

St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
December 15th , 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

| Holy Family Church | Holy Ghost Church | Immaculate Heart of Mary Church | St. Jude's Church |
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| 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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| Priest Moderator | Fr Phil Mulligan | philstoryguy@hotmail.com | (506) 386-6178 ext 106 |
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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 Chris Hachey , Jack Brachaniec, Johanna Van Elst and Kris Jensen; for those who have died including, and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Daily Readings Dec 16th –Dec 22nd, 2024

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| Monday | Numbers 24.2-7,15-17a | | Matthew 21.23-27 |
| Tuesday | Genesis 49.2,8-10 | | Matthew 1.1-17 |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 23.5-8 | | Matthew 1.18-24 |
| Thursday | Judges 13.2-7,24-25a | | Luke 1.5-25 |
| Friday | Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10d | | Luke 1.26-38 |
| Saturday | Zephaniah 3.14-18a | | Luke 1.39-45 |
| Sunday (4th Sunday of Advent) | Micah 5.2-5a | Hebrews 10.5-10 | Luke 1.39-45 |

Upcoming Liturgies Dec 18th — Dec 24th

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| Wed, Dec 18th | IHM | 9:30 a.m. | Bob James—Marilyn James |
| Fri, Dec 20th | People's Park Tower | 2:00 p.m. | For the People |
| Sat, Dec 21st | Holy Ghost | 4:00 p.m. | Tracy Dowe—Late Mildred Fenton |
| Sat, Dec 21st | Holy Family | 7:00 p.m. | Cynthia Bensley—Marie Gill McGee |
| Sun, Dec 22nd | St. Jude | 9:00 a.m. | Juanita Mulhern—Dana Bustard |
| Sun, Dec 22nd | IHM | 11:00 a.m. | Carmie MacFarlane—Anita MacFarlane |
| Tues, Dec 24th | People Park Tower | 2:00p.m. | Barry Martin—Angela Kinden |
| Tues, Dec 24th | IHM | 4:00p.m. | Dorothy Connor—Ralph & Shirley Simkins |
| Tues, Dec 24th | Holy Ghost | 4:00p.m. | Fred Morrisey—Beulah Morrisey |
| Tues, Dec 24th | Holy Family | 7:00p.m. | Carol Anne Colpitts—Terry & Betty Lou Remington |
| Tues, Dec 24th | St, Jude | 7:00p.m. | John & Mary Revie— Gary & Mary Anne Griffin |
| Tues, Dec 24th | IHM | 8:30p.m. | Priscilla (6th Anniversary) - Chris , Denis & Serge |

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 16th | IHM | Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm |
| Mon, Dec 16th | Holy Family | Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm |
| Thurs, Dec 19th | Parish Office | Closed at noon—For Christmas Luncheon ..whoohoo! |

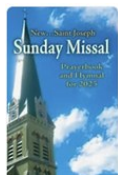
Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity

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)

If you can, please give non perishable items —Thank you!



SUNDAY MISSAL'S AVAILABLE AT PARISH OFFICE

FOR \$7.00 PER COPY. A GREAT WAY TO PREPARE AND REFLECT ON THE READINGS.

Parish office is closed from Tuesday, Dec 24th - Jan 2nd 2025

Did You know? When Elizabeth is greeted by Mary, she immediately knows she is standing in the presence of the Mother of God.

Like Elizabeth we are invited to become aware of God's active presence filled with his greatest and everlasting mercy.

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*Grow
in Christ*

Christmas and New Years Schedules



Christmas Eve

Peoples Park Tower **2:00pm**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Family) **4:00pm**

Holy Ghost **4:00pm**

Saint Jude Church **7:00pm**

Holy Family Church **7:00pm**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church **8:30pm**

New Years Eve Mass

New Years Eve

Holy Ghost Church **4:00pm**

New Years Day

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church **10:00am**



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

GO BANANAS!



We did it! We reached our goal of **\$55, 000**. Just this week a generous donor-- combined with the generosity of so many other parishioners-- contributed the remaining money needed to pay for our new audio-visual equipment. I personally want to thank each person who donated, big or small, towards the new video screens and sound board. Apart from a few glitches, the new equipment is already paying dividends in many ways even beyond our Sunday Mass. It's a sign of our love for our church and, more importantly, God's love for us.

Fr. Phil



COFFEE TIME

SNACKS

LOOKING FOR **2 PEOPLE EACH WEEK** TO BRING
COOKIES, CUPCAKES, 2-BITE BROWNIES
AND SUCH!



Any kind of sweet treat will do! Please sign your name on the form attached on the triangular Bulletin board at by the library.

Prayer Day

Wednesday Prayer Day, held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, will be suspended on Dec 25 and Jan 1, **resuming on Wednesday, January 8th**.

Thank you all for your continued devotion to this ministry.



Let's Do Lunch! Want to consider something different for gifts this year? How about sharing your blessings with those less fortunate by donating a number of dinners to the Karing Kitchen! When \$1 - \$2 buys one serving, this is a wonderful gift idea! We have 'Karing Kitchen' cards at the office that could be put under the tree for your loved ones! Donation by cash or cheque made payable to Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Especially this year**, Karing Kitchen says thank you for your generosity and for sharing with so many who have so much less.

Holy Ghost



Thank you for continuing to support your parish, making up your envelopes even though your away or not able to be at mass .

Parishioners if you wish to have a mass intention, we have open mass intentions spaces please do not hesitate to reach out to Teresa and request a mass.

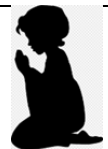
Holy Family Parish



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.



Each day is a gift to be opened with Prayer .



Exploring Our Faith

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this 3rd Sunday of Advent we are invited to rejoice and be at peace. As we prepare for Christmas let's remember to find joy and peace in our relationship with God and share that joy with others. The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudette Sunday. Gaudette is a Latin word that means "rejoice". There is a pink or rose candle instead of a purple one on the Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because the coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is a cause for rejoicing. We are called to rejoice always by staying grounded in our relationship with Jesus, who remains unchanging amid life's fluctuations. The pink/rose candle in the wreath is the colour of the clouds and the morning sun, announcing the coming of dawn... in the dawning of a new day, a new beginning, perhaps even a new life... it's a herald of "hope" for the future. Advent everywhere is a source of hope and longing, and of joyful celebration.

These days, even though merchants and advertisers give the impression that joy is the equivalent of pleasure and can be bought (which we know isn't really true), at their best the songs and sentiments of this season tell us that joy is found in relationships, especially with family and friends. We can, most often, find joy in all the loving things we do for others in this or any other season: in the helpfulness we extend to those in pain; in the thoughtfulness we give to the deprived especially the hungry, the homeless and the elderly; in the understanding we give to those who are bereaved; and in our overall efforts to make our lives together more loving.

Once more this year we have had to struggle to find peace and joy in the world - peace among nations, peace among ethnic groups, peace in our own country, peace in our work places. We find ourselves amidst so many problems - the decline of the nuclear family, lack of jobs, lack of housing for many, drug problems and on and on and on. We can be tempted to throw up our hands and declare that there's nothing we can do to overcome them. The issues are too big and we are too small. How can we find joy in this? But in the first reading today we are told two times not to "fear". God will be with us; He will be in the midst of our trials and we should try to not let anything discourage us. We have to try to stay calm and trust that God is taking care of us. He wants us to experience the hope, peace and joy especially during this Advent season.

Years ago I wrote a reflection on this same Gaudette Sunday which could still apply to today. "Advent is the time when we hope for little moments of joy and invite God to use us as instruments of joy to the world. We could take time today to recall things that have brought us joy and one thing we could do is share joy with someone in the coming week. I think I can understand the message on a poster I once saw. It simply said "JOY IS AT HOME WITH JESUS " That's it, it proposes Jesus' joy to us.

~Cathy Keirstead



Sharing God's Gifts

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:

Loose \$343.
Church Support \$1,502 (74)
Property Upkeep \$32 (6)
Youth Support \$65 (3)
Social Action \$95 (6)

Thank
you 

Peoples Park Tower :

Loose \$62
Church Support \$145 (8)
Maintenance Fund \$5 (1)

Holy Family Parish:

Loose \$263
Church Support \$1,170 (20)
Maintenance Fund \$65 (3)

Holy Ghost Parish:

Loose \$20., Env\$731,
Christmas \$50.
Flowers \$75.

St. Jude's Parish:

Loose \$96.25 ,Church Support \$387 (14)

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



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ADVENT GOES TO THE MOVIES – Our final film discussion for Advent Goes to the Movies will take place on December 16th (*Agnes of God*) at 10:00 am via Zoom. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register. Advent Goes to the Movies is a film series that seeks to make connections between our faith and everyday living during Advent.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Handel's *Messiah*, experienced like never before on **Dec 18th**. Come hear this Christmas masterpiece paired down to fit into the intimate setting of the Mount Allison University Chapel. Ensemble SFEM teams up with Musique Royale and Sackville Festival of Early Music to bring this holiday tradition to Sackville. Witness this music of the season and warm up your voices to join us in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Come early and enjoy a pre-concert talk guaranteed to get you in the mood for the evening's proceedings. Ensemble SFEM with the Ménestrel Singers of Musique Royale. Jimin Shin Dobson Music Direction & Baroque violin. Soloists: Christina Haldane Soprano, Hannah O'Donnell Alto, Kerry Bursey Tenor, Alexander Dobson Bass. Concert at 7pm, pre-concert talks at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students.



INVITATION: Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025

The Jubilee of 2025 is a significant religious event under the theme “**Pilgrims of Hope.**” This theme reflects Pope Francis's call to rekindle the flame of hope in a world facing numerous crises. The Holy Father invites all dioceses worldwide to solemnly celebrate the opening of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Moncton are invited to take part in this important bilingual celebration, which will gather priests with the Archbishop for a three-part event on December 29, 2024:

1:30 PM – Saint Bernard’s Church: Gathering.

1:45 PM – Pilgrimage: Walk toward the Cathedral.

2:00 PM – Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral: Solemn Mass.

Those with mobility limitations are welcome to proceed directly to the Cathedral.

The Jubilee is an opportunity for everyone to embark on a pilgrimage of hope. We are called to seek signs of hope and to be signs of hope in our families, for our neighbors, the imprisoned, the sick and dying, the young, and the elderly.

I personally invite each of you and encourage you to join us for this special event that unites us with the global community. Indeed, hope does not disappoint!

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

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
12 December 2024

To mark the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (CCIC) recalls the profound sorrow expressed by Pope Francis, during his Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, for the catastrophic effects of the residential school system on Indigenous communities, as well as the journey of reconciliation and healing we have embarked upon together. Two years later, the Pope's words still compel us to recognize this painful legacy and walk alongside the Indigenous Peoples in a spirit of repentance, solidarity, and hope.

We contemplate the Holy Father's words: "The Church is the house where we conciliate anew, where we meet to start over and to grow together". This vision of the Church as a "living body of reconciliation" has guided us in our ongoing commitment to justice and healing. In this spirit, we reaffirm our pledge to work for healing and reconciliation, and to reflect on our efforts since the Holy Father's visit to Canada in 2022.

Together we pray:

*O God, Creator and Father of all,
with humility and hope, we, your children, acknowledge
the relationship in You
of all living things.*

For this we thank You and praise You.

*We call on You, Great Mystery, our God who comes to us
in Jesus Christ, Your Son*

*– our Lord, teacher, prophet and brother –
to open our minds and hearts as we continue to walk the difficult,
yet critical journey of reconciliation and healing.*

*In our world of such blessed diversity,
we see so many struggles and obstacles to oneness and unity.*

*We implore You to heal our brokenness and division. Show us in Jesus
the way to*

unity among the multiplicity of Your peoples in our world.

*We also pray that You will guide and lead us in the Truth,
and show us how to be a people who walk with You.*

*May we be a people
of Respect, Humility, Courage, Honesty, and Compassion
- as we find Your Wisdom on the Spirit-led journey that supports deep
healing and fosters renewed relationships.*

Lord, make us channels of Your Peace, Hope, and Love!

+Amen