

St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
December 8th , 2024 Second 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 Chris Hachey (nephew of Terry Clancy) Cathy Corkery and Leonard Snow; for those who have died including Charline Sonier (sister of Mark Mahoney), and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Daily Readings Dec 9th –Dec 15th ,2024

Monday	Genesis 3.9-15,20	Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12	Luke 1.26-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11		Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40.25-31		Matthew 11.28-30
Thursday	Zechariah 2.10-13		Luke 1.39-47
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19		Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48.1-4,9-11		Matthew 17.10-13
Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)	Zephaniah 3.14-18a	Philippians 4.4-7	Luke 3.10-18

Upcoming Liturgies Dec 11th — Dec 15th

Wed, Dec 11th	IMH	9:30 a.m.	Mass Cancelled—For this week
Fri, Dec 13th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Roger Comeau—Germaine Comeau
Sat, Dec 14th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Louis Beck—Late Mildred Comeau
Sat, Dec 14th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	For the People
Sun, Dec 15th	St. Jude	9:00 a.m.	Juanita Mulhern—Roberta Brine
Sun, Dec 15th	IHM	11:00 a.m.	Dan Lunney —Karen & John Cremo

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 9th	IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm
Mon, Dec 9th	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Dec 10th	IHM	Catechism— at 6:30pm
Tues, Dec 10th	Holy Family	Senior's Club – 11:00am –1:00 Meeting
Wed Dec 11th	IHM	Catechism — at 6:30pm
Wed Dec 11th	IHM	Prayer day cancelled –will resume on the 18th
Wed Dec 11th	IHM	Mass cancelled this week
Thurs Dec 12th	Holy Family	Advent Reconciliation Service - Meet at 6:30pm

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity

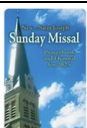
Did You know? Christ brings healing and peace. The prayer of ADVENT is the prayer of the entire Christian life; it is the prayer asking the Lord to bring healing and peace. Jesus reveals that what troubles our heart is as much a problem as what troubles our bodies. Jesus can heal our hearts by forgiving our sins because God, His father gives Him that power. (p.16 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)

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



**SUNDAY MISSAL'S AVAILABLE AT PARISH OFFICE
FOR \$7.00 PER COPY.**

Parish office is closed from Monday Dec 22nd - Jan 2nd 2025



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 options. Please have your donation requests in by **Dec 15th**

Christmas and New Years Schedules



Christmas Eve

Peoples Park Tower **2:00pm**
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Family) **4:00 pm**
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**



PLEASE NOTE

Wednesday **9:30 am Mass Cancelled on Dec 11th** as mini splits being installed on the 10th and 11th of December. Thank you for your patience.



The Social Action Committee

is happy to announce the donations for November went to the Albert County Christmas Aid. Thank you all for continued support of this great cause.



Thank you! Thank you to all of you who brought in items and gifts for our Christmas Collection! It was a huge success and we are very pleased to forward these gifts to Harvest House in the name of our dear friend, Janet Gordon. We appreciate your support for our collection and wish you all a very merry season! - the Ladies Society

Holy Ghost Church

Fundraiser – Refreshment Basket **winner Shelly McNaught Congratulations!** Thank you to the group that put this fundraiser together and everyone who made this fundraiser successful in selling and purchasing tickets.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



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!



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.



We are looking for volunteers to deliver bulletins to 6 people in (2-Moncton) (4 Riverview) area while the Post office is on strike. If this is something you would like to do, Just give Debbie a call at the parish office 506-386-6178 We're certain you would be a welcomed face to brighten a day .



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 **\$50,839** (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

Holy Family Parish



We are looking for a small to medium-sized freezer for use at the church. If you have one to donate, please call the parish office or speak to Doug Wilson. Thank you!



Looking for a couple of people and a **truck to remove 2 medium sized freezers** from our church basement and take them to the landfill on Berry Mills Road. If you are available to help with this, please call the parish office or speak to Doug Wilson.



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.

Exploring our Faith

Hope vs Expectation

In two different meetings I was in recently the conversation came up regarding the difference between hope and expectation. In preparing for the First Sunday of Advent, where the theme is “hope”, it seemed like a natural topic to discuss. I took the time to look up the definition of each word and this is what I found. **Expectation:** a strong belief that something will happen or a belief that someone will or should achieve something. **Hope:** to cherish a desire with anticipation; to want something to happen or be true.



I have always associated expectations with the business world. In that world there is an expectation that you will achieve certain goals set for you and perform at a competent level. Your boss does not hope you will do your job, they expect you to do your job and if you don't, it won't be your job for long. Expectation on a personal level can often lead to disappointment and stress. In this season of preparation, both at church and at home, many parents are stressed about meeting their family's expectations for Christmas. Buying the perfect gift; creating memories that will last a lifetime; preparing the best turkey dinner with all the fixins that anyone has ever had. And for those who struggle financially, trying to manage the many challenges this season presents.

But we are people of hope. Or at least we are called to be. In the definition of hope we see words like anticipation and truth. We live in anticipation of the second coming of Jesus, as this season reminds us. We live believing in the truth we hear from John the Baptist this week that the rough ways of life will be made smooth and that we will see the salvation of God.

If you were in a conversation with your most trusted confidant and they asked you what you were currently hoping for, what would your answer be? I was asked this week what my expectation was for this Advent and what my hope was. I answered as honestly as I could. I said my expectation was for the season to be busy both at church and at home and that I would be doing my best to manage the anxieties the season can bring in preparation for the season that's coming. My hope is that, for the first time in my life, I could truly enter into the spirituality of this season and be present to the peace that can come from joyful anticipation.

People hope for many things. We hope for good weather this time of year if we have plans to travel. If we don't currently have it, we hope for financial stability. We hope our kids and grandkids do well in school and in life. If we, or someone we love, are going through illness of any kind, we hope for healing. And sometimes, we hope that a terminally ill loved one can just make it through one more Christmas. We hope for things that are far beyond our ability to control, yet we should never give up our hope. Hope is what kept the dream of freedom alive in the Israelites who were being held in slavery. Hope is what kept the drive of John the Baptist going to prepare the way in the wilderness. And hope in the resurrection is what made it possible for Jesus to endure the crucifixion.

None of these outcomes could have been predicted and definitely not expected, and yet, they happened. For me, expectation is akin to logic which comes from me living in my head. Hope is the child of faith, which calls me to live from my heart. When I live from my heart, then the things I thought impossible become possible. And hard-to-believe stories of a God who loves me beyond anything I can even comprehend become the foundation for peace and joy in my life. I hope you have a blessed Advent and a wonderful Christmas.

Mark Mahoney
Pastoral Associate

Sharing God's Gifts

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:

Loose \$471.
Church \$10,163. (166)
Property Upkeep \$298. (13)
Youth Support \$56. (3)
Social Action \$240. (11)

Peoples Park Tower :

Loose \$109.
Church Support \$225. (8)
Maintenance Fund \$5. (1)

Thank
you 

Holy Family Parish:

Loose \$215.
Church Support \$2,165. (45)
Maintenance Fund \$80. (4)

Holy Ghost Parish:

Loose \$20., Env \$161. , PAD \$380., Canadahelps \$72.
Roof Donation \$1000.
Christmas Refreshment Fundraiser \$1220.
Christmas Flowers \$40.

St. Jude's Parish:

Loose \$124., Church Support \$390. (13)

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



Trevor Droesbeck - 506 857-4879 or adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca
 Karen LeBlanc – 506 387-4198 or Youth@diocesemoncton.ca



*Prayer is the breath, the watchword,
 the comfort, the strength,
 the honor of a Christian.*



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 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.



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.

Gospel Study Group - December 12th and 13th:

In person or by zoom at **St. Lawrence O'Toole on Thursday December 12th** at 6:00pm followed by adoration at 7:00pm and **Friday December 13th** at **St. Augustine's** at 11:00am, followed by Mass at 12:00 noon and adoration. Info.: Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com.

**For 3rd Sunday of Advent, click on the following links and read:
 St. Cyril of Alexandria**

https://www.ecatholic2000.com/cyril/untitled-12.shtml#_Toc385688057



OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH is organizing a fundraising
CRAFT AND GOODIES SALE

Saturday December 14th, 2024, from 9:00a.m.- 4:00p.m.
 (11 rue St Andrews, Pointe du Chêne).

All last-minute shoppers will find hand made soaps, candles, Christmas ornaments and much more.

They will also have short reflexology sessions!

Admission is free to the craft fair and bake sale. Info.:

506-531-0252. Thank you for your support!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT - OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH

(11 St Andrews St, Pointe du Chêne)

is organizing a benefit Christmas concert "Voices of the World" on Sunday, December 22nd, 2024, from 3:30p.m.- 5:30p.m. The Christmas concert will be followed by a spaghetti dinner in the church hall. Admission to the concert adults/20\$ and children 12 and under/10\$. This is a fundraiser to support the church's projects. This musical afternoon will see artists from each continent while presenting music from their native countries.

Info.: 506-531-0252. For tickets, call 506-871-9508.

Thank you for your support!



*I am never in control of what happens around me
 but I am always in control of what happens within me.*