

St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
January 26th, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity



Prayer Requests

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, Chris Hachey, Albert Jackson, Sheila McLean, Leonard Snow and Joan Eagles; for those who have died, including Marie Godin (mother of Denise Olsen), Cecile Albert (sister of Sam Albert) and Philip Walsh (brother of Kevin Walsh); and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.



- 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) **Thank you for your continued support!**

Daily Readings Jan 27th –Feb 2nd, 2025

Monday	Hebrews 9.15,24-28		Mark 3.22-30
Tuesday	Hebrews 10.1-10		Mark 3.31-35
Wednesday	Hebrews 10.11-18		Mark 4.1-20
Thursday	Hebrews 10.19-25		Mark 4.21-25
Friday	Hebrews 10.32-39		Mark 4.26-34
Saturday	Hebrews 11.1-2,8-19		Mark 4.35-41
Sunday (The presentation of the	Malachi 3.1-4	Hebrews 2.10-11,13b-18	Luke 2.22-32

Upcoming Liturgies Jan 29th —Feb 2nd

Wed, Jan 29th	IMH	9:30 a.m.	Marie Claire Papke-Notte - Claire & Family
Fri, Jan 31st	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Special Intention—Carmelle Cochrane
Sat, Feb 1st	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Tracey Dowe— Late Mildred Fenton
Sat, Feb 1st	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Louise West—Mary Helena Delahunt
Sun, Feb 2nd	St. Jude	9:00 a.m.	For the People
Sun, Feb 2nd	IHM	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Lawrence Quinn— Late Janet Gordon

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, Jan 27th	IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm
Mon, Jan 27th	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Jan 28th	IHM	Catechism — at 6:30pm
Tues, Jan 28th	Dan Bohan	Prayer Shawl Ministry — Meet at 10:30 Bring the joy and prepare to laugh!
Wed, Jan 29th	IHM	Catechism — at 6:30pm
Wed, Jan 29th	IHM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —Wednesday's Following 9:30am mass
Tues, Feb 4th	Dan Bohan	IHM Ladies Society —Meeting at 7:00 (Bring a gift for Chicken Luncheon basket)
Wed, Feb 5th	Dan Bohan	Knights of Columbus — Meet at 7:00pm

Did You Know? Jesus was, in the flesh, incarnate. The Messiah, who came to live with us as one of the most vulnerable among us, now cries and suffers with us. Jesus teaches us both the most sacred source of our emotions and the capacity, we retain for reverence, prayer and faithfulness. We find relationships with God and God's people.

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Wildcats Game – Parish Unit Outing

We are organizing a parish unit outing at a Moncton Wildcats game on Sunday, February 23rd at 3 p.m. at the Avenir Centre. We would all sit together in a section designated by the Wildcats front office. The cost to you would be **\$10 per ticket**, regardless of age, and the parish would absorb the extra cost of the tickets as they are a bit more expensive than \$10. This is a great chance for us to come together with folks from our own parish, and other parishes in our unit and get to know one another while at the same time, enjoying a game. If you are new to Canada, and are not familiar with the game of hockey, we will sit you next to someone who will be happy to explain things as the game goes on. Please let me (Mark) know by Friday, January 31st if you would like to attend so I can coordinate the tickets with the Wildcats head office.



Winter Carnival Fundraiser: The gentlemen are cooking up a **Soup & Chowder Night**

Just what we need for those cold days
to warm the body and soul!

Friday, Jan 31st Eat in (take-out available)

Dan Bohan Center starting at 4:00 to 6:30 pm

Cost \$6 per person or \$20 per family

Proceeds going for a new dishwasher for Dan Bohan Family Center. **Hope to see you there!**



2024 Receipts for charitable giving will be available at People Park Tower, Holy Family, St Jude's and Immaculate Heart of Mary **next weekend**. Please help us save a stamp and pick up your receipt next weekend. If you have questions about your receipt or need to have an address adjusted or a name is misspelled, please reach out to Anne at the parish office. Thank you for your gifts to the church!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



Riverview Winter Carnival's Ladies Society Chicken Luncheon

Saturday, February 8th, (Storm date Feb 9th, 2025)

from 11-1 pm at the Dan Bohan Centre

Tickets are \$10 each and must be reserved in advance

Call Pam @ (506 386-5451) to reserve yours.

The Ladies are serving up their delicious Chicken a la King served on a tea biscuit with a side of coleslaw and cranberry sauce. Dessert will be a scrumptious serving of gingerbread drizzled with caramel sauce and topped off with whipped topping.

(Ladies please remember to bring in something for the basket for Chicken Luncheon draw to our next meeting on Feb 4th .)



Thank you for all your support of the Albert County Food Bank, including Christmas Aid. Last year, **over \$18,900** was donated by parishioners for the food bank and its programs. Along with that, you have faithfully brought food items to the church to help stock the shelves at the food bank – thank you! Your generosity is very much appreciated! *If you would like to find out more about adding special donations to other charities to your church offering, please speak to Anne at the parish office.*



Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Online Auction—Here we go again!

The next online auction will be for **Immaculate Heart of Mary!**

Help us kick off our fundraising for 2025!

The auction will take place mid-February so for now

JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP and invite your friends.

Also, we are collecting items to auction off such as gift items, collectibles, items that would be of interest or use, new or gently used. Call Anne at the parish office if you have questions or items to donate!

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Memorials

Memorial & Special Gifts this Month

Memorial & Special Gifts are a special way to give to the life and works of the church.

These gifts can be made in memory of a loved one, or to honour a living person.

During the month of January 2025

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish,

donations were made to the flower fund in memory of

Neil McDonald & Shannon – By: Irene McDonald

Donations were made to the church in memory of

Ernie Peters – By: Laura

Emelie Perkison – By: Dave, Traci & Kate, Gordon & Dee Dee Kerr,

Leo & Beryl Ronan, Stuart & Betty Anne Kerr, and Sheila Morano

Charlene Sonier – By: Carole Power

Kevin Mahoney - By: Carole Power

Joe, Carmie & Doug - By: Anita & Family

Stephen Hickey – Al & Beth Kavanaugh

At St. Jude's Parish

donations were made to the church in memory of

Linda Constantine – By: Husband Edwin, Susan & Terry McMackin, Carmella Williams,

NBTA Branch 0216, John Steeves, Cynthia Brown and Dynamites Hockey Club

Mother Stella Quillian, Husband Jim Power and Friend Sally Walker—By: Carole Power



Holy Family Parish

Thank you to the parishioners of Holy Family (at the church and Peoples Park Tower chapel) for your generous support of **Nazareth House** and **Peter McKee Food Bank!** Last year, over \$1,535 was collected at the chapel and \$242 was collected at the church along with an abundance of food items. Thank you to the volunteers who pick up and deliver the food items. AND, another \$225 was collected for the **Peter McKee Food Bank** in Moncton. If you would like to help in this ministry, please reach out to the parish office. If you would like to find out more about adding special donations to other charities to your church offering, please speak to Anne at the parish office. *Your generosity is very much appreciated by the folks at Maison Nazareth House and the Peter McKee Food Bank.*





Congratulations Al Daly - winner of the raffle !



In support of **Raffle in Support of Albert County Food Bank**

As promised, one ticket was turned into a basket of 13 bottles of wine.

The proceeds were immediately donated to the Albert County Food Bank.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this fundraiser.



Coats for Kids: Thank you for your generous support of the Coats for Kids program of the Knights of Columbus. **We collected \$3,808** from parishioners to assist the Knights with the purchase of coats for children, teens and adults in need.

Community



St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Avenue, Riverview, NB will be holding a

New to You clothing sale on Saturday, February 8th, from 9 am to 12 noon.

Find out what can be "New for You". Clothing, footwear and accessories for all ages.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat – Pilgrims of Hope



Strengthen your love, deepen your faith, and grow together in Christ at our **Marriage Enrichment Retreat**. This special retreat offers a time for renewal, reflection, and practical guidance to enrich your relationship. Whether you've been married for one year or fifty, this retreat will bless your journey together.

Date: February 22, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: St. Bernard's Church (43 Botsford St.)

Speakers: Mr. & Mrs. Joe and Deb D'Ettore, Deacon Frank Quinn, Fr. Carlos Jacinto

Fee: \$60 per couple. This fee will cover the costs for lunch, refreshments, and retreat materials.

Join us for a day of faith, fellowship, and inspiration. Register now and invest in the gift of your marriage!

For more information or to sign up, contact Joe and Deb D'Ettore: atvnonno@gmail.com / 506-961-3526



Part-Time Manager St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Augustine's Church is calling for applications from individuals interested in the part-time position of Manager of the depot which provides good used clothing and household items to those in need. This position requires 21 hours per week from September-June and 14 hours a week for July-August. Responsibilities include coordination of volunteers and maintaining inventories. Qualifications include bilingualism, empathy for those in need, basic computer skills and the ability to lift up to 30 lbs.


The deadline for applications is **February 15, 2025.**

Please email resumes to Barry Coleman, Committee Chair barrymcoleman@gmail.com

Sharing God's gifts

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:
Loose \$387., Church Support \$6,300.(137)
Property Upkeep \$810. (23), Youth Support \$83.(5)
Social Action \$106. (7)

Peoples Park Tower:
Loose \$86.
Church Support \$670.(14)
Maintenance Fund \$45.(4)


thank you very much! 

Holy Family Parish:
Loose \$147., Church Support \$2444.(52)
Maintenance Fund \$250.(7)

Holy Ghost Parish:
Church Support \$267.

St. Jude's Parish:
Loose \$36., Church Support \$532. (15)

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT 

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As we move from 2024 to 2025, we need your help us meet our parishes' operational budgets! Your monetary gifts keep the doors open, the lights on, the snow removed, support the staff, provide the liturgical elements such as hosts, wine, candles and more, and ensure our places of worship as safe, welcoming houses of God – **we cannot operate as we do without your generous and faithful offering to the life and work of our churches.** Please be intentional in your giving – prayerfully consider how you can be a pillar in our parish by sharing your time, your talents, and your treasures. *All gifts are received in the spirit with which they were offered... with gratitude and thanksgiving to God!*



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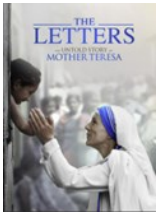
May 16– 26, 2025: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 43 years.

Cost of \$3770 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.



FORMATION FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAMS – Please note the **January 25th**

Formation scheduled for parish teams working with baptism preparation has been cancelled due to insufficient registrations. Please watch for announcements about future formation opportunities.



MONDAY @ THE MOVIES – Our next selection for Monday @ The Movies will be *“The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa.”* We will meet via Zoom on **Monday, January 27th at 10:00 am** to discuss the movie.

Contact Karen at 506-387-4198
or youth@diocesemoncton.ca for more information.



“CELEBRATING SUNDAY” LITURGICAL FORMATION – Liturgist Catherine Ecker will be offering a three-part Zoom series on the celebration of Sunday liturgy. Each session will take place via Zoom on **February 5th, 19th, and 26th at 7:00 pm** and run until 9:00 pm. These sessions will be appropriate for any involved in liturgical ministries or anyone who would like to know more about how and why we celebrate. Contact Karen at 506-387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

“ROADMAP TO INITIATION” R.C.I.A. FORMATION – Catherine Ecker will also be offering a three-part series entitled “Roadmap to Initiation,” designed for those who are involved in parish R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) teams. These sessions will also take place via Zoom on **March 10th, 17th, and 24th at 7:00 pm** to 9:00 pm.

Contact Karen at
506- 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February 6th, 2025 @ 10:00 am – **Meeting of Parish R.C.I.A. Leadership** – St. Bernard’s

March 3rd, 2025 @ 6:00 pm – **Parish Catechetical Coordinators** – Immaculate Heart of Mary



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 February 20th at 10:30am

at the Holy Family Church Hall, 52 Falkland St. Moncton.

Our theme for that day will help us learn how to move through
the process of downsizing your stuff and letting it go.

Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca



Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference will take place this year from **July 11th-13th** at Dalhousie University in Halifax. Steubenville offers teens a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ that ignites their faith, strengthens their prayer life, and empowers them to live out their mission long after the conference ends. **Youth from 9th to 12th grade** will be exposed to opportunities for worship, adoration, and

reconciliation, while enjoying fellowship with hundreds of other Catholic

teens from across Canada. For more information, contact Justin Mury at jgmury@gmail.com

or register at www.steubenville.ca.



Gospel Study Group January 30th and 31st:

In person or zoom, Thursdays at **St. Lawrence O'Toole** 6:00 pm
followed by adoration at 7:00pm

AND Fridays at **St. Augustine's** at 11:00 am,

followed by Mass at 12:00 noon and adoration. Info.:

Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com.

For the presentation of the Lord click on the following links and read: Pope Benedict XVI

<https://www.benedictusxvi.com/presentation-of-the-lord#:~:text=The%20Presentation%20of%20Jesus%20in,Exhortation%2C%20Vita%20Consecrata%2C%20n.>



Riverview Winter Carnival Shindig

Saturday February 8th, 2025—7pm

St. John Anglican Church Hall

28 Woolridge St. ,

Music by: The Gallant Family Band

Admission \$10.00

Proceeds to church projects

Non -Perishable food donations to the Albert County Food Bank

EXPLORING OUR FAITH

HOSPITALITY? FAR FROM IT

I've learned that people
will forget what you
said, people will forget
what you did, but
people will never forget
how you made them
feel.

Maya Angelou



CHOICEandTRUTH

Read on, if you dare. The following is not very flattering. It doesn't paint us in a good light. It's not meant to offend anyone, although the ego in all of us is highly offendable. It's meant to wake us up. The truth has a way of doing that, if we allow it. It's concerning hospitality or, more to the point, our lack of hospitality. I'm going to quote a letter I received recently from a man of faith, not a complainer. This is his experience. Unfortunately, if I had decided to keep all the similar letters I received since I was ordained 27 years ago, I would have a file

folder full. I wish it was a one-off, a rare occurrence, an exception to the rule, but it's not. With his permission, I give you most of what he wrote.

Dear Phil,

"....On Christmas Eve I decided to go to Immaculate Heart Parish to celebrate with the community Christmas mass at 8h30. I have to say that what took place for me kind of caught me off guard, and this is what I wanted to share with you.

When I came in there was a welcoming group of people at the entrance of the church saying "Hi" and offering Christmas wishes to those coming in, and I heard some being called by their names, and I found that really beautiful. But to my surprise when they saw me, no one said a word, nothing. Not "welcome." Not "Merry Christmas." Just silence. So, I decided to go sit in a pew and wait for the celebration to start. Where I was sitting, the pew in front of me was filled from one end to the other. The pew in front of them was also filled and the pew behind had a couple sitting in it. I found myself alone in my pew, and that was ok. What really surprised me was when we came to the "sign of peace." Everyone in the front pew started hugging each other and offering the sign of peace and did the same with those sitting in the pew in front of them. What I didn't expect was the fact that no one turned around to offer me a sign of peace. I then turned around to the couple sitting in the pew behind me, and they just refused to offer anything to me. I saw them shaking hands with those behind them and wishing them Merry Christmas. But when they turned around and saw me, they just put their hands on their chest, backed away, and looked at me in an odd way. I was just left there being ignored by those who came to celebrate Eucharist and apparently call themselves Christians. It was kind of a bitter sweet moment. It's Christmas Eve, and I wanted to celebrate with those who believe, like me, in the meaning of Christmas and then finding myself treated like this brought a lot of sadness. While I was there alone in my pew, a woman (I believe an immigrant because her English was very broken and difficult to understand) sitting in a pew in the other aisle, saw what happened to me, and walked across her pew where she was sitting alone, crossed the aisle, and walked along my pew to come up to me, gave me a hug, and wished me peace in a very broken English. When she turned around and walked back to her pew, I was left wondering who was Christian and who shared the peace of Christ? I just wanted to share this with you, Phil. What made it so sad for me was, when I walked out of the church, the first thing that passed through my thoughts was, "I'm not sure if I will ever come back to have a similar experience."

I just wanted to share this with you as someone who came to the parish and experienced just being a nobody to the people where I sat in this church..."

There were a few more lines to the letter, that expressed gratitude and was more positive. I responded by apologizing on behalf of the parish, by thanking him for his faith, for not being bitter, and for telling us the truth. The immigrant woman was the true Christian, the authentic witness of Christ in the world. I told him that this woman remind me of the one leper in the Scriptures (of 10!) who returned to give thanks to God. That leper got it. This woman got it. The gospel was on display in this one woman who knew what welcoming Christ was all about.

I also reminded this man, in my response, that what he brought to light is, unfortunately, more common than any of us good Catholics want to admit. The lie we keep telling ourselves is, "this would never happen in my parish...maybe in someone else's."

In a response to my response, he wrote back. Again, he came across gracious and not bitter. In that letter he expressed how he felt this same close-minded attitude in many of the French-speaking churches and not just at Immaculate Heart of Mary. This doesn't exactly make me feel a whole lot better. I guess this coldness and lack of hospitality is pervasive.

He was able to name in his second letter to me exactly what I was already thinking. Much of the core problem is as he writes, "this kind of personal religion between me and God and my little group." He is so right.

Like I said at the beginning, I wish this was just one person's bad experience and nothing more. Unfortunately, it's not. This is a wake-up call. We are not as welcoming as we thought we were. Walmart greeters do it better than we do. Hospitality, before it's a handshake, a greeting, or even a smile is, first and foremost, an attitude.

I leave the second last word to this same man who had the courage to write me:

"Anyway, if any of my experience can be of help to you using it with the parish, I have no issues in granting you permission to use it. My hope is that perhaps people can have the attitude of the migrant woman who should me what Christmas is all about."

I give the last word to Jesus who reminds us of what we will ultimately be judged by—I was a stranger and you either welcomed me or you didn't (Mt. 25:35-40).

Fr. Phil