

**St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping**  
**December 14th , 2025 Third Sunday of Advent**

<b>Holy Family Church</b>	<b>Holy Ghost Church</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Church</b>	<b>St. Jude's Church</b>
			
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.

***Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity***

**Roman Catholic cemeteries in our area**

Holy Ghost Cemetery – Hopewell Hill\*                      Holy Ghost Cemetery – Riverside-Albert  
 St Agatha's New Ireland Cemetery - New Ireland              Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery – Old Fredericton Road\*  
 St Aloysius Cemetery – Albert Mines Road

**\*Indicates plots available for sale; please reach out to the parish office. 506-386-6178**

*Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another? Matthew 11.2-11*

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

***including*** Trevor Droesbeck, David Cochrane (brother of Ken),  
 Gregory Hachey, Joanne Bastarache, Jerry O'Rourke,  
 Lyla Teed (mother of Kim Mahoney) and  
 Annette MacKinnon (friend of Debbie Brideau)

***and for those who have died including*** David Beaulieu (brother of Marcel),  
 Phil Bird (brother-in-law of Dianne LeBlanc),  
 and Ron Collins (brother of Beulah Morrissey)

***and for those family and friends that mourn the loss of a loved one.***



St. Philip Neri is the patron saint of laughter and joy. Consider ways you can foster laughter and joy among your family, friends, your congregation and fellow parish staff members. Start a random-acts-of-kindness initiative and see how far it goes!  
 (p.210,SB2025)

***Daily Readings Dec 15th –Dec 21st***


**Monday, Numbers 24.2-7,15-17, Matthew 21.23-27,**  
**Tuesday, Zephaniah 3.1-2,9-3, Matthew 21.28-32**  
**Wednesday, Genesis 49.2,8-10, Matthew 1.1-17**  
**Thursday, Jeremiah 23.5-8, Matthew 1.18-24**  
**Friday, Judges 13.2-7,24-25a, Luke 1.5-25**  
**Saturday, Isaiah 7.10-14;8.10d, Luke 1.26-38**  
**Sunday, Isaiah 7.10-14, Romans 1.1-7,Matthew 1.18-24**  
**(Fourth Sunday of Advent )**



## Upcoming Liturgies and Special Intentions Dec 17th – Dec 21st

Wed, Dec 17th	IHM	9:30 a.m.	Chantal Atkinson— Terry & Yvonne Clancy
Fri, Dec 19th	Canterbury	10:15 a.m.	Barry Dickie—St. Bernard's Choir
Fri, Dec 19th	Peoples Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	For the People
Sat, Dec 20th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Normand Brewster—Bernadette Allair
Sat, Dec 20th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Paul Gaudet—Joanne Girouard
Sun, Dec 21st	St. Jude	9:00 a.m.	David Little— Jeannine Michaud
Sun, Dec 21st	IHM	11:00 a.m.	Family Members— Lisette Robinson

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

DATE	LOCATION	Week of Dec 15th – Dec 21st	
Monday	Holy Family	Prayer Group—Meet at 7:00pm (last meeting till Jan 5th)	
Monday	IHM	Choir Practice— Meet at 6:30pm	
Tuesday	Holy Family	Choir Practice—Meet at 7:00pm New members welcome!	
Wednesday	IHM	Prayer Day—following Mass.	
Friday	IHM	Adoration—6:00pm.	

### Sharing God's Gifts

<p><b>Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:</b> Loose \$311., Church Support \$1,980.(74), Property Upkeep \$188.(10), Youth Support \$71.(2), Social Action \$136.(6)</p> <p><b>Holy Ghost Parish:</b> Loose \$1.25., Church Support \$387., Flowers \$135., Fundraiser Basket \$655.</p>		<p><b>Holy Family</b> Loose \$241., Church Support \$1,782.(39), Maintenance Fund \$50.(3)</p> <p><b>Holy Family (PPT)</b> Loose \$52., Church Support \$260.(11), Maintenance fund \$10.(2)</p> <p><b>St. Jude's Parish:</b> Loose \$108., Church Support \$1,733. (15)</p>	
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As we count down the days to the end of December, **it is important for the vitality and viability of our parishes to end the year without a deficit in our finances.** Please prayerfully consider what you can offer for an extra Christmas or Church Support offering, which will directly offset the church building operations as well as payroll expenses and the costs associated with mass celebrations and liturgical needs. We can keep the doors open because of you, the people in the pews, the people who are invested in the success of our faith community, those who faithfully and generously support the mission and life of our parishes. Every gift counts!

### As winter approaches, local food banks are in need of support!

- House Of Nazareth (Holy Family)
- Albert County Food Bank (Immaculate Heart of Mary)
- Shepody Food Bank (Holy Ghost)
- Salisbury Helping Hands (St Jude's)



Your contributions are appreciated.

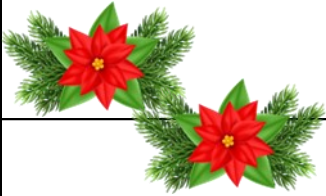
**Canned goods, cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, dish soap etc.**

**We encourage giving generously, as reflected in 2 Corinthians 9:7: "God loves a cheerful giver."**



**Storm / Mass Cancellations! For all Mass cancellations:** (weekend and week-day), we will post the cancellation on the website ([www.setmoncton.com](http://www.setmoncton.com)), our **Facebook page**, and the office phone message(506-386-6178) will be updated with the cancellation message. Please, do not venture out if the weather is dangerous. Stay safe!!

*Please be reminded the parish office closes for Christmas Holidays from Dec 24th at noon till Jan 4th, 2026*



**Christmas**

**New Year's**

*Christmas Eve – Wednesday*

**December 24<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Lord**

**2:00 P.M.**—People's Park Tower chapel

**4:00 P.M.**—Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
(Family Mass—children are invited to bring shaker or maracas type instruments )

**4:00 P.M.**—Holy Ghost Parish

**7:00 P.M.**—St. Jude's

**7:00 P.M.**—Holy Family **8:30 P.M.**—  
Immaculate Heart of Mary



*New Year's*

**Solemnity of Mary, the mother of God**

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**4:00 P.M.** - Holy Ghost

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**11:00 A.M.**—Immaculate Heart of Mary



*Toyland 2025*

If you missed our deadline of Dec 7th, for White Gift Sunday, You can drop your unwrapped gifts off to **Moncton Headstart Inc. located at 1111 Mountain Rd. Moncton, NB** or call 506-858-8252  
Toyland ensures kids in need in the Greater Moncton area have gifts under the tree for Christmas each year.



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**



Donations in memory of loved ones are being accepted for Christmas and year-round church displays. Names will be listed in the bulletin. To participate, contact the Parish Office at (506-386-6178) or submit your donation via envelope at Mass, by mail, or online.

Thank you for your support! Please note : **DEADLINE Dec 16th** in order for it to reflect in the bulletin for Christmas.



Need a unique gift for someone who has everything? Give a Karing Kitchen card—The campaign this year is titled "**Lunch on you**". A donation is made in their name to help feed the hungry. It's a meaningful way to thank those who serve you, like your hairdresser, doctor, or a special friend. **Deadline Dec 16th**



**Church Fundraiser**

Wayne Bennett has crafted four beautiful items for a fundraiser:

A charcuterie board, a lazy Susan, and two wooden welcome signs for outdoor use.

**Tickets 1 for \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00**

Laura Peters will be selling tickets before or after mass. The prize draw will take place on **December 21st.**

## Holy Ghost Church

THANK  
YOU  
ALL

Fundraiser Results: Refreshment Basket Winner—Bryanna McNaught; 2nd Prize—Kathy Weir. Thank you to everyone who donated items, sold, or bought tickets

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The church roof has now been fully paid for, which is a wonderful achievement and a huge relief for our small parish. We deeply appreciate everyone who contributed—whether through personal donations, selling tickets, fundraising at the yard sale, donating gift tickets or spa tickets, and so many other ways. Thank you all! Now that this project is complete, we can shift our attention to addressing minor damages and paint repairs over the coming year.

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**Sunday Missals – available if you wish to have your personal copy.**



Parish envelopes are at the back of the church. Please take a box, and if you're new, sign your name and address on an envelope so it can be recorded for you.



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Karen LeBlanc – 506-387-4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca)



**Advent Goes to the Movies** – All are invited to join us as we journey through Advent using faith themes from popular films. We will meet virtually on Zoom on **December 15<sup>th</sup> (Joyeux Noel)**. Zoom sessions go from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. Contact Karen at 506-387-4198 or [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca) for more information

There will be a **COMMUNITY MEMORIAL** for all the homeless who have died in the past year in the greater Moncton area. It will take place on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:30PM AT VICTORIA PARK**. Come join us as we recognize and remember those who are unmourned.



**COFFEE FOR CAREGIVERS** is an opportunity for fellowship with others providing care for an adult spouse, family, or friend with needs. Please join us as we gather on the following dates:

**January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22nd** at Holy Family Church Hall at 2:00 pm. Contact Mike Jeffries 506-851-1271 or Karen at 506-387-4198. Everyone is welcome.

Wildflower



### Third Sunday of Advent (December 13 and 14)

**Praying for the mission with “The Star Flowers of Saint Thérèse”:** At Mass on December 27 and 28, a new prayer booklet will be distributed in our parishes. This is a diocesan initiative to pray for the missionary renewal of our Archdiocese. The booklet invites us to pray especially for families, the sick, the poor, migrants, and those who are distant from the Church, using the Word of God, litanies, and the mysteries of the Rosary. In this way, each member becomes a humble leaven of the Gospel for our diocese. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and will be used to help with printing costs.

*A message for the 3rd week of Advent*

**Share joy generously** – through kindness, encouragement, and compassion.

# REFLECTIONS: TOY SOLDIERS AND THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Reflections, [C.S. Lewis Institute](#)

Did you ever think, when you were a child, what fun it would be if your toys could come to life? Well suppose you could really have brought them to life. Imagine turning a tin soldier into a real little man. It would involve turning the tin into flesh. And suppose the tin soldier did not like it. He is not interested in flesh; all he sees is that the tin is being spoilt. He thinks you are killing him. He will do everything he can to prevent you. He will not be made into a man if he can help it.

What you would have done about that tin soldier I do not know. But what God did about us was this. The Second Person in God, the Son, became human Himself: was born into the world as an actual man—a real man of a particular height, with hair of a particular color, speaking a particular language, weighing so many stone. The Eternal Being, who knows everything and who created the whole universe, became not only a man but (before that) a baby, and before that a fetus inside a Woman's body. If you want to get the hang of it, think how you would like to become a slug or a crab.



The result of this was that you now had one man who really was what all men were intended to be: one man in whom the created life, derived from his Mother, allowed itself to be completely and perfectly turned into the begotten life. The natural human creature in Him was taken up fully into the divine Son. Thus in one instance humanity had, so to speak, arrived: had passed into the life of Christ. And because the whole difficulty for us is that the natural life has to be, in a sense, "killed," He chose an earthly career which involved the killing of His human desires at every turn—poverty, misunderstanding from His own family, betrayal by one of His intimate friends, being jeered at and manhandled by the Police, and execution by torture. And then, after being thus killed—killed every day in a sense—the human creature in Him, because it was united to the divine Son, came to life again. The Man in Christ rose again: not only the God. That is the whole point. For the first time we saw a real man. One tin soldier—real tin, just like the rest—had come fully and splendidly alive.

After discussing some limitations of this and any such illustrations, Lewis considers:

What, then, is the difference which He has made to the whole human mass? It is just this; that the business of becoming a son of God, of being turned from a created thing into a begotten thing, of passing over from the temporary biological life into timeless "spiritual" life, has been done for us. Humanity is already "saved" in principle. We individuals have to appropriate that salvation. But the really tough work—the bit we could not have done for ourselves—has been done for us. We have not got to try to climb up into spiritual life by our own efforts; it has already come down into the human race. If we will only lay ourselves open to the one Man in whom it was fully present, and who, in spite of being God, is also a real man, He will do it in us and for us...1

As we meditate on the birth of Christ this Christmas season, let us consider all that He has done for us, and offer thanksgiving and praise.

**"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'"**

LUKE 2:10 (ESV)



**Thank you for being a part of our parish grouping!**

**Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity**

**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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*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.*

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