## St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping May 25th 2025, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Family Church	Holy Ghost Church	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	St. Jude's 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
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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,

Alma MacLean (aunt of Elizabeth) and Louis J.E. LeBlanc;

for those who have died including Roberta LaPointe (sister of Vivian Thompson); and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.



**Did You Znow?** Peace is not fully understood when it is perceived only as the absence of violence and conflict. Peace comes as a result of lifelong works of justice and the generous outreach of charity. Only when everyone benefits from a just and compassionate community does true peace exist. (p.176 SB 2024)

#### 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) **Thank You!** 

# Daily Readings May 26th -June 1st

Monday, Acts 16.11-15, John 15.26-16.4a

Tuesday, Acts 16.22-34, John 16.5-11

Wednesday, Acts 17.15,22 -18.1, John 16.12-15

Thursday, Acts 18.1-8, John 16.16-20

Friday, Acts 18.9-18, John 16.20-23a

Saturday, Zephaniah 3.14-18, Luke 1.39-56

Sunday, Acts 1.1-11 Hebrews 9.24-28;10,19-23 Luke 24.46-53 (Ascension of the Lord)



## Upcoming Liturgies May 28th —June 1st

Wed, May 28th	IMH	9:30 a.m.	Joe MacFarlane—Anita and Family
Fri, May 30th	Peoples Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Boyd Biddiscombe—Roberta Brine
Sat, May 31st	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Sat, May 31st	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Jim McNally (spec int)—Sheila Morano
Sun, June 1st	St. Jude	8:30 a.m.	Marita Jackson—IHM Prayer Group
Sun, June 1st	IHM	10:30 a.m.	Marion Doherty—Marion Walsh

# Upcoming Meetings and Events

Please see below for a list of upcoming meeting and events

DATE	Location	St Elizabelh	
Mon, May 26th	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm	
Tues, May 27th	Holy Family	Choir Practice — Meet at 7:00pm	
Wed, May 28th	IHM	Rosary for the care of Creation—Every Wed after mass for the month of May.	
Tues, May 27th	Dan Bohan	Prayer Shawl Ministry— Meet at 10:30 -Finished for summer. Will resume Sept.	
Wed, May 28th	IHM	Diocesan Pastoral Care Committee—Meet at 10:30am	
Thu, June 12th	IHM	Adult Faith Commission - Meet at 7:00pm	

## Holy Ghost

Yard Sale has been postponed due to this weekend's weather. We will hold it on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>! Hope to see everyone then!!



Congratulations! to 50/50 winner Linda Gray.

Also, we have many open spots for anyone wishing to book for a **Mass Intention**. You can drop it in the collection in an envelope with name and date and include the **\$15.00 honorarium**.

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

The Social Action Committee are looking for 3 interested individuals to become members of our group and play a major role in the distribution of assistance to the needy, i.e. Parishioners or Organizations in our area, whether through funds or other services such as offering advice to those in need. If interested and wanting to discuss in further details, please contact Mark Mahoney at the Church Office or contact Victor LeBlanc at (506)386-8115.

## 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 May 2025

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish,

donations were made in memory of

**Bob Vaughan –** By: Mark & Kate Hanson

Anne & Michelle Methot - By: Liliana Trail

Arthenise Robichaud - By: Maurice & Jo-Anne Dupuis

Anna Boudreau - By: Leo & Beryl Ronan

Also, for Easter Flowers in Memory of Vaughan LeBlanc – By: David Leblanc and Carolyn Kyle and Doug & Yvonne Simkins – By Beth, Colleen and Families

At Holy Family Parish

donations were made to the church in memory of

Paul Gaudet – By: Dale & Jean Ryan, Patricia LeBlanc, Gordon & Marian Albert, Carolyn Kyle, Mary Kouyoumdjian, Mary Sanderson, Cy Lipton, The Dorothy Gallant Family, Mona Crossman, Cail & Marie Bastarache, Arthur & Georgie Gould, Dan & Marie McGee, Susan O'Brien and Karen Jarvis

Laura (Smith) McKee, Elsie Furlong and Jean (Mann) Ryan – By: Dale & Jean Ryan Also, for Easter Flowers in Memory of Stella Kyle – By: Daughter Carolyn At St. Jude's Parish

donations were made to the church in memory of

Bill Miller and Ronald Amis – By: Sue Mc Mackin

At Holy Ghost Parish

Donations were made to the Cemetery in memory of

David Smith and Helena Nickerson

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Immaculate Heart of Mary has hosted Wednesday adoration for years, but this timing excludes many. We may move it to Friday evenings from 6 to 9 PM and need volunteers for at least one hour. Contact Mark at the office if interested. Mauricio Morales will coordinate if we have enough participants. Participation can be monthly or more.



## Holy Family Church

**Bursaries**—We will be offering **2 bursaries** this year for Holy Family students graduating or continuing post-secondary education. **Applications must be received by June 20th, 2025** for consideration. Applications will be available at the back of the church or at the office.



**Spring Clean up –** On **June 7th from 9:00am till noon**. We will be cleaning up the yard and grounds at Holy Family. Please come and join us and bring any tools you may have. See you there!

**PARISH PICNIC—Sunday, June 22nd from 12:00pm to 3:00pm**: Join us for fun activities indoors and outdoors, rain or shine, followed by a BBQ. All ages welcome!

#### St. Jude Church





#### Exploring Our Faith

#### Rules, Rules, Everywhere a Rule

We are a *world* of rules: we can't enter another country without a passport; when driving, motorcycling or biking, we must stop at a red light; should we desire something, we must provide compensation before we can take ownership of it. We are a *country* of rules: we are expected to file our income tax on time each year; we need to register the births of our children and the deaths of our loved ones; one must be 18 years old and a Canadian citizen to vote. And we are a *Church* of rules: Roman Catholics are expected to participate in Sunday Eucharist weekly; we are to accept the teachings of Christ; we are required to live a Christian life. Rules can dominate our lives and often influence our decisions.

Today's first reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*, have leaders of the early Church in a discussion about rules. Following the death and resurrection of Jesus, as his apostles continued the work of sharing the Good News and bringing about the Kingdom of God, their first followers were the Jewish people. Gradually, however, and especially during the time of Paul's missionary outreach, that message began to grow in awareness among the Gentiles – those who were not Jewish. This presented certain challenges to the leaders, as evidenced by the discussion which Paul and Barnabas were appointed to take to the "apostles and ... elders" in Jerusalem around the question of circumcision. Circumcision was a ritual of the Jewish faith; "certain individuals"



believed that new members must be circumcised before they could be welcomed into the Church. It was a rule.

Through their prayer, reflection and conversation, the Church elders came to believe this was not necessary. How do we know this? Because following their discussion, they appointed two to return with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch and declare, "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you *no further burden* than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood and from what is strangled, and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well." What had seemed important at one time, was no longer deemed essential.

This is the way of good rules. As we evolve in our understanding, as the world around us changes, what was once considered imperative to living out the Commandments, adjusts. That tradition of dialogue, prayer, reflection and attentiveness to the direction in which we are being led by Holy Spirit, has often, through her 2000+ years of existence, led the Church to see a different way for her people to best live a Christian life. Our language has changed also. What was once called fortitude is now called courage; piety is now called reverence; fear of the Lord is now called wonder and awe. These changes are made to bring clarification to today's audience, using words and rules that make sense in today's world; using words and rules that will have a deeper impact on those to whom we are ministering.

In his first apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis told us "Nor do I believe that the papal magisterium should be expected to offer a definite or complete word on every question which affects the Church and the world." (EV16) The only message that never changes is this: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." (EV164) Pope Francis reminded us that this "*Principal* proclamation [is] one which we must hear again and again in **different** ways." (EV164)

Rules need to make sense. If they do not make sense, they will be ignored. The world, our country has learned this to their peril. As the Church, under the leadership of Pope Leo IV, continues her synodal journey, may she hear again and again this reminder from Pope Francis – *Jesus Christ loves you* – and find new and innovative ways to share that message with the entire Church and maybe even, the entire world. Clearly it is a message we all need to hear - we are loved - and therefore, as John says in his Gospel, our hearts need not be troubled, and we need not be afraid.

#### Ellen Bennett



Trevor Droesbeck - 506-857-4879 or <u>adultfaith@diocesemoncton.ca</u> Karen LeBlanc –506-387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca



**DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE** is a discussion 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. The next English sessions will be held on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at St. Bernard's Church and Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm with the same session being repeated on Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm, both to

<u>be held at St. Augustine's in Moncton.</u> 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 <u>adultfaith@diocesemoncton.com</u> or by calling 857-4879. Dying with Christ, Living with Hope was created by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada.

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES Our next film discussion will be on Monday, June 2nd at 10:00 am, when we will be discussing the 1991 film *Fried Green Tomatoes*. The discussion will take place via Zoom.

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

#### PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Pentecost marks the birth of the Church established by the Apostles. Please come Celebrate this with *Archbishop Guy Desrochers* on Sunday, June 8th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview from 2pm to 4pm.

Enjoy music, singing, refreshments, and hear the Good News about our Church's formation.

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.



TRUE NORTH VBS: Finding Jesus in a Wild World! This year's VBS (for ages 3 up to the end of sixth grade) is scheduled to take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Riverview June 23, 24, 25, 26 from 8:30 am − 12:00 pm. Registration deadline is June 13<sup>th</sup>. We have a limited number of spaces available, so register early! A \$40 refundable deposit (\$60 for 2+ children) will be required. Our VBS welcomes all children regardless of parish or religious affiliation. Contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register or online at www.diocesemoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices →

#### Knights of Columbus



#### **Fundraising Raffle for:**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace -Moncton Chapter "No child sleeps on the floor in my town" Fundraising towards bed-building efforts (coming soon) beginning with a raffle for a basket (12 bottles) of wine by Mark Hanson. He will be selling tickets for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 before and after masses at IHM for the next 3 weeks. The draw may occur as part of the bed-building event. More next week!

#### **Community**

True to his word! Al said he would be back! Giving of his time and energy to a worthy cause!



#### On **Saturday**, **June 14**<sup>th</sup>

Al will join others across Canada and participate in the **ALS Walk Strong** fundraiser for Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), in honour of his dear friend, **Ken Lamey.** 





Al can be contacted at 506-389-3913 or kavanaughal@gmail.com
The Walk for Alzheimer's is today May 25th! Let's give Al our support folks!

# Sharing God's Gifts

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parísh:

Loose \$355.

Church Support \$5785. (140) Property Upkeep \$530.(23)

Youth Support \$18. (45)

Social Action \$218. (12)



#### Holy Ghost Parish:

Loose \$46.

Church Support \$332., Booklet \$5.

50/50 \$48.

Cemetery \$520.

## Holy Family

Loose \$217.

Church Support \$2,615.(48)

Maintenance Fund \$325.(9)

Holy Family (PPT)

Loose \$72.,

Church Support \$535.(13)

Maintenance Fund \$35.(3)

St. Jude's Parish:

Loose \$116.85

Church Support \$463. (15)



Much like operating our homes, our parish operations include expenses for property upkeep, utilities, office supplies, as well as payroll expenses—everything from the power bill to the paper towel!

Your offering to **Church Support** is used to pay for all our church operating expenses.

Thank you for your continued generous support our parishes!