

St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
January 5th , 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

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!

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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, Glenda O'Hara, Evelyn Danahy, Leo Ronan, Chris Hachey, Johanna Van Elst, Kris Jenson and Albert Jackson; for those who have died including Emelie Perkison (mother of Paul & Sandra); and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Daily Readings Jan 6th –Jan 12th ,2025

Monday	1 John 3.22-4.6		Matthew 4.12-17,23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4.7-10		Mark 6.34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4.19-5.4		Luke 4.14-22a
Thursday	1 John 5.5-13		Luke 5.12-16
Friday	1 John 5.5-13		Luke 5.12-16
Saturday	1 John 5.14-21		John 3.22-30
Sunday (Baptism of the Lord)	Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7	Acts 10.34-38	Luke 3.15-16,21-22

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Fri, Jan 10th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Gerald Ramsey— Alice Boudreau
Sat, Jan 11th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Beth Fenton— George & Theresa
Sat, Jan 11th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Kathleen (Kay) Delahunt— Mary Helena Delahunt
Sun, Jan 12th	St. Jude	9:00 a.m.	For The People
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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 6th	IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm
Mon, Jan 6th	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Jan 7th	IHM	Catechism — at 6:30pm
Tues, Jan 7th	Dan Bohan	IHM Ladies Society - Meeting 7:00pm
Wed, Jan 8th	IHM	Catechism — at 6:30pm
Wed, Jan 8th	TBD	KOC – Meet at 7:00pm

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Seniors Connect :Thursday January 16th @ 10:30 am

Holy Family Church , 52 Falkland Street

A safe place for seniors to gather , Socialize , learn about and discuss issues related to aging in New Brunswick. The Theme for January's gathering is "simple Tips For Computing and the internet"

You do not need to have a computer with you. Contact Karen at 506-387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca



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!



Did You Know ?

Children of God, in God you always have a home. God will always love you and will never leave you alone. He never abandons us. When we are unfaithful to God, God remains faithful to us. His Mercy is strong and His love, deep and broad. (p.123, SB 2024)



DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity pastoral unit is pleased to present the three-part series, Dying with Christ –Living with Hope. Developed by the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), this program explores topics related to death and dying in a Christian context.

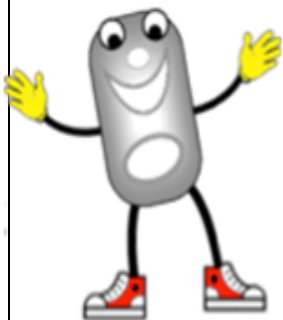
The purpose of the series is to help those who are searching to understand the meaning of a Christian death and how it fits into God's plan. It can help participants find strength in their faith and in their ability to articulate a Christian approach to these issues.

Using both large and small groups discussions, video presentations from theologians and medical specialists, and individual reflections, the program addresses the topics of: **Session 1** – Death and Dying; **Session 2** – Pain, Suffering and End of Life and; **Session 3** – The Christian Duty to Care.

The course will be taking place on three evenings, January 16th, 23rd and 30th at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Registration is required. Please contact Karen at 386-6178 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register or for more information.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



Tabs for Kids – a *fantastic* way to support the Boys' and Girls' Club Breakfast Program!

As the New Year starts

We want to say thanks to parishioners across our parish grouping and to their friends, family and neighbours, (schools, entire apartment buildings, cottage buddies, good Samaritans, and more)

Your collection of tabs

fed over 400 children in the breakfast program.

Keep up the great work and let's try to beat that number for 2025 !

Grocery Gift Cards are a great way to budget your grocery bill! Available at the parish office, they are a great way to keep you 'on track'! AND your parish earns 5% on

the value of every card sold.

Purchase with cash or cheque
(made out to Immaculate Heart of Mary).

Thank you!



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 by the library.



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



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

God's gifts for Dec 21st and Dec 22nd weekend also Dec 28th and 29th weekend

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:

Loose \$2,822.
Church Support \$7,093.
Property Upkeep \$323.
Youth Support \$15.
Social Action \$185.
Christmas \$3,815.

Peoples Park Tower & Holy Family:

Loose \$943.
Church Support \$2,750.
Maintenance Fund \$130.
Christmas \$1,500.

Holy Ghost Parish: Dec 28th only

Loose \$28.
Church Support \$1,062.
Cemetery \$20.
Roof \$1,100.
Christmas \$260.

Due to storms on Dec 21st and 24th there is no offerings to report for Holy Ghost

St. Jude's Parish:

Loose \$196,
Church Support \$3,117.
Christmas \$700.

Happy 60th Anniversary

Happy 60th Anniversary Holy Family Church!



In 1963, the part of St. Bernard's Parish that was beyond Jones Lake was separated out to form **Holy Family Parish**, with Fr. Angus MacDonald as the first pastor. (1963-1968)

During this time, Mass was being celebrated for these families in the chapel at Sainte Bernadette's School and although the parishioners moved out of Sainte Bernadette's in 1964,

Holy Family Church was officially blessed and dedicated on January 10th, 1965.

On Friday, the church's 60th anniversary, there is much to celebrate!

This faith community has pulled together throughout this pandemic and the dedication of so many volunteers has kept this church growing and going, these past difficult months.

God bless you all – those in the pews who continue to worship at and support this church, and also, the God Squad, (everyone knows who you are) as the wonderful volunteers are affectionately called.



Exploring Our Faith

Is It All About the Gifts?

On a social media post, I once read that if it had been three wise women instead of three wise men, the gifts offered at the birth of Jesus would have been far more practical. Every year when we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, I think of that, and chuckle. This year, however, I have been reflecting a lot on gifts in general: what they represent, how they are given, how they are received and what gifts we bring.

As a child I thought nothing of what the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh meant. If I thought about the gifts as an adult, I assumed they would make sense to those who first heard this story. They seem proper to who this Babe in the Manger is – gifts which signify the kingship of Jesus. Even today, as it was 2000 years ago, gold is a precious and valuable metal, fitting for earthy kingship. Frankincense is a perfume or incense appropriate as a symbol of divinity. Myrrh, I recently learned, was used by the Egyptians for the embalming of mummies. Some writers suggest this gift alludes to the sacrifice made by Jesus through his suffering and death. The hearers of Matthew's Gospel today may not be as impressed by the gifts as those first hearers were. Yet, we all understand the giving and receiving of gifts. In fact, the birth of children is usually celebrated by the giving of (admittedly far more sensible) gifts.



Still in term of receiving gifts ... what about the gift of who we are? the gift of our time and talents which can be used for so much? St. Paul writes about the importance of gifts in a community and how each of us has a significant contribution to make to every Christian community. That in fact, the community is less if we are not using our gifts to the fullest. To the extent that the community *itself is* less if we are not present in it.

It seems to be somewhat problematic for us to think of ourselves as gifts. It seems almost like boasting. And most of us were raised to do the exact opposite. I think of a sister who was always praising her children and the many talents they have which my mother found rather disconcerting. Mom was of the mindset that we should not brag about our own or our children's accomplishments. For me the jury is still out on what is acceptable.

Yet Marianne Williamson writes: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking, so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same..."

"Make manifest the glory of God that is within us ... [which] is in everyone." That's the nugget of the gift we are. Maybe it's when we think we are better than others that it is inappropriate to accept our gifts. However, *everyone* has gifts; we all have something meaningful to contribute, something that is necessary. And those gifts are not about us. They are about God; they are about God working within us to create something beautiful and important for the world that the world needs.

Those gifts of the Magi may not have been very helpful to a poor peasant family in first century Bethlehem. But the gift each of us is ... that is something special, something to acknowledge and something to celebrate.


By : Ellen Bennett



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

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