

**EXPLORING OUR FAITH – FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH**

“Beware of the scribes, who like to ... be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats ... and places of honour ... They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers.” For years I’ve heard this passage as a warning against hypocrisy and a condemnation of those who pretend to be loving and charitable when others are looking, but who are really only “in it for themselves.” I have been comfortable with this message. I don’t usually do things just for show, and if the people directly affected by my actions value what I am doing, I don’t worry about whether others are aware of what I have done.

I tell myself that I don’t do things to be noticed. But this week I started to wonder if there are things that I do not bother doing because they would not be big enough to notice. I have been faced with the uncomfortable question: is there a significant difference between choosing to do something good so that others will say, “that was amazing” and choosing not to do something good because others might say, “why did she bother”? The remarkable thing about the widow who gave two small copper coins, is that she thought it was of value to give even if her gift was of no value in the eyes of the world.

In today’s world we are faced by many issues that seem overwhelming; anxiety and depression levels are rising as individuals question whether anything they do matters. In a world of almost 8 billion people how can one person’s or one family’s actions affect climate change. In a country of 37 million how can one person’s actions impact racism? In a world of global markets and multinational systems how can individuals change historical patterns of injustice? It is easy to wonder if our choices make enough difference to make sacrificial giving (giving that impacts our life) worthwhile. It was equally easy to wonder if the widow’s gift of two small coins would make enough difference to the temple to be worth what it cost her. Her offering was a profound act of faith. She believed that God could make use of what little she had and so she gave what she could.

In every situation each of us has a choice to make, a choice to give or a choice to keep what we have for ourselves, a choice to take what we want or a choice to leave what is there for others, a choice to rely on the sacrifices of others or a choice to make sacrifices for the sake of others. Many of those choices seem to have more impact on us than they do on those around us. No one else will notice whichever way we choose so it is tempting to choose what is best for us. We will be generous when our generosity can be seen. When we are faced with impossible tasks and overwhelming challenges, Jesus calls us to be like the widow and offer what we can. Even if our act is negligible compared to what is needed it is act of faith, and faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains.

~Pam Driedger, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping



*Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit*

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7 November 2021**

**Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton**

**St-Peter's Church, South Branch**



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Tuesday 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm,  
Wednesday & Thursday – 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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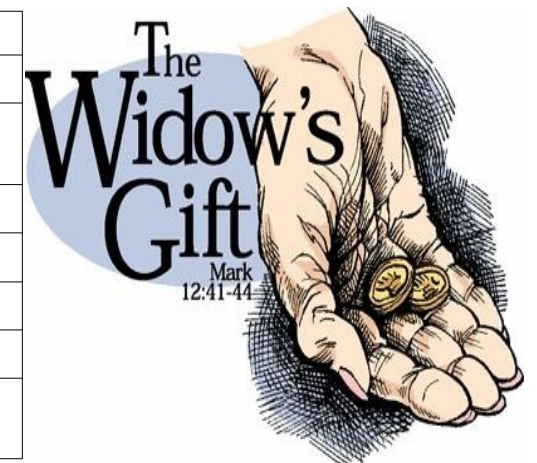
**Immaculate Conception Mass Times**

**St. Peter’s Mass Time**

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

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week			
<b>Mon</b>	Wisdom 1:1-7	Psalms 139	Luke 17:1-6
<b>Tue</b>	Ezekiel 47:1-12 1 Corinthians 3:9-17	Psalms 46	John 2:13-22
<b>Wed</b>	Wisdom 6:1-11	Psalms 82	Luke 17:11-19
<b>Thur</b>	Wisdom 7:22-8:1	Psalms 119	Luke 17:20-25
<b>Fri</b>	Wisdom 13:1-9	Psalms 19	Luke 17:26-37
<b>Sat</b>	Wisdom 18:14-16	Psalms 105	Luke 18:1-8
<b>Sun</b>	Deuteronomy 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14	Psalms 16	Mark 13:24-32



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: \$60.00; Regular Envelopes: \$770.10;

**TOTAL: \$830.10**

### Rexton Cemetery

Plot Down Payment: **\$150.00**

### St. Peter's

Loose: \$34.04; Envelopes: \$215.00;

**Total: \$249.04**

### St. James Cemetery

Donation IMO Bob Daigle: **\$80.00**

### Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$30.00**

## 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	6	SP	4:00 pm	Daniel & Margaret Murphy†	Claire Murphy
Sun	7	IC	9:00 am	George & Eva Maloney†	Mina Richard
Sun	7	IC	4:00 pm	Mary Brown†	Dick & Family
Tue	9	IC	4:00 pm	Raymond Perry†	Barb Delahunt & Family
Sat	13	SP	4:00 pm	Leon Vautour†	Judy Cormier
Sun	14	IC	9:00 am	Katherine Hatt†	Bill LeGoff
Sun	14	IC	4:00 pm	George R. Simon†	Alfred Clement

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	13	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Lois	Stella
Sun	14	IC	9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Intentions	Donna Corinne	
Sun	14	IC	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Intentions	Stephen	

## WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



REMEMBRANCE DAY 11:00 AM.

STEVENSON LEGION #30 RICHIBUCTO will be holding Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11th in Rexton (Cenotaph) at 11:00 AM, Saint-Louis-de-Kent (Cenotaph) at 9:00 AM, Richibucto (Cenotaph) at 10:15 AM, and Kouchibouguac (Cenotaph) at 11:00 AM.

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IN OBSERVANCE OF REMEMBRANCE DAY.

2021 MEMORIAL TREE Help support our cemeteries by purchasing your Memorial Tree bulb in memory of a loved one. Bulbs are \$10.00 each with all proceeds going to the cemeteries. For South Branch call Stella @ 955-3612 or Carol @ 523-6389 and for Rexton call Trevor at the Parish Office @ 523-6817.



*I am sure that all of those who went with goodwill (to war), called by their country to defend it, are with the Lord.*

~Pope Francis, Nov. 2, 2021 All Souls Day Mass

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MONDAYS @ THE MOVIES** Connecting faith to popular films, will meet again on November 29th at 10:30 am via Zoom when we will be discussing the 1947 version of *Miracle on 34th Street*. All participants will have watched the film prior to the session, register with Trevor or Karen at [catechism.set@gmail.com](mailto:catechism.set@gmail.com) or 387-4198. Register online by going to [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Mondays @ The Movies.

**FAITH EXPERIMENTS EXPRESS** Learn about faith and scripture using science experiments (for grades 1-6). We will be holding another Faith Experiments Express (via Zoom) on Monday, November 29th at 6:00 pm. Register with Trevor or with Karen at 387-4198, [catechism.set@gmail.com](mailto:catechism.set@gmail.com). Register online by going to [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) → Pastoral Offices → Youth Faith Development and click on the poster for Faith Experiments Express.



**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE 2021-2022 campaign, *People and Planet First***, is calling for Canada and Canadian corporations not to be complicit in violations against the planet and its inhabitants. The easiest way to take action is to [sign the petition](#) calling on the government to implement a due diligence law that would require its companies to respect human and environmental rights in their overseas operations.

However, there are several other options available to you if you have already signed and want to continue your commitment! You can follow the latest campaign news on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages and even [update your profile](#) to show the campaign colors. If you'd like to delve into the subject deeper, take the time to read our printable [backgrounder](#). And what about sharing [the campaign video](#) with your friends and family? Whatever you choose to do, thank you for helping to spread solidarity! <https://devp.org/en>