

EXPLORING OUR FAITH: WHEN YOU BELIEVE

The gospel today relates the parable of Jesus overcoming the death of a young girl. Her father implored Jesus to come and lay His hands on her so that she could live. When Jesus and the man came to the house they were told the child had died. Jesus took her hand and she rose and began to walk. This was one of the many miracles performed by Jesus as He ministered to the people.

We have all heard about miracles. People want to remain hopeful even when we suffer a serious illness or injury. Sadly, not all of us believe in miracles. The scientific community has tried to debunk every miracle known to man. But imagine how the daily lives of people would be changed if they knew the great things in their life were not always of their own doing?

Shay Eskew wrote, "*I believe in miracles and as a believer, I expect them to happen. As a believer, I realize miracles in my life happen without my knowledge and oftentimes those miracles produce unfathomable outcomes 5, 10 or even 20 years later in my life. Just because I don't see immediate results, I don't quit believing. Things happened because I believed it would happen and committed to the hard work to make it possible. I am also smart enough to know I didn't do it on my own. It was all part of God's plan.... the coincidental encounters with those that have had significant impacts on my life were no coincidence.*"

In planning this reflection I found some rather interesting thoughts concerning miracles. Some were:

- ➔ We live on a blue planet that circles around a ball of fire next to a moon that moves the sea.....and you don't believe in miracles?
- ➔ Believe in possibilities, believe in magic, believe in miracles, believe in prayer, believe in your God who believes in you. (John B. Bejo)
- ➔ Albert Einstein --- Do you believe in miracles? Well, you should. In fact, life itself is a big miracle. There are so many things that are beyond our understanding.
- ➔ When you Need, God knows. When you Ask, God listens. When you Believe, God works. When you Pray, miracles happen.
- ➔ If you don't believe in miracles, perhaps you've forgotten that you are one.
- ➔ And from a book I read about midwives. After a midwife helped to deliver a baby she said, 'I cannot help but think what I always think. It's the only miracle God lets us in on.'

Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey have a song on YouTube called, 'When You Believe'. Some of the lyrics are:

*Many nights we've prayed with no proof anyone could hear
In our hearts a hopeful song, we barely understood.
Now we are not afraid, although we know there's much to fear.
There can be miracles, **when you believe**
Though hope is frail, it's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles you can achieve, **when you believe**
Somehow you will. **You will when you believe.***

Perhaps we can ask ourselves--- Do we believe? Do we believe that prayer works miracles because it goes directly to the heart of the tenderness of God? Even if we have to wait for a miracle, we should remember that faith is not easy and sometimes we can move in total darkness but He will grant us a grace, which, in time, we will see. May we all think of our own personal miracles in our own lives.

~Cathy Keirstead, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27th, 2021

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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

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week

Day	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Mon	Genesis 18:16-33	Psalm 103	Matthew 8:18-22
Tue	Acts 12:1-11	Psalm 34	Matthew 16:13-19
Wed	Genesis 21:5-20	Psalm 34	Matthew 8:28-34
Thur	Genesis 22:1-19	Psalm 115	Matthew 9:1-8
Fri	Genesis 23:1-4	Psalm 106	Matthew 9:9-13
Sat	Ephesians 2:19-22	Psalm 117	John 20:24-29
Sun	Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10	Psalm 123	Mark 6:1-6



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: \$65.00; Regular Envelopes: \$840.00;

TOTAL: \$905.00

Regional Mass Account

TOTAL: \$60.00

St. Peter's

Loose: \$36.93; Regular Envelopes: \$130.00;

TOTAL: \$166.93

St. Bartholomew Cemetery Fund

Donation: \$50.00

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	26	SP	4:00 pm	Howard Murphy†	Stella & Yvon
Sun	27	IC	9:00 am	Penny Robichaud†	Alban & Janet
Sun	27	IC	4:00 pm	Emile Cormier†	Noella & Family
Tue	29	IC	4:00 pm	Léo Martin†	Huguette & Family
Thur	1	IC	4:00 pm	Timmy O'Brien†	Stella & Yvon
Sat	3	SP	4:00 pm	Jim & Jamie Murphy†	Leon & Lillian
Sun	4	IC	9:00 am	Bernice Davis†	Paul & Joyce
Sun	4	IC	4:00 pm	Charles & Alleyne LeBlanc†	Stella & Yvon

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	3	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois / Sharon	Stella
Sun	4	IC	9:00 am	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Donna	Judi
Sun	4	IC	4:00 pm	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Stephen	?

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



CANADA DAY The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, July 1st. **Happy Canada Day!**

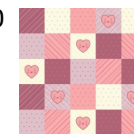
THE WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN can be delivered directly to your inbox. If you would like to receive an emailed copy of the bulletin (normally sent out on Thursday morning), please contact the parish office at icprexton@rogers.com.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS are available at both Immaculate Conception and St. Peter's for those wanting the information. These FAQs were prepared by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Additional copies will be made available in the church.



CHAPEL POINT MASS AND CEMETERY BLESSING will be held on Sunday, July 4th at 4:00 pm at St. Patrick's Cemetery, 312 Chapel Point Road. **Please bring a lawn chair with you.** For more information, contact Barbara Delahunt at 381-2020.

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.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS to all High School students who have graduated or who will be graduating in the coming weeks. May God bless you as you embark on this new and exciting part of your journey. Safe celebrations!



Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, the Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

~Pope Francis (Twitter)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE TAKE-OUT The Rexton Senior Citizens Housing Inc. is hosting a curbside pickup of "Strawberry Shortcake Delight" on Wednesday, July 7th, 2021, from 3-6 pm. Drive-Thru at 24 Cail Court, the cost is \$5.00. Proceeds will go towards the new concrete patios and privacy wall. Your support is greatly appreciated!