

## EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ Baptized into Moses

My understanding on today's second Reading is that our ancestors lived on the land and the sea with the same needs like everybody else. The reading also noted that they were all baptized into Moses, as we are all baptized. It also mentions that there were still some evil doers who at the same time depended on the same spiritual rock that followed them. God was not pleased with their way of excepting or desiring evil. They were destroyed is an example stated that the evil things destroyed them.

As an Elder who was baptized at an age of five years old and remembering the experience of my Baptism made me remember the feeling of the warm wind against my face walking through the path on my way home from church. I knew that our creator was with me. I can also say the Rock of Christ was following me.

I believe in Baptism we receive a special gift. This special gift must be nurtured by each one of us. Plants when nurtured grow into a beautiful plant like our faith can be ours.

This gift gives us tools as we embrace our faith: Examples of these tools is our regular attendance at Sunday masses, because each week we have a better understanding of what our Lord is teaching us to get closer to him in a place of eternal happiness.

The commandments is another tool that shows us how to live with our brothers and sisters in this very complicated world. It is also so simple because if we love our neighbor as we love ourselves, the commandments are uniting us with the Lord.

Sacraments is another tool that we have in our toolbox. As we receive our sacraments it awakens and enlightens our faith in the Lord. We have a greater and a deeper understanding that the Lord loves us unconditionally.

If we don't want to fall we know that the Lord has unconditional Love for us and when we are deeply sorry for our sins and evil ways, our Lord will forgive us. Amen

~Peggy Clement, St. Ann Parish (Elsipogtog)



# Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

## Third Sunday of Lent 20 March 2022

*Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton*

*St-Peter's Church, South Branch*



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### Office Hours:

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

**Priest-Moderator:** Fr. Bernard Gauthier, C.Ss.R. 523-9788 Cell Phone: 889-0344

### Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Sunday – 9:00 am  
 Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

### St. Peter's Mass Time

Saturday – 4:00 pm

### Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week

<b>Mon</b>	2 Kings 5:1-15	Psalm 42	Luke 4:24-30
<b>Tue</b>	Deuteronomy 3:25-43	Psalm 25	Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Wed</b>	Deuteronomy 4:1,2-9	Psalm 147	Matthew 5:17-19
<b>Thur</b>	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Psalm 95	Luke 11:14-23
<b>Fri</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14;8-10	Psalm 40	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Sat</b>	Hosea 6:1-6	Psalm 51	Luke 18:9-14
<b>Sun</b>	Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Psalm 34	Luke 15:1-3,11-32



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$28.00**; Regular Env: **\$865.00**;  
 Ash Wednesday Env.: **\$40.00**;  
 Faith Formation Env.: **\$10.00**; Needs of Cdn Church  
 Env.: **\$20.00**; Propagation of the Faith Env.: **\$20.00**;  
 Anonymous Donation: **\$600.00**.  
**TOTAL: \$1,583.00**

### St. Peter's

Loose: **\$16.00**; Envelopes: **\$95.00**;  
**TOTAL: \$111.00**

### St. Bartholomew's Cemetery

Donations IMO Teresa Warman: **\$270.00**

### Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$60.00**

## 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	19	SP	4:00 pm	Leon Vautour†	Dwight & Jeannette Little
Sun	20	IC	9:00 am	Agatha Godwin†	Bill LeGoff & Stuart Ward
Tue	22	IC	4:00 pm	Patrick Scoretz†	Donna & Blaine
Sat	26	SP	4:00 pm	Dick Murphy†	Gertrude Connolly
Sun	27	IC	9:00 am	Agatha Godwin†	Bill LeGoff & Stuart Ward

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	26	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Lois Stella
Sun	27	IC	9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Pat Donna

## ROSARY SCHEDULE

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	20	IC	8:40 am	Maia Scoretz	1 <sup>st</sup> Decade: For our clergy
Sun	27	IC	8:40 am	Gail Barlow	2 <sup>nd</sup> Decade: For our parishioners
Sun	3	IC	8:40 am	TBA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Decade: For our youth
Sun	10	IC	8:40 am	TBA	4 <sup>th</sup> Decade: For peace in our world 5 <sup>th</sup> Decade: For the intentions of parishioners

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

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

**COVID-19 UPDATE** On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Government of New Brunswick removed all remaining measures related to COVID-19, which will affect how we gather.

- **FACE MASKS** - The wearing of face masks is encouraged when entering and exiting the church, as well as when going to communion. Once seated, parishioners may wish to remove their mask or continue wearing it. We must be mindful and considerate of vulnerable children and youth as well as those members of our faith communities who are not vaccinated.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING** will no longer required and parishioners will no longer have to sign-in when attending mass. Hand sanitizer will continue to be offered at the church entrance.

**MASS SCHEDULE** Due to the removal of COVID restrictions, **Fr. Bernard will no longer celebrate mass at 4:00 PM on Sundays at Immaculate Conception.** This mass was added in order to accommodate all parishioners while ensuring social distancing.

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VBS XPRESS 2022** Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School (for children having finished kindergarten up to the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade), which will again be held virtually on Zoom from June 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. This year's theme is *MONUMENTAL: Celebrating God's Greatness*. There are a limited number of spaces available, so register early by contacting Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879. A \$20 registration fee will be required, but will be refunded at the end of the program.

**ONLINE COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE** Development and Peace is taking online donations to help the thousands of people affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. You can make a donation on our website ([www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org)), by calling 1 888 664-3387 or by sending us a cheque by mail (425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7) made out to Development and Peace and marked "Ukraine Emergency". Thank you for your generosity in showing your affection for the women, men and children injured or forced to flee their homes.

**THE POWER OF MOBILIZED CITIZENS** One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity. That is why our People and Planet First campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations. Sign our petition for this at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act) and spread the word. Thank you for supporting our campaign!

**ENCOUNTERING HOPE: THE PROCESS OF EVANGELIZATION IN OUR DAILY LIVES.** The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a free-of-cost, four-part webinar series – *Encountering Hope: The Process of Evangelization in our Daily Lives* - beginning April 5, 2022. This series will explore the stages of faith development. Registration deadline is Monday, March 21, 2022, and may be done on-line at [https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zpkIOftQiiI90DwdyQpaQ](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zpkIOftQiiI90DwdyQpaQ)