

EXPLORING OUR FAITH: The Power of Words – Nouns and Verbs

"Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me!" These brave words, shouted at other children hurling insults, are simply not true. Words have power to hurt, as cyber bullying shows; and yet also have power to heal, as shouting back at bullies mitigates the pain. In the new catechism, St. Augustine is quoted as saying that the sacraments receive their power by combining words with material elements (1228). At the time of my First Holy Communion 72 years ago the words were Latin. We the people in the congregation watched the back of the priest as he said Latin words facing the wall. Those who could read followed along with the English translation in their Missals.



But are the words of consecration nouns or verbs? "Take and eat this" are verbs. "Hoc est enim corpus meum" emphasize the noun "corpus". We know that Jesus honoured the Jewish Feast of the Passover with a ritual Sabbath meal. We know of His deep knowledge of Scripture. He chose the sign of His new covenant at that ritual feast and gave all of us His followers a way to be with Him - to participate in His presence- by eating and drinking. What else do we do at a feast?

"Do this in memory of Me." Is it the verb or the noun that powers Christian life? Jesus knew that Adam and Eve "ate" the fruit of knowledge. He offered us a way to engage with Him and to celebrate in joyful ceremony our participation in the way of life He offers. "Wherever two or three of you are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of you." Holy Communion is not a solo flight. It is a "Communion of Saints" created by the Holy Spirit out of us sinners who have been comforted by the powerful words of Christ. The Communion hymn paraphrases the Roman Occupation soldier who interceded for his servant by saying "...but speak the words of comfort my spirit healed shall be."

~Agnes Beirne, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 6th, 2021

Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton



St-Peter's Church, South Branch



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Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Sunday – 9:00 am & 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

St. Peter's Mass Times

Saturday – 4:00 pm

<i>Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week</i>			
Mon	2 Corinthians 1:1-7	Psalm 34	Matthew 5:1-12
Tue	2 Corinthians 1:18-22	Psalm 119	Matthew 5:13-16
Wed	2 Corinthians 3:4-11	Psalm 99	Matthew 5:17-19
Thur	2 Corinthians 3:15-4:6	Psalm 85	Matthew 5:20-26
Fri	Hosiah 11:1-9	Psalm 12	John 19:31-37
Sat	2 Corinthians 5:14-21	Psalm 103	Luke 2:41-51
Sun	Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Psalm 92	Mark 4:26-34



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$46.00**; Regular Envelopes: **\$855.00**;
New Year's Day Env.: **\$5.00**; Donation for
Sanctuary Lamps: **\$50.00**; Reimbursement:
\$125.00; **TOTAL: \$1081.00**

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Cemetery Env.: **\$5.00**; **Total: \$5.00**

St. Peter's

Loose: **\$15.00**; Regular Envelopes: **\$125.00**;
TOTAL: \$140.00

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Donation to Building Fund "Found in Church":
TOTAL: \$51.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Please note your envelope donations can also be left in the locked box outside the parish hall.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	5	SP	4:00 pm	Dick Murphy†	Barbara Delahunt & Family
Sun	6	IC	9:00 am	Herman Warmant†	Elizabeth & Belinda Thompson
Sun	6	IC	4:00 pm	Emile Cormier†	Noella & Family
Tue	8	IC	4:00 pm	Personal Intention	Gail & Peter Barlow
Thur	10	IC	4:00 pm	James Delahunt†	Barb & Family
Sat	12	SP	4:00 pm	Jim & Jane Murphy†	Stella & Yvon
Sun	13	IC	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish	Redemptorists
Sun	13	IC	4:00 pm	George & Margaret Robichaud†	Donna & Family

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	12	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois / Sharon	Stella
Sun	13	IC	9:00 am	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Joyce	Gloria
Sun	13	IC	4:00 pm	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Bob	?

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Alverie Robichaud, Roger Mazerolle, Brenda Beers, and all residents in special care homes.



MESSAGE FROM NANCY PERRY & FAMILY We wish to extend our heart-felt gratitude to everyone for the condolences, sympathy cards, mass cards, and online messages received following Raymond's death on May 15th. Your support has meant a great deal to all of us grieving the loss of Raymond. Thank you and God bless you.
~Nancy and Family

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS of Bernard Burgess, who passed away on May 26th. Please hold in prayer Bernard's family and those whose lives he touched.

SOUTH BRANCH QUILT RAFFLE tickets are now available at a cost of \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for a book of three tickets. The draw will take place on Saturday, September 11th with all proceeds going to St. Peter's parish. Please contact Karen Boisvert for information/tickets at 523-6225 or email kboisvert67@gmail.com.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS ON JUNE 8TH Please note the Parish Office will be opened on Tuesday, June 8th from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm instead of 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The change will be for this week only.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS STILL NEEDED at Immaculate Conception to fill various roles for both the 9:00 am and 4:00 pm masses. We are in particular need of ALTAR SERVERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, GREETERS and MASS COORDINATORS. You may want to commit to once a month, twice a month, or more if you wish. If you think you may be called to one of these important ministries, contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Bill or Fr. Bernard.



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph



Pope Francis has declared this the year of Saint Joseph. One of the many things Saint Joseph is known for is providing for the Holy Family. With this in mind, the Adult Faith Commission is seeking to partner with organizations who are working to feed those less fortunate in our community. We recently met with Alicia Clarkson from the Peter McKee Community Garden and she gave a wonderful presentation on the work they are currently doing and their plans for the future.

When asked what their most pressing needs are she responded with "seeds and funding". Some of the seeds they would be looking for are **Carrots** (Tenderly Imperator, Scarlet Nantes), **Lettuce** (Buttercrunch, Little Gem, Romaine) and **Tomato** (Prudens Purple, San Morzano). Also, gift cards to hardware stores or garden centers are always useful.

If you would like more information about this, please check out [their Facebook page](#) or email Alicia at alicia.clarkson@fooddepot.ca

AFC Committee members: Mike Jefferies, Susan McCarthy, Debbie Theriault, Mark Mahoney, Fr. Phil Mulligan.