St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping April 27th 2025, The Second Sunday of Easter

St. Jude's **Holy Family Holy Ghost Immaculate Heart** Church Church Church of Mary Church 52 Falkland St 2 Church St 5 Fatima Dr 3062 Main St Moncton, NB E1E 4S8 Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3W8 Riverview, NB E1B 2X8 Salisbury, NB E4J 2L5 Tel: 506-854-6099 Tel: 506-882-1123 Tel: 506- 386-6178 Tel: 506- 386-6178 Saturdays at 7 p.m. Saturdays at 4 p.m. Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at 9:30 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



We pray for the sick, and those who are awaiting or recovering from surgery, those receiving treatment, and those needing strength including,

Lou McGinn, Donna Maillet and Marcel Beaulieu;

for those who have died including Pope Francis; and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Did You Know ? Elizabeth is the first to recognize Mary as the mother of God, and she is the

first to recognize Jesus , hidden in His mother's womb. Like Mary, we need the company of people who will strengthen and confirm our faith in God and who will help us to believe. (p. 23, SB 2024)

Here we go again! Our next online auction will start **Sunday, May 25 for Holy Family Church** – don't miss a beat or notice, so make sure you keep your notifications on! Please like and share and invite your friends to join our online auction group!

Daily Readings April 28th—May 4th

Monday, Acts 4.23-31 John 3.1-8 Tuesday, Acts 4.32-37 John 3.7b-15 Wednesday, Acts 5.17-26 John 3.16-21 Thursday, Acts 5.27-33 John 3.31-36

Friday, Acts 5.34-42 John 6.1-15

Saturday, 1 Corinthians 15.1-8, John 14.6-14

Sunday, Acts 5.28-32,40b-41 Revelation 5.11-14John 21.1-19(3rd Sunday of Easter)



Upcoming Liturgies April 30th —May 4th

Wed, Apr 30th	IMH	9:30 a.m.	Garth Carragher — Shirley & Bill Connor
Fri, May 2nd	Peoples Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	For The People
Sat, May 3rd	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Edward Elderkin—A Parishioner
Sat, May 3rd	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Victor Godbout—The Godbout & Bonsant Families
Sun, May 4th	St. Jude	8:30 a.m.	Marita Jackson—Ron & Janice Cormier
Sun, May 4th	IHM	10:30 a.m.	Stella Lipton—Roberta Brine

Upcoming Meetings and Events Please see below for a list of upcoming meeting and events

LOCATION			
St. Bernard's	Feast of Divine Mercy – 2:30-3:30 Adoration starts at 2:30pm, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy starts at 3:00pm.		
IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm		
Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm St. Elizabein		
IHM	Catechism — Meet at 6:30pm of the ITINITY		
Holy Family	Choir Practice — Meet at 7:00pm		
Dan Bohan	Prayer Shawl Ministry (cancelled for this month)		
IHM	Catechism — Meet at 6:30pm		
Dan Bohan	KOC– Meet at 7:00pm		
Centennial Park	Battle of Atlantic — A Commemorative Ceremony at Centennial Park beginning at 11:00am to honour the sacrifices of our Navy, Air men & Women.		
Dan Bohan	IHM Ladies Society— Meet at 7:00		
IHM	Parish Catechetical Coordinators—Meet at 6:00pm		
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Holy Ghost Church

Don't forget our yard sale **coming in May!** If you are starting your spring cleaning please remember we appreciate any donations . More details to follow.

An Invitation!

As a symbol of life, water represents an incredibly generous gift from God. This perfect, clear liquid is the essence of healing and suffering, protection and helplessness, change and consistency, stillness and rage. Water, in all its glory, is a purifier of the soul!

Water! Ice! Steam!

Rain! Oceans! Seas! Lakes! Rivers!

Please plan to join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Sunday evening May 4th at 6:30 p.m. as we come together to watch two short videos all about God's perfect gift, water! Discussion to follow!

Vital to understanding God as the source of life, and the source of faith, water is the continual presence throughout the Scriptures, as life is affirmed, and faith is affirmed, through the eternity of God's creating, renewing, and sustaining presence.

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 honor a living person.



During the month of April 2025 At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish,

donations were made in memory of

Bob Vaughan - By: Charles & Jeannette Lagacey

Anna Boudreau – By: Leo & Beryl Ronan

Bob Vaughan – By: Carole Power

Uno Elegino – By: Dorothy Elegino

Bob Vaughan -By: Jim & Sylvia Young

At Holy Family Parish

donations were made to the church in memory of

Joseph Desroches - By: (son) David Desroches

Bill Morano - By: Sheila Morano

Ralph & Violet Manella -By: Debbie Cultuere

At St. Jude's Parish

donations were made to the church in memory of

Marita Jackson —By: Susan McMackin

Karin Dunn – By: Susan McMackin

At Holy Ghost Parish

donations were made to the church in memory of

Glenda O'Hara - By: Beth Simkins and Ambulance NB staff and management

Holy Family Church

Here we go again! Our next online auction will be for Holy Family Church, starting Sunday, May 25 in our Facebook group Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Online Auction. We are looking for donations of new or gently used items for the sale such as small appliances, gift items, serving dishes, popular books, and puzzles. Bring your donations to the church for the next 3 Saturdays (May 3, May 10, May 17) or speak to Doug for more information. Go the Facebook page and like, share, and invite your friends! This is a fundraiser for our parish!



EXPLORING OUR FAITH

A Prophet for Today



As I am sitting to write this reflection it is one day after the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Among the many things to be admired about him, the ones I appreciated the most were how consistent his message was around caring for our common home, the earth, and caring for each other. He also gave us a new and refreshing perspective on what it meant to be a leader when he told us that the shepherd should smell like the sheep. For me, this was a much-needed message for an institution that for centuries thrived on

the setting apart of clergy from the people they serve. I only hope that whoever becomes his successor carries on in the same vein.

In keeping with these themes, on Tuesday, April 20th we celebrated Earth Day, and my parish unit hosted an ecumenical prayer service where we prayed for care for our common home. After a short video presentation, the people gathered were invited into a conversation on what challenges we are facing in trying to implement the actions needed to protect the environment. It was felt by most there that apathy was at or near the top of the list. People either don't think there is a problem (this, unfortunately, includes some of our political leaders) or don't want to be inconvenienced in trying to solve the problem. And despite the papal encyclical entitled "Laudato Si, Care for our Common Home" written by Pope Francis and released in May of 2015, many people who sit in our pews don't see caring for the earth and all its inhabitants as having anything to do with their faith journey. If this is you, I encourage you to get a copy of that encyclical and read it with an open heart and mind.

Another event that was hosted in our parish unit this week was an evening entitled "Enlarge Your Tent, A Conversation on How to be a Welcoming Church". I was fortunate to be a part of the planning team for this event and I would like to share a little bit of the story on how we arrived at this title. It originally was going to be entitled "All Are Welcome". But then one member of the team asked, "Are all really welcome? Are we really that accepting, or are there people that we don't think should have a seat in our worship spaces?" The next title suggested was "Everyone Belongs". While this had a nice ring to it, we again questioned its validity. We then went to Scripture and the "Enlarge Your Tent" title is taken from the Book of Isaiah, 54: 2. We felt this title challenges us to think about who we don't fully welcome and why that is. Are you truly welcome if you cannot fully participate? I have had people say to me in the past that they were working on getting their life together so they can come back to church. I would hope our response to that would be, "come back to church and maybe we can help you get your life together".

I sometimes hear people say there are no modern-day prophets. I think Pope Francis was a prophet. He did what prophets do, which is to call us out of our comfort zones and away from our feelings of superiority and encourage us to roll up our sleeves and get to work in the vineyard of the Lord, our world. Care for the earth and care for each other. What better way for us to pay tribute to a prophet. Rest in peace Pope Francis.

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PRIESTLY ORDINATION 2025



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,
The ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON
joyfully announces and cordially invites you to attend the
ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD
of REV. Frank Quinn

Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by HIS GRACE, MGR Guy Desrochers C.Ss.R. Metropolitan ARCHBISHOP OF MONCTON On Thursday, May 1st, 2025, at 7:30 in the evening at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral



SENIORS CONNECT Our next Senior's Connect gathering will be on Thursday, May 15, at 10:30am, at Holy Family Parish Hall.

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

ATTENTION ALL: <u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</u> is just around the corner, and we are looking for **CARDBOARD**. We would like to begin preparations, so we are looking for large pieces of Cardboard 5ft and over. Any kind of boxes from large appliances would be great. We would also take any kind of artificial Christmas trees that you are no longer using. Pick up is available just email <u>youth@diocesemoncton.ca</u> or call Karen at (506) 387-4198.

A message requested by Mgr Guy Desrochers

Dear faithful of our archdiocese,

Pope Francis' funeral will take place **Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m.** Rome time (5:00 a.m. AST). Given that this falls on the weekend, and knowing that your priests already have a busy schedule during this period, I would simply ask the priests to commemorate the death of the Holy Father during their Sunday Masses and to kindly read the text that I have sent them personally, either during the homily or at the end of the Mass, followed by the special prayer that Rome has sent to the bishops of the whole world so that the faithful can recite it in these days of mourning.

Here is the text of the prayer:

"Prayer upon the Death of Pope Francis"

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

+ Juy Denochers, Csn. + Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R./Archevêque - Archbishop

Sharing God's Gifts

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:

Loose \$1,639

Church Support \$5,873. (150).

Property Upkeep \$510. (24)

Youth Support \$17. (5),

Social Action \$87. (11), Share Lent \$1,400. (50)

Hospital Chaplains \$1,000. (60), Easter \$2,450. (80)

Holy Ghost Parish:

Loose \$65., Church Support \$157., Easter \$215. Hospital Chaplains \$30., Cemetery \$20.

Share Lent \$12.50, Fundraiser \$145.

Holy Family & (PPT):

Loose \$222.

Church Support \$2885.(47)

Maintenance Fund \$295. (11), Share Lent \$1,400. (50)

Hospital Chaplains \$340. (19), Easter \$1,270. (26)

St. Jude's Parish:

Loose \$127.

Church Support \$2,098. (32), Share Lent \$244. (10)

Hospital Chaplains \$115. (7)

Easter \$295. (13)

We cannot live by bread alone! Your churches and church communities need your support through your acts of service and your gifts. Please consider how you can be a part of the wider church - this Easter season, start a new practice or renew your practice of offering your gifts, your talents, and your time.

All gifts are welcome! "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.—Wilde"

Our Holy Father has left us!

Dear faithful, dear confreres and members of our clergy, dear religious men and women of our archdiocese, it was with sadness that we learned of the sudden death of our Holy Father Francis this past Monday morning, 21 April 2025. His pontificate lasted just over 12 years, having been elected Pope on 13 March 2013, and he leaves us at the venerable age of 88.

I was appointed a bishop by Pope Francis in 2019 and have had the chance to meet him personally twice since then: the first time, at the end of my formation as a novice bishop in Rome in 2019, and the second time at the end of June 2024, at the celebration of the conferring of palliums on all the archbishops of the world, held in the magnificent Basilica of St Peter in Rome.

First of all, I would describe Pope Francis as a very humble, unassuming man, brimming with compassion for the poorest among us, and an ardent promoter of truth and social and environmental justice. He was, however, a man of strong character, for nothing stopped him from speaking the truth out loud, regardless of the social status of the person he met. This is a particular personality trait that we find in most of the great leaders who have marked our human history. But in the case of Pope Francis, this personality trait has enabled him to pursue a relentless struggle to try to reform our Church from within and without, whether on a pastoral, moral or administrative level. And it's fair to say that he has been fairly successful in most of his reforms, despite the resistance and opposition that have stood in his way.

The main legacy of the Holy Father will undoubtedly be that all the baptized are part of the great universal Church. Whether we are poor or rich, disabled or sick, immigrants or resident citizens, marginalized or public figures, practicing or non-practicing, believers or non-believers, we are all children of the one God who created us in his likeness and who invites us to enter into an intimate relationship with him, through his Son who gave himself up for us on the Cross.

A man of action, not just words, he dared to go to the outskirts himself to bring back the lost sheep. A champion of ecumenism, he dared to approach Islam and the Arab world, travelling to countries where no pope had gone before. He was also a great defender of immigrants and refugees from all over the world. The fact that he sometimes provoked controversy or opposition from certain groups or factions within the Church would never have happened if he had been content to talk without taking action. This is another feature that characterized the Holy Father Francis: he was not only a communicator and an excellent homilist that even the simplest person could understand, but also an 'activist' who dared to get his feet wet by involving himself in what he openly preached.

Finally, the impact of his encyclical 'Laudato Si' will undoubtedly be his greatest legacy to the universal Church and to the whole world. Safeguarding our common home - integral ecology - has succeeded in rallying the entire planet, even non-believers and people far removed from the Church, to unite and work together actively to preserve our planet, a gift that God has given mankind by entrusting him with its stewardship.

Dear friends, let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who has just left us this week. May the Lord open wide the gates of his Kingdom to him, and may he possess as soon as possible the eternal glory that God reserves for all those who have served him generously during their lives.

May the soul of our Holy Father Francis and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, through the mercy of God, Amen.

Mgr Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton