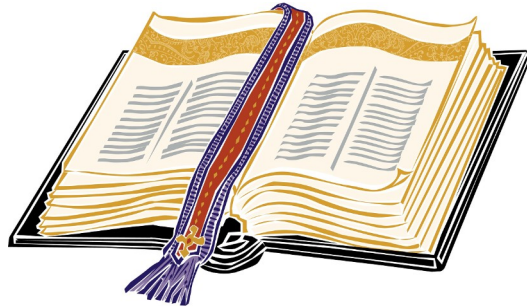


EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ THE DEEP HEART'S CORE

I wondered, 'How do the three Readings in today's liturgy relate to one another?' It is my gift to look for relationships, also a major flaw. I see connections but I cannot always make them visible to others. The reading from Jeremiah 31, from the Letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel of Mark, seemed quite random and unrelated to me. It is suggested that in our "Exploration" we leave the Gospel to the priest and concentrate on the other readings. Since the second reading from Hebrews is all about priesthood, I concentrated on Jeremiah.

I began by reviewing my old textbook, 'Understanding the Old Testament' by Bernard Anderson (1957). To get a context for our text, I read a bit of his history of the time. Biblical scholarship authenticates the historical accuracy of the Bible. One of its wonders is that we can today look over the shoulder of Jeremiah (back about 2700 years ago) and watch him buy a parcel of land and put away the deed for safekeeping. (Jer. 32). Jeremiah was in jail for treason when he did this, because he undermined the people's trust in the king. Jerusalem was surrounded by the Babylonian Army at the time and Jeremiah said they would not be saved. Judah would be carried off into Exile just as 'Ephraim' was before. The Northern Kingdom (Ephraim) was destroyed by the Assyrians. Now the same would happen to Judah.

And it will come about that as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant. 'Behold the days are coming', says the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers, but this is the covenant which I will make. I will put my law within them and on their heart I will write it, and I will be their God and they shall be my people.'
(Jeremiah 31:28, 31, 32)



The New Covenant would replace the old rituals from Abraham, and the Mosaic Law and would survive the Babylonian Exile.

At the Consecration of every Mass, we remember the words of Jesus on the night before he died., 'Take this all of you and drink it, for this is the Chalice of my Blood. The Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you.' St. Paul explains, 'Do you not know that we are baptized into his death?' - connecting baptism and the New Covenant with the death of Christ. Today's reading from Hebrews also connects baptism and the priesthood. At every Mass, we eat and drink the New Covenant, making it a part of ourselves. The old laws and rituals are constantly renewed by the New Covenant, written in the depths of our hearts, where faith lives.

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

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 October 2021

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Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Sunday – 9:00 am & 4:00 pm (until further notice)

Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

St. Peter's Mass Time

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week

Mon	Romans 8:12-17	Psalm 68	Luke 13:10-17
Tue	Romans 8:18-25	Psalm 126	Luke 13:18-21
Wed	Romans 8:26-30	Psalm 13	Luke 13:22-30
Thur	Ephesians 2:19-22	Psalm 19	Luke 6:12-16
Fri	Romans 9:1-5	Psalm 147	Luke 14:1-6
Sat	Romans 11:1-29	Psalm 94	Luke 14:1-11
Sun	Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28	Psalm 18	Mark 12:28-34



Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$25.80**; Regular Envelopes: **\$635.00**;
 Propagation of the Faith: **\$380.00**;
 Votives: **\$76.00**; **TOTAL: \$1116.80**

St. Peter's

Loose: **\$10.00**; Envelopes: **\$125.00**;
 HST Rebate: **\$120.32**;

Propagation of the Faith: **\$10.00**; **Total: \$265.32**

Rexton Cemetery

Donation: **\$100.00**

St. Patrick's Cemetery

HST Rebate: **\$9.15**

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	23	SP	4:00 pm	John & Catherine Daigle†	Claire Murphy
Sun	24	IC	9:00 am	Special Intention	A Parishioner
Sun	24	IC	4:00 pm	Alma Hébert†	Huguette & Alverie
Tue	26	IC	4:00 pm	Timmy O'Brient†	Mina Richard
Sat	30	SP	4:00 pm	Leon Vautour†	Joann Murphy
Sun	31	IC	9:00 am	Fermin Ramirez†	Trevor D.
Sun	31	IC	4:00 pm	Nicole Simon†	Leon & Carol Sock

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	30	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois Stella
Sun	31	IC	9:00 am	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Vina Donna
Sun	31	IC	4:00 pm	1 st & 2 nd Reading Intentions	Stephen

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO FR. PAUL BOMBARDIER, C.Ss.R., who will be with us from October 14th-25th while Fr. Bernard is away. Welcome, Fr. Paul!

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

There will be mass held at Immaculate Conception on Monday, November 1st, 7:00 pm. Following mass, Fr. Bernard will bless the cemetery.

VOTIVES Please note that effective immediately the cost of purchasing a 5-day votive **will increase from \$4.00 each to \$5.00 each.**

BAPTISMS The faith community welcomes Mia Ève Lavoie, daughter of Melissa Reidpath and Stéphane Lavoie, who was baptized at Immaculate Conception on October 17th by Fr. Robert Savoie.

PARISH STAFF Welcome to Mark Scoretz who has been hired to take over caretaking responsibilities for the parish. Mark will be working 15 hours a week tending the buildings and grounds.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST! Together, let's act for the planet and its defenders! Development and Peace's annual People and Planet First campaign is inspired by the words of Pope Francis, who says that "a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). These cries are too often silenced by powerful companies that plunder resources in countries of the Global South, without regard for people's fundamental human and environmental rights. Many such companies are Canadian. Act to end their impunity now! [Sign the petition](#) asking the federal government to enact laws that will compel Canadian companies to conduct due diligence across their overseas operations and that will give the victims of their abuses access to justice in Canadian courts. Visit <https://devp.org/en>

*Christian prayer instils an invincible hope in the human heart:
 whatever experience may touch us on our journey, God's love
 can turn it into good.*

~Pope Francis (Twitter)

OUR LADY OF HOPE CEMETERY BLESSINGS 2021

St. Peter's, South Branch
October 30th, 20 minutes prior to mass (3:40 pm)

St. James, Kouchibouguac
November 1st, 1:30 pm

Immaculate Conception, Rexton
November 1st, following the 7:00 pm mass

St. Bartholomew's, Bass River
November 2nd, 2:00 pm
in case of rain, November 3rd, 2:00 pm