

**St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
December 1st, 2024 First Sunday of Advent**

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 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.	3062 Main St Salisbury, NB E4J 2L5 Tel: 506- 386-6178 Sundays at 9:00 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 9-4:00pm
To meet with Fr. Phil, please call the parish office.

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We pray for the sick, and those who are awaiting or recovering from surgery, those receiving treatment, and those needing strength including, Eric Tracy, Helen Skidmore, Glenda O'Hara, Emerson Mills, Evelyn Danahy, Leo Ronan and Chris Hachey (nephew of Terry Clancy); for those who have died including, Greg Wilson (brother in-law of Kim Mahoney) and Laurencia Kavanaugh (sister in-law of Al & Beth) and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Daily Readings Dec 2nd – Dec 8th, 2024

Monday	Isaiah 2.1-5		Matthew 8.5-11,13+
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10		Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25.6-10a		Matthew 15.29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6		Matthew 7.21,24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24		Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-21,23-26		Matthew 9.35-10.1,5a,6-8
Sunday (2nd Sunday of Advent)	Baruch 5.1-9	Philippians 1.3-6,8-11	Luke 3.1-6

Upcoming Liturgies Dec 4th — Dec 8th

Wed, Dec 4th	IHM	9:30 a.m.	Jeanne Poirier— Terry & Yvonne Clancy
Fri, Dec 6th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Norman Murray —Angela Kinden
Sat, Dec 7th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Sat, Dec 7th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of our Family—Cail & Marie Bastarache
Sun, Dec 8th	St. Jude	9:00 a.m.	Michael LeBlanc—IHM Ladies Society
Sun, Dec 8th	IHM	11:00 a.m.	Bob Mellish —Jeannine Michaud

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, Dec 2nd	IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm
Mon, Dec 2nd	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Dec 3rd	IHM	Catechism— at 6:30pm
Tues, Dec 3rd	Holy Family	Senior's Club – Christmas Party 4-9pm
Tues, Dec 3rd	Dan Bohan	IHM Ladies Society—Pot Luck @6:00pm– Bring Harvest House Items.
Wed, Dec 4th	IHM	Catechism — at 6:30pm
Wed, Dec 4th	TBD	Knights of Columbus—Meet at 7:00pm

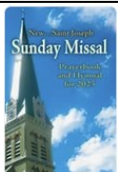
Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity

Did You know? What Jesus asks of His disciples is what we are called to do as baptised Christians -- bring Christ's healing words to others. Proclaim the resurrection.. Reach out to the afflicted, the sick and the rejected. Cast out the demons of selfishness and indifference. When we do Christ's work with love, then truly the kingdom of heaven is at hand -- close enough to touch. Grace and love are given freely by God, and we are called to give freely to others. (p 10, SB 2024)



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)



SUNDAY MISSAL'S AVAILABLE AT PARISH OFFICE

\$7.00 PER COPY.



In Memory Of

We are accepting donations in memory of deceased family and friends for Christmas season environment in each of our churches! A list will be printed in the bulletin of those being remembered. 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 into the collection basket if you're at Mass, or bring it or mail it into the office, or use one of the online payment

Christmas and New Years Schedules



Christmas Eve

Peoples Park Tower **2:00pm**
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Family) **4:00 pm**
Saint Jude Church **7:00pm**
Holy Family Church **7:00 pm**
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church **8:30pm**

Christmas Day Mass

Holy Ghost Church **10:00am**

New Years Mass

Dec 31 Holy Ghost Church **4:00pm**
Jan 1 Immaculate Heart of Mary **10:00am**



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

GOOD NEWS concerning our Audio-Visual project.



Just as I'm about to write this, I'm interrupted by a parishioner with a \$1,000 cheque for the screen project. We are now up to **\$51,114** (I'm not sure who gave us the \$4 but thank-you from the bottom of my heart). I want to thank Bonnie and Wayne who took it upon themselves to make rosaries, jewelry, and plant stands and donate the proceeds to the fund. Gratitude is also sent to all of you who have made a special offering or topped up your contributions with \$5 here and \$10 there. It all adds up. Though we've had a few glitches, we're also learning to mitigate them. If you haven't yet contributed to "Mulligan's

Monkeys" you can do so by cheque payable to Immaculate Heart of Mary, P.A.D., e-transfer ihmc.set@gmail.com, or hit the DONATE button at www.setmoncton.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Phil



Knights of Columbus Council 9270 Pot Luck Christmas Party !

Saturday, Dec 14— Dan Bohan Center—\$15 per couple/family or \$7.50 single
Tickets will be on sale before and after Mass on Nov 24th, Dec 1st and Dec 8th
Social 6:00 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m. Dance 8:00 p.m.

Once again this year, we invite everyone to bring their favorite dish, as the Knights take this

opportunity to share the blessings of good food with wonderful friends and fellow parishioners !





The IHM Ladies Society will be meeting for our annual Potluck!

Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Dan Bohan Center

Ladies we will continue doing something wonderful for Harvest House in honor of Janet Gordon! So please, if you can, bring in \$5 Tim Horton's gift cards, candy, or chocolates.

Craft supplies are appreciated, especially adult coloring books, colored pencils or crayons, puzzles, and puzzle books. Other suggestions are hand warmers, hats, mittens or gloves, socks, scarves, nail files, nail clippers, makeup for the ladies, shampoo, deodorant, razors. **There is a basket in the church foyer for anyone that would like to contribute.**

Please **do not wrap** or put in gift bags. Thank you !

Holy Family Parish



Holy Family Church is seeking an enthusiastic, musically gifted team player to serve as **Music Leader**. The perfect candidate will lead the music at mass celebrations and choir practices. This is a paid position. For a detailed position description or additional information, please reach out to Mark at the parish office: 506 386 6178 this posting will remain open until filled.

THANK YOU, GERARD.



As we come to say "good-bye" to another liturgical year, we are also saying "good-bye" to Gerard Collins in his role as music ministry leader at Holy Family Church. Gerard is a humble as he is multi-talented. His gifts lie not only in music but also in being the "Muffin Man," the cook at Christmas dinner gatherings, and an important go-to guy when parish council needs his brain and his brawn. Singing, cooking, wisdom and good looks—image all of that in the one package! Gerard will continue to be an integral part of our faith community as he has been over the decades. Thank you, Gerard, for being so generous with your time, talent, and treasure. We are all the beneficiaries of your dedication.

Fr. Phil



Holy Family Christmas Yard Sale

Our Christmas yard sale was a great success, we raised just under \$800. From start to finish it was the easiest yard sale I have ever been involved in, everything went like clock work, everyone was so positive. What was left was donated to the

St, Vincent De Paul Society. The winner of the 50/50 Draw was Brandon Balen winning \$69. Thank you all who donated and participated in our Christmas Yard sale!

Holy Ghost Church

Advent Tree – we will have this tree at the church entrance, bring warmth to those in need, lets cover it **with hats, mitt's, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, jackets, socks**, (can be slightly used) and on the last Sunday of Advent will gather them up and take to a charity in need of the collected items. Bring a little light and warmth to those less fortunate.... And yes it will be late for a Christmas gift but sometimes its needed during the season.....



Congratulations to Dan McSheffery winner of 50/50 \$48.00

Exploring Our Faith

What Advent Offers Us

We blinked, and it happened. The year has ended, and a new one begun, because for the Church, the arrival of the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. The Church asks that we live Advent in anticipation of and preparation for the arrival of the Christ child, born again as the Child in the Manger, even as we know Christ is with us now, even as we continue to await Christ's second coming. It is a complex notion, and as with many aspects of Christianity, can be hard to understand, but it involves being attentive. Luke, in his Gospel, uses the words "be alert at all times." That is hard to do. With the best of intentions, we dose off, like the bridesmaids did in Matthew's gospel; like Peter, James and John did while with Jesus in Gethsemane.



Or we can choose to skip Advent altogether. Given the Christmas lights already displayed, maybe many folks have done just that, and are already into an extended season of Christmas. It is tempting. Alternatively, maybe those lights are a version of living Advent, because people are anxious for what Advent and Christmas offer us. If we can simply allow ourselves to live it, Advent and its themes can lead to a fuller celebration of Christmas

The first theme of Advent is Hope. In his reflection last week, Trevor provided two excellent examples from his own life which spoke of still maintaining hope in seemingly hopeless situations. Recently a friend shared with me this description by American poet Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer: "Hope has holes in its pockets. It leaves little crumb trails so that we, when anxious can follow it. Hope's secret: it doesn't know the destination – it knows only that all roads begin with one foot in front of the other." The hope which Advent speaks of is one such road, and the crumb trails it offers can keep us grounded even during the "worries of this life" and the situations we encounter where hope seems impossible.

The second theme of Advent is Peace. Peace is a constant cry in today's world – it is probably prayed for more than anything else. At times I am sure we are overwhelmed by how little we can do to accomplish world peace. Maybe we have set for ourselves an unattainable goal. Why not aim instead for peace in our homes? That, while still difficult, is certainly more manageable, especially if we can, as Great Big Sea sings, *Let It Go*, because sometimes it is indeed "smaller than you know, no bigger than a pebble lying on a gravel road." Maybe we do "count your curses and forget about the blessings," when we should, as Christians, do the reverse.

Advent's third theme is Joy. Too many of us equate joy with happiness. However, "happiness is circumstantial," American priest and podcaster, Michael Schmitz says, and many of us "base our lives on the pursuit" of it. Pope Francis notes that joy is an "abiding sense of well-being that can be experienced in any situation." It is the knowledge that we are fully known and still loved unconditionally; that we are forever in the presence of a God who has told us, "I am with you always," regardless of what we are living.

The final theme of the Advent season is Love. It is the culmination of our preparations. St. Paul told the Corinthians "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." In his homily last week, Fr. Phil ended by saying that truth is not a concept. Truth is a person. And that person is Jesus Christ. I would argue that the same is true for Love. Love is that Babe in the manger; love is that Person who is always with us. And love never ends.

Let's journey through these themes this season and make room for each of them to take hold in us. A home that is filled with hope, peace, joy and love ... I can live with that.

By: *Ellen Bennett*

Sharing God's Gifts

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:

Loose \$364
Church \$2,314(95)
Property Upkeep \$182(11)
Youth Support \$66 (4)
Social Action \$101 (8)
Screens \$51,114.

Thank
you 

Peoples Park Tower :

Loose \$77.00
Church Support \$140 (7)
Maintenance Fund \$5 (1)

Holy Family Parish:

Loose \$136
Church Support \$938 (34)
Maintenance Fund \$60 (3)

Holy Ghost Parish:

Loose \$20., Env \$238.,
50/50 Fundraiser \$48.
Christmas Refreshment Fundraiser \$975.

St. Jude's Parish:

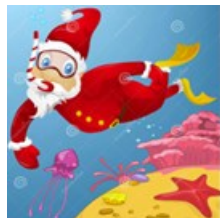
Loose \$90, Church Support \$557 (18)

2025 Offering Envelopes are available this weekend at your church.

Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts to our churches!



IF you can't find your name on a box; ***IF*** your name or address is incorrect; ***IF*** you want a box of envelopes; ***IF*** you want to start a PAD, or donate online with your credit card; ***IF*** you have questions about donations, receipts, or the like; ***PLEASE*** reach out to Anne at the parish office :) (506) 386-6178 or info@setmoncton.com



On Friday, December 6th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, we will be offering a Christmas follow-up to last June's Vacation Bible School, SCUBA: Dive into Friendship with God and learn about the story of the Holy Family. Anyone is welcome, even those children who did not attend Vacation Bible School in June. All families are welcome.

Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.



ADVENT GOES TO THE MOVIES – Please join us as we meet via Zoom to discuss four films and their connection to our faith and the Advent season. December 2nd (*Wizard of Oz*); December 9th (*Babette's Feast*); and December 16th (*Agnes of God*). Each discussion will be held at 10:30 am on Zoom. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.



SENIORS CONNECT: 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 **Thursday December 5th 10:30am** at the Holy Family Church Hall, 52 Falkland St. Moncton. Our theme for that day is "**Tis the Season**". One of our activities will be a **Yankee Swap** so we ask that you bring a small gift or craft that is no more than \$5. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 506-387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.



THEOLOGY ON TAP - Our next Theology on Tap event will take place on Monday, December 9th, 6:30 PM at Mai Asian Restaurant in Moncton. Our guest speaker for this session will be Eugene Aucoin, who will be speaking about his new book "*Beatitudes: 8 Steps to Inner Peace and Happiness*." Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

Weekly Gospel Study Group

December 5th and 6th

Weekly in person or Zoom, Thursdays at St. Lawrence O'Toole 6:00pm followed by adoration at 7:00pm AND Fridays at St. Augustine's 11:00am, followed by Mass at 12:00noon and adoration. For information contact Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com.

2nd Sunday of Advent, click on the following links and read:

Pope Francis

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171210.html

St. Augustine sermon 289

<https://wesleyscholar.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Augustine-Sermons-273-305.pdf>



WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR HOPE ADVENT RETREAT –

On Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Craig Murphy will be offering a morning Advent Retreat
take place at Broadleaf Guest Ranch in Riverside Albert.

Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.