

**St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping**  
**March 30th , 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>Holy Ghost Church</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</b>	<b>St. Jude's Church</b>
			
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Please note time change  
 April 6th at  
 IHM & St. Jude



*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***



**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 Anna Boudreau (sister of Jim Young),  
 and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.**



Many of us, or those we know, have had breathing difficulties, nausea, or headaches from cigarette smoke or strong cleaning supplies. Similarly, perfumes and personal care products can make some parishioners feel unwell. **We respectfully ask all parishioners to refrain from wearing scented products when coming to Mass.** Strong scents can cause discomfort. **Please avoid wearing them when attending Mass.**

## Daily Readings March 31st –April 6th ,2025

Monday	Isaiah 65.17-21		John 4.43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47.1-9,12		John 5.1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49.8-15		John 5.16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32.7-14		John 5.18,31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2.1a,12-22		John 7.1-2,10,25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11.18-20		John 7.40-53
Sunday (5th Sunday of Lent)	Isaiah 43.16-21	Philippians 3.8-14	John 8.1-11

### Upcoming Liturgies April 2nd—April 6th

Wed, Apr 2nd	IMH	9:30 a.m.	Members of the Babineau Family—Donna & Paul
Fri, Apr 4th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Elsie Furlong (Anniv) - Dale & Jean Ryan
Sat, Apr 5th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	For The People
Sat, Apr 5th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Albertine Doucet—The Murray Family
Sun, Apr 6th	St. Jude	8:30 a.m.	Stella Lipton—IHM Ladies Society
Sun, Apr 6th	IHM	10:30 a.m.	Mary Corbett—Gerry & Pat Corbett

### 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 31st	IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm
Mon, Mar 31st	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Apr 1st	IHM	Catechism— Meet at 6:30pm
Tues, Apr 1st	Holy Family	Choir Practice— Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Apr 1st	Dan Bohan	IHM Ladies Society— Meeting at 7:00pm
Wed, Apr 2nd	IHM	Catechism— Meet at 6:30pm
Wed, Apr 2nd	Dan Bohan	Knights of Columbus—Meet at 7:00pm



### Please support the Food Banks in our area:

- House of Nazareth (Holy Family)
- Albert County Food Bank (Immaculate Heart of Mary) Items needed feminine hygiene products such as tampons, Maxi pads , toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and other toiletries
- 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** During times of sadness, God does not abandon us, never leaves our side, and today walks among us, but we can fail to recognize Him. Keep your eyes open for the face of Christ in the faces of those you see each day, mindful of those around us who are struggling and let us take care of them. (p. 127, 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	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	

### *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 March 2025  
At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish,  
donations were made in memory of  
Marion Doherty - By: Roberta Brine  
At St. Jude's Parish,  
donations were made in memory of  
Marita Jackson - By: Carole Power  
Lucy McKinley (aunt) -By: Carole Power*



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 **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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**

## Holy Family Parish



**HOLY FAMILY Choir Practice**—Come join our choir on Tuesdays, **7 pm!** singers of all ages welcome!



## 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Wednesday's following 9:30 mass

Please know that you are welcome to come and pray anytime the office is open.



*"Blessings to share with others"* The choir is looking for you to join the choir if you like to sing. With Easter coming we would like to have extras for our choir. Please consider sharing your gift. Practice is on Monday nights at 6:30pm—see Maurise if you have any questions.

## 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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent focuses on God's mercy, as seen in the parable of the prodigal son. This well-known scripture story is a story of love, as is Laudato Si'! Pope Francis writes, *'Our entire universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.'* (LS 84)

Through Laudato Si', Pope Francis gives us hope that our actions matter! *'The conscious decisions that we make each day, have the ability to break the chain of destruction, as we work towards a sustainable future.'* (LS 231)

Let us not be like the eldest son in the scripture story, feeling entitled and thinking that somehow, we've

'earned' our way of life. Life is a gift, so let each of us appreciate and open our eyes to we have been given. When you take that deep breath or drink that cold glass of clean water – give thanks to God for Mother Earth and all that we enjoy. Work every day to honour what God has given us and look for ways to share that bounty with those who genuinely need it.

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



## EXPLORING OUR FAITH

The Gospel this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is the parable of the prodigal son. We have listened to it countless times - the story of the father whose loving reception of his wayward son gave him a new life. It moves us every time we hear it. The message of grace and acceptance, no matter how far one falls, is one we need to hear again and again. The point of the parable could be to try harder to become like the forgiving father, be less like the jealous older son, and learn the meaning of love of self as the prodigal son finally learned in the compassionate arms of his father.



To some extent we can relate to the younger son in his weakness and straying. Sometimes we are often away from God by our weakness. But even when we make a mess of things, our loving God is ready to take us in. Forgiveness is the final form of love; it defies logic sometimes, but we can receive it and also show forgiveness to those around us. I learned a valuable lesson when I was a teenager in the late 60s. My cousin came to live with us. She was in her early twenties and pregnant and needed to stay with people who would not judge her but look after her - my parents. She insisted she couldn't tell her parents even though my parents tried to convince her that she should. She gave her beautiful baby up for adoption and never let her parents know about it. I remember and learn much from the words my father said to me; "If you or your sister are ever in that situation you know you can come home to us, no worries." The younger prodigal son would never forget the love and reception he received on returning home like I will never forget the love and acceptance my father related to me so long ago.

We can also relate to the older brother's reaction to his brother's return. The jealousy of the older son who doesn't get the rewards for never straying we can identify with. He has done everything right but isn't celebrated like his younger brother when he comes home. We can understand his resentment; it is all too human. I can also relate to the older son. My father died suddenly in 1970; in November 1971 my sister had her first child, a beautiful baby girl. My mother and I went to Toronto (where they lived) to celebrate Christmas and the christening of my niece. At the celebration, my brother-in-law's father was holding her, and I felt an overwhelming sense of loss and resentment. I thought "That should be our dad who is holding his grandchild, not him. My dad loved children so much". It seemed so unfair. Then I was reminded that my brother-in-law's father had every right to be so happy- she was his first grandchild too. My loneliness, jealousy and anger abated but for a while I was like the older son who didn't want to accept the celebration when his brother came home.

This parable speaks to us of the meaning of reconciliation, of God's forgiveness and the mercy God wants us to show to one another. The parable reminds us that it does not concentrate on representing just one type of person, but all of us are a mixture of sin and repentance, jealousy and resentment, and finally, it is hoped, overflowing compassion, forgiveness, and love toward others. It is a call to engage our hearts, our minds, and our life experiences and beliefs to turn inward toward the realization that our personal lives are a gift for the people around us and beyond. Like the father in the parable, God is always waiting for us; He never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful patience of God so that we can regain confidence, hope and readiness to forgive also. He wants us to express a love that is tangible, full and close to being unconditional.

*Cathy Keirstead*

## Sharing God's gifts

### *Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:*

Loose \$322.

Church Support \$1,724. (78)

Property Upkeep \$95. (10)

Youth Support \$11.(4), Social Action \$123.(8)

### *Holy Ghost Parish:*

Nothing to report—there was no Mass due to unforeseen issues

### *St. Jude's Parish:*

Loose \$110.90, Church Support \$1,735. (25)

Cemetery \$40.(1)

### *Holy Family Parish:*

Loose \$202.

Church Support \$777.(25)

Maintenance Fund \$70. (4)

### *Holy Family (PPT) :*

Loose \$76.

Church Support \$150. (8)

Maintenance Fund \$10. (2)



**The local finance committees** have planned out our financial commitments for the year which include our payroll commitments, our building operations, our liturgical necessities, and our parish life. We also know that regular improvements and repairs to our church buildings is something that we always need to include in our projections. And all these expenses come with a price tag. And how will we meet this expense? **With your generous gifts to our parishes – you are the gas in our tank! We need every person from our parishes to make a commitment to our parish – with your monetary gifts and also your time and your talents!** Please consider your offering and what increase you can make this year. Alternatively, if you have been meaning to become an identified giver to the parish, don't wait any longer - please call or email the parish office and get a box of offering envelopes or sign up for pre-authorized donations.





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### Demanding fairer policies in Tunisia

Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country’s debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone.

This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our [Mini-magazine](#) at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 10:00 am – **Diocesan R.C.I.A. Leadership** – St. Bernard’s Church

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 every two weeks over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films.

**Our final discussion will be on April 7th – Thelma and Louise.**

All discussions take place on Zoom at 10:00 am.

Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca) to register.

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.



### DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE

**Please note the sessions scheduled for St. Augustine’s on March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> have been cancelled.**

Please watch your parish bulletin for a rescheduled date.



### Gospel Study Group April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>:

Weekly in person or Zoom, Thursdays at **St. Lawrence O’Toole** 6:00pm followed by adoration at 7:00pm AND Fridays at **St. Augustine’s** 11:00am, followed by Mass at 12:00noon and adoration. For information contact Charlie Farrell at 857-4223 or [charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com](mailto:charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com).

**For 5th Sunday of Lent click on the following links and read:**

#### Pope John Paul II Part 3

[https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_exh\\_02121984\\_reconciliatio-et-paenitentia.html#:~:text=1.,God%20and%20hence%20of%20brotherhood](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_02121984_reconciliatio-et-paenitentia.html#:~:text=1.,God%20and%20hence%20of%20brotherhood).

#### Pope Francis

<https://www.popefrancishomilies.com/adultery>



*Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.*