

St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
March 16th, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

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.



We would like to acknowledge that we carry out our worship on the unceded, ancestral territory of the Indigenous peoples of Atlantic Canada, the Mi'kmaq and the Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet). Our relationship and our privilege to live on this territory was agreed upon in the Peace and Friendship Treaties of 1752, and so it is to be acknowledged that we are all Treaty people, having a responsibility to respect this territory.

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 Thursday 9-4 pm and Friday 9-12pm
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 Remi Rioux (grandson) & Connie Firlotte (sister in-law)of Jean & Dale Ryan, Louis LeBlanc (brother of Marie Betts), Betty Lou Remington, Mary Burns, Mary Wilt and Bob Vaughan;
for those who have died including Barry Dickie, Fran Barnes and Boyd Biddiscombe;
and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

“Lent affords us the opportunity to see the depts of our sin and experience the heights of God’s love.”
Chuck Colson

Daily Readings March 17th – March 23rd, 2025

Monday	Daniel 9.3,4b-10		Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1.10,16-20,27-28,31		Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday	2 Samuel 7.4-5a,12-14a,16	Romans 4.13,16-18,22	Luke 2.41-51a
Thursday	Jeremiah 17.5-10		Luke 16.19-31
Friday	Genesis 37.3-4,12-13a,17b-28		Matthew 21.33-43,45-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15,18-20		Luke 15.1-3,11-32
Sunday (3rd Sunday of Lent)	Exodus 3.1a,13-15	1Corinthians 10.1-6,10-12	Luke 13.1-9

Upcoming Liturgies March 19th — March 23rd

Wed, Mar 19th	IMH	9:30 p.m.	Janet Gordon—Roberta Brine
Fri, Mar 21st	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Ruby Perry—Perry Family
Sat, Mar 22nd	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Louis Beck —A Parishioner
Sat, Mar 22nd	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Hunter Family—Sheila Morano
Sun, Mar 23rd	St. Jude	9:00 a.m.	For The People
Sun, Mar 23rd	IHM	11:00 a.m.	Donald Fournier—Michele & Family

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, Mar 17th	IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm
Mon, Mar 17th	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Mar 18th	IHM	Catechism— Meet at 6:30pm
Tues, Mar 18th	Holy Family	Choir Practice— Meet at 7:00pm
Wed, Mar 18th	IHM	Catechism— Meet at 6:30pm
Thur, Mar 20th	Skipper Jacks	IHM Ladies Society—Luncheon meeting at 12-noon call Pam if attending.
Tues, Mar 25th	Dan Bohan	Prayer Shawl Ministry— Meet at 10:30am Bring your joy and laughs
Wed, Mar 26th	IHM	Mass Canceled– 9:30 Mass canceled



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) Items needed toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand soap, deodorant, toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner.
 - Shepody Food Bank (Holy Ghost)

Thank you for your continued support!

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



Did you Know? God's gift of the Lord's Prayer is not meant to restrict how we pray: it is an encouragement to be direct and sincere in our prayer. God responds to our needs more than our wants and often answers us in ways we don't expect. God already knows what we need before we ask. Our prayer is as much for us as it is for God. By taking the time to think about what we're praying for, we help ourselves be attentive to our needs and desires.
(p. 118, SB 2024)

The Way of the Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross **during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings**. All are invited and encouraged to attend. To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in the different churches according to the following schedule: we will celebrate it in the different churches according to the following schedule:

Friday	March 14 at 6:30 pm	St. Augustine's
Friday	March 21 at 6:30 pm	St. Bernard's
Friday	March 28 at 6:30 pm	Immaculate Heart
Friday	April 4 at 6:30 pm	St. Augustine's
Friday	April 11 at 6:30 pm	St. Bernard's
Friday	April 18 at 6:30 pm	Immaculate Heart



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, lived in the fifth century. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped to Ireland as a slave at 16, escaped, but later returned to introduce Christianity to its people. He is believed to have died on March 17th, 493. One popular legend states that he used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).



The LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE for the grouping will take place on **Thursday March 20th at 6:30pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary church.



Turn Debt into Hope : sign the petition! In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign to “forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.”

Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act! Sign the global petition calling for: Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations Please sign the petition in church or online at devp.org/debt

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



On Sunday, March 23rd, following mass, the Knights will host a **brunch at the Dan Bohan Center**. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, ham, beans, toast, tea, coffee, and juice.

All are welcome to attend for a free will offering. Proceeds go to getting a new dishwasher for the Dan Bohan Center
Also Pick up a container of frozen soup to take out



We need a volunteer or family to help with our coffee ministry after church **twice every 3 months**. It's a great way for your children to participate in Church activities. Email Debbie at debbiebrideau.set@gmail.com or call 506-386-6178 to sign up.



ATTENTION ALL: You may have noticed that there are three banners in the Baptistry (across from the font).



On the banners are prayer cards of the young people who are preparing to celebrate a sacrament this spring. The idea is that you take a prayer card to your seat while you are at mass and say a prayer for that child and then return the card on your way out.

Holy Ghost Parish



Thank you to everyone who has been away out sick or not able to attend mass, and yet still send your envelopes to assist the upkeep of your parish, also thank you to your generous donation to the Church Roof, and Fuel costs. As we all know the cost continue to go increase so this will go a long way to assist covering expenses.



Easter Fundraiser – We will do a \$300.00 Gift Card draw on Easter .

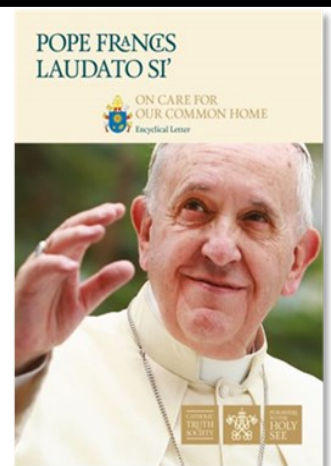
Tickets will be \$2.00 each 3/\$5.00 Good Luck to everyone and thank you for supporting this wonderful fundraiser.

2nd Sunday of Lent

On the 2nd Sunday of Lent, we encourage you to reflect on the transfiguration of Jesus and how it relates to our lives. Remember, the Transfiguration is a vision and a story of hope! Please consider:

- How can we search for the face of God?
- How can we be more aware of the natural world around us?
- How can we care for God's amazing gift of creation?
- How can we take actions to so that others can see that we care for Mother Earth, Our Common Home?

Let us join Pope Francis and heed the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor.



EXPLORING OUR FAITH

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For some time now, I have been fascinated that because I exist, the DNA of someone who died thousands of years ago is still floating around in my body, and therefore, in my mind, is still in some inexplicable way, alive. I am no scientist, so that may not be accurate, but, while a stickler for confirming fake and real news, I am content **not** to have that verified. Rev. Dr. Hugh Farquhar in his Weekly Reflection Booklet, *Come and See*, spoke of having a similar feeling when he stood at the grave of his great-grandfather, a man he had never met and thought, "Your blood flows in my veins. ... did it ever occur to you that one day I might exist?" Did that unknown, unnamed woman and man of whom I am a descendant ever think that some time in the very distant future someone carrying their bloodline would be? Maybe where we come from matters more as we age.

In the Genesis reading today, Abram is told: "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them ... so shall your descendants be." Abram (Abraham) and his wife Saria (Sarah) are old and childless when made this promise - long past the time of childbearing age. Throughout their story, Genesis keeps giving us their ages as momentous events unfold in their lives. Why is that important for us to know, I wonder? Is it because seemingly impossible events will occur to these incredibly old people who trusted, obeyed, and hoped. Are we all meant to trust and hope while responding to the calls God makes of us? Ultimately, they have a son – by which time Abraham is 100 and Sarah 91 years old. Even they had doubted that such an event would ever happen at so advanced ages.




I understand the importance and desire of leaving descendants. At the same time as I was giving birth to my second child, 1985, another famous Abraham – Lincoln – was reaching the end of his line. Within 120 years of his death, the last of Lincoln's direct descendants had died. When I first learned this historical fact years ago, I felt saddened somehow. Other than through the history books I did not know this man, or his family – there was no connection. How many billions of others over the course of human history have faded completely from existence? How many died after only living weeks, or moments? How many were conceived, and not born, or born dead? In some way, even those have left their mark because we all leave some sort of legacy. The world has been changed by our presence in it or absence from it. Often, we get to choose whether that change is good or evil.

Children are a gift to their parents, to the present, to the future. In many ways, they are a bridge that connects their parents to the future. A profound sadness in our lives, is that it is becoming increasingly apparent that Wayne and I will have no grandchildren. I wanted someone to wonder about me thousands of years from now – to wonder who I was, what I was like. Millions of others face the same reality Wayne and I face. Yet, I must accept that in some incomprehensible way, we all leave a legacy. Sometimes that legacy is tangible, sometimes it is not. Really only God knows ... and maybe only God needs to.

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, we too are included among those descendants of Abraham and Sarah. We too, are one of the stars pointed out to him by God. Which, I suppose means, I can finally put a name to at least two more of my ancestors.

By: Ellen Bennett

Sharing God's gifts

<p>Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish: Loose \$394. Church Support \$2,009. (77) Property Upkeep \$48. (7) Youth Support \$8.(3), Social Action \$43.(6) Upkeep of the Holy Land \$535. (31)</p> <p>Holy Ghost Parish: Loose \$25., Church Support \$419.(15),Share Lent \$80. Roof Donation \$1000.(1),Fuel \$500.(1) PADS for Feb \$452.38</p> <p>St. Jude's Parish: Loose \$90., Church Support \$560. (14) Upkeep of the Holy Land \$80. (5)</p>	<p>Holy Family Parish: Loose \$243. Church Support \$878.(30) Maintenance Fund \$45. (5) Upkeep of the Holy Land \$255.(19)</p> <p>Holy Family (PPT) : Loose \$99. Church Support \$235. (10) Maintenance Fund \$5. (1) Upkeep of the Holy Land \$195 (10)</p> 
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Heating costs have hit our parishes hard this winter! If you are able, please consider an extra donation to 'Church Support' with your envelope, PAD, e-transfer or other means, to help offset the power bills and the heating oil expense. If you are able, an extra \$5, \$10 or more from every family would go far to help us stay ahead financially. Thank you for generously supporting the life and work of our parishes. May God bless all these gifts!



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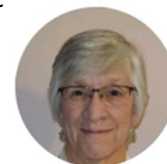
Karen LeBlanc -506-387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca

“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 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:

March 19th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm – **Adult Faith Commission** – Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 27th, 2025 @ 10:00 am – **Diocesan Pastoral Care Committee** – St Bernard’s

April 3rd, 2025 @ 10:00 am – **Diocesan Pastoral Care Committee** – Immaculate Heart of Mary

LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES - *Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet four times over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films.*

March 24th – A River Runs Through it. April 7th– Thelma and Louise.

All discussions take place on Zoom at 2:00 pm. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.



Welcome back to **SENIORS CONNECT!** Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday**

March 27th at 10:30 am at Holy Family Church. We will have someone from the

Alzheimer Society talking to us about “Understanding Behaviors”. Questions?

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

ENLARGE YOUR TENT:

HOW TO BE A WELCOMING CHURCH

Mark your calendars, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity invites everyone to join a conversation on hospitality and welcome on



Wednesday, April 23rd, 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish Hall (52 Falkland). **Please note the originally publicized date of March 27th was incorrect.**

What does it mean to welcome someone? What is good hospitality? Grounded in the Vatican synodal document “Enlarge the Space in Your Tent,” taken from Isaiah 54:2, we will pray, reflect on and discuss these themes.

Contact Mark to register at 386-6178 or markmahoney@set@gmail.com.

DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE



is a 3-part series designed to engage Christians in conversations around death and dying. As a pastoral priority of Archbishop Desrochers, each parish in the diocese will be hosting the series at various times.

All are welcome to register for any of the sessions taking place. Upcoming English sessions will be held on **March 21st at Immaculate Conception Parish in Rexton at 6:00 pm**, and **St. Augustine’s will be hosting the series on the evenings of March 31st, April 7th, and April 14th at 6:30 pm**. Registration is necessary and can be done online through the diocesan website or by scanning the QR code. You may also register by contacting Trevor at adultfaith@diocesemoncton.com or by calling 506 857-4879. *Dying with Christ, Living with Hope* was created by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada.

RECONCILIATION - EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Adults, as we prepare to celebrate God's mercy and love through the sacrament of Reconciliation, the following examination of conscience is offered for us to reflect on ahead of time. As with all sacraments, it is always a good thing to prepare ourselves interiorly. It is like preparing the soil before planting. The celebration, this coming **Thursday, March 20th @6:30p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary, will be for both children and adult. The gospel reading will be about Zaccheus the tax collector. 12 children will be with us that evening and will be celebrating their First Reconciliation. Please hold them in your prayers. Before pondering this examination of conscience, you may want to read Luke 19:1-10.

Is protecting human life at all its stages and promoting the dignity of every human being a priority in my life?

Can I celebrate the good fortunes of other people, or am I secretly jealous and despise them?

Do I give special attention to the needs of the poor and vulnerable in my community and in the world?

Do my purchasing choices take into account the hands involved in the production of what I buy?

When possible, do I buy products produced by workers whose rights and dignity were respected?

Do I see my care for creation as connected to my concern for poor people, who are at most risk from environmental problems?

Do I respect my body as a temple of the Holy Spirit? Do I see others in the same way?

Am I grateful for all that God has given me? Or do I compare myself to others and feel that God has short-changed me?

Do I lift up vulnerable people throughout the world in my prayer, or is my prayer reserved for only my personal concerns?

RECONCILIATION - EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Dear children, several of you will be joining us this **Thursday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. We are excited for you and hope you are not nervous as some of your parents may have been when they were your age. When it comes to God's love and forgiveness, there is nothing to fear. Others of you, who will also be joining us that evening, will have experienced this wonderful sacrament before.

To help you prepare your mind and hearts, we ask all of you children, who will be coming on Thursday evening, to read and think about the questions below. These questions are there to help you think about what you want to ask Jesus' forgiveness for.

Do I talk to God every day?

Have I disobeyed on purpose?

When I was wrong, have I admitted that I was wrong and said I was sorry?

Have I refused to do what's asked of me at home or at school even though I know I should?

Have I been selfish?

Do I ask for Jesus' help when I need to make decisions in my life?

Do I freely share with others? Am I forgiving, or do I wait for a chance to get even?

Do I realize that God has given me gifts that are meant to be shared with others?

Do I reach out to new children in my class and try to make them feel welcome?

As a follower of Jesus, am I a good example to other children