

St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
March 23rd, 2025 Third 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
Connie Firlotte (sister in-law)of Jean & Dale Ryan,
Betty Lou Remington, Mary Burns, Mark Lipton, Bill Connor
Mary Wilt and Bob Vaughan;
for those who have died including Lucy McKinley, Marita Jackson and Eric Tracy;
and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.



We are happy to have you join us! Are you new to the parish or have you been a part of our community for a while but have just never registered? We would like to know who you are. You can go online at www.setmoncton.com click on join our parish and fill out the form. Or please call the office at 506-386-6178

Daily Readings March 24th – March 30th, 2025

Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15a		Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10d	Hebrews 10.4-10	Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9		Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28		Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.1-9		Mark 12.28b-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15b-6.6		Luke 18.9-14
Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent)	Joshua 5.9,10-12	2Corinthians 5.17-21	Luke 15.1-3,11-32

Upcoming Liturgies March 26th — March 30th

Wed, Mar 26th	IMH	9:30 a.m.	No Mass—Cancelled for this week.
Fri, Mar 28th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Nancy Ashley—Roger & Judy Bourque
Sat, Mar 29th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Celebration of the word
Sat, Mar 29th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Celebrations of the word
Sun, Mar 30th	St. Jude	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Celebrations of the word
Sun, Mar 30th	IHM	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Celebrations of the word

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 24th	IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm
Mon, Mar 24th	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Mar 25th	IHM	Catechism— Meet at 6:30pm
Tues, Mar 25th	Holy Family	Choir Practice— Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Mar 25th	Dan Bohan	Prayer Shawl Ministry— Meet at 10:30am Bring your joy and laughs
Wed, Mar 26th	IHM	Catechism— Meet at 6:30pm
Wed, Mar 26th	IHM	Mass Cancelled– 9:30 Mass cancelled
Tues, Apr 2nd	Dan Bohan	IHM Ladies Society— Meeting at 7:00pm



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 With Jesus Christ supporting us, no problem or trouble is too big to handle. God will always keep His promise to love us forever and to be with us always, speaking to our hearts. God is all in all. No amount of wealth or possessions can protect us from evil or win us favour in God's sight. The key to perfection is total reliance on God. (p. 67, 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 28 at 6:30 pm	Holy Family	
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	Holy Family	



Sacrament of Reconciliation

We would like to extend our blessings to all the young people who have received their first Reconciliation this past Thursday. They all shared in the Sacrament with their community of Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity in Riverview at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

<i>Jonah Allain</i>	<i>Everett Leaman</i>	<i>Jack Wood</i>
<i>Mathea Belleza</i>	<i>Jordan Raj</i>	<i>Amaris Martin</i>
<i>Madelyn Burke</i>	<i>Lydia Sleigh</i>	<i>Lauren Mawhinney</i>
<i>Noah Fleet</i>	<i>Easton Steele</i>	



Mass times will change on **April 6th: Immaculate Heart of Mary from 11:00 to 10:30am**, and **St. Jude Parish from 9:00 to 8:30am**.



A Special Journey

Is your spiritual life in need of renewal? Are you ready to embark on a spiritual journey?

Look no further: we have the perfect experience for you! You are cordially invited to attend a 7 - week journey beginning **April 28th, 2025!**

Where? **Holy Family Church**, 52 Falkland Drive, Moncton

When? **7 - 9 pm** Cost: **\$15.00** This is a life-changing experience that will increase your faith, bring joy to your heart, and fill you with a new understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life. This experience is enhanced with music, praise, scripture, and friendship. Do plan on embarking on this faith-filling journey with us. Contact: **Donna Babineau 506-386-2072 or Roberta Brine 506-386-5175**

Pick up your April 2025 issue of "The Word Among Us" at the parish office.

Remembering our loved ones celebrating 50 days at Easter.



We are accepting donations in memory of deceased family members and friends for the Easter season environment in each of our churches! 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 in the collection basket, mail it to the office or use one of the online payment options.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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



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.

Community



Chocolate River Quilters invite you to 'Stitching Inspiration Quilt Show' on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Woolridge Ave. Admission is \$5.



April 22nd—May 22nd is clean up month! Every year starting on Earth Day, Riverview celebrates Clean-Up Month. Celebrating environmental stewardship and neighbourhood pride, Riverview's annual Community Clean Up invites citizens to team up as a family, workplace, volunteer group, business, school or go on your own to tackle an outdoor space that needs a little TLC. Register with Parks, Recreation & Community Relations to claim an area to tidy up and pick up free clean up kits at the office (55 Biggs Drive). Earth Day 2025 is Tuesday, April 22. Why not plan ahead, circle the date on your calendar, and participate in our next annual Community Clean up? **2025 Registration opens April 14.** Call Parks & Recreation **to register: 506-387-2024.**

3rd Sunday of Lent

On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, the scriptures express God's desire for us to know how close God is to us and they speak to the necessity for us to act in ways consistent with God's vision. Please consider:

- God communicates to us through nature. How has God revealed beauty and wonder to you through nature?
- Caring for each other and caring for the earth are intimately bound together, so closely linked. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing the global community and these effects are borne by the world's most vulnerable people.

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



EXPLORING OUR FAITH

How Do We Deal With all this Anxiety?

At an R.C.I.A. meeting recently we were talking about images of God. I often use the example of speaking with someone on the phone. When you are on the phone with someone you usually have an image in your mind of who it is you are speaking with. You can envision what they look like. So, when you are praying to (talking to) God, what is the image in your mind of who it is you are talking to? As we went around the room there were many very interesting answers. *"God is a spirit"*, one person said. *"God is love"* another said. *"God is a formless apparition with strings reaching out and touching everything and everyone."* Eventually, one person said, *"God is an old man with white hair and a beautiful flowing white beard."* This was the answer I was expecting from most of the folks gathered and was surprised when only one person said it. When someone dies, one of the most common things we hear is that they are going to meet God "face-to-face." But it seems a great many of us don't think God has a face. Ironic!

The conversation then turned away from images of God and moved more toward the personality of God, if I can use that term. What's God like? Is God loving or vengeful, or maybe both? Does God lean so much toward mercy, that He forgets justice? For some, it didn't seem right that the vilest people in history didn't have to pay a price for their actions when all was said and done. I do not know what happens to people at the end of life or what kind of judgment they will face, and I probably never will. I just chalk that up to the fact that it is beyond my pay grade.

What I do know (I think) is that we are first and foremost afraid of God. And this goes all the way back to most of the people we read about in Scripture. This weekend we read about Moses and the burning bush. When God introduces himself to Moses ("I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob") we are told that Moses hid his face for he was afraid to look at God. If we remember last Sunday's gospel about the transfiguration and when the cloud overshadowed the disciples, we are told they were terrified. To be fair, I think that most of us would have the same reaction if we were present for those events. But even in everyday life we live with a large amount of fear. Fear of so many things that we have no control over. Lately, I think it is fair to say that current events are filling a lot of people with fear and anxiety. Yet we are told approximately 365 times in the bible, **"Do not be afraid."** I think none of us want to be afraid. We hate the feeling of helplessness. So, we turn to God for help. This is where our image of God really comes into focus. We quickly realize that all the words we use to describe God are woefully inadequate.



Instead of relying on what **we** say about God, let's hang our hat on what **Jesus** tells us about God. Jesus tells us that we worship and serve a God who tells us that He will never leave us alone. Jesus tells us to consider the birds, how they neither sow nor reap, yet God looks after them. Of how much more value are you than birds, says Jesus. In these uncertain times, I picture God like a parent who is holding close their child who has just awoken from a bad dream. I picture God rocking back and forth and quoting Robert Munsch, with a slight twist, saying ever so gently, "I'll like for always, I'll love you forever, and forever and ever my child you'll be." Know this, whatever your image of God, God has you. Always has, always will.

Mark Mahoney
Pastoral Associate

Sharing God's gifts

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:

Loose \$436.
Church Support \$6,022. (145)
Property Upkeep \$501. (24)
Youth Support \$63.(8), Social Action \$140.(12)
Food Bank \$520.(2), Pregnancy wellness 500.(1)

Holy Ghost Parish:

Loose \$11.05., Church Support \$230.(10)
Roof Donation \$300.(1), Fuel \$20.(1)
Fundraiser \$80.

St. Jude's Parish:

Loose \$155.25, Church Support \$590. (18)
Food Bank \$40. (1)

Holy Family Parish:

Loose \$181.
Church Support \$2,495.(42)
Maintenance Fund \$325. (9)

Holy Family (PPT) :

Loose \$41.
Church Support \$520. (13)
Maintenance Fund \$35. (3)



Maintaining clear and salted parking lots and walkways is crucial for the safety of everyone attending our churches for mass celebrations and other events. Managing snow and ice during the winter months significantly impacts our operational expenses. Your generous donations to **CHURCH SUPPORT** enable us to keep our properties accessible and safe throughout the winter season.

Thank you for your faithful and generous church offering!





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External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights.

These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives.

This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our [Mini-magazine](#) and watching our testimonial video at devp.org/lent.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

May 12th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm – **Parish Catechetical Coordinators** – 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 **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.