Peace, and to make a donation in the Share Lent collection or online at www.devp.org/fr.

Sincerely yours in Jesus our Redeemer,

† Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.

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