

## EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ DAYENU – IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH

As I think about Pentecost, the words of a Jewish song, that is more than a thousand years old and still sung at Passover celebrations today, keep going through my mind. The chorus of the song is *Dayenu* which means “It would have been enough.” The song recounts the many blessings God gave the Jewish people and states after each one is named, that even if no other blessings had followed, that would have been enough. Had God only led us from slavery to freedom, and not fed us in the wilderness that would have been enough.

Had God fed us in the wilderness and not given us a day of rest, that would have been enough. Had God given us a day of rest and not given us the scriptures (in the song – the Torah), that would have been enough. Had God given us the scriptures and not led us to the promised land, that would have been enough. Had God led us to the promised land and not given us the Temple as a place to encounter him, that would have been enough.

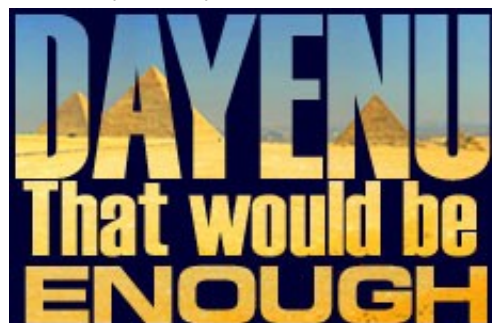
As Christians, we could continue with a list of even more remarkable gifts. Had God given us the temple and not come to live among us, that would have been enough. Had God come to live among us and not conquered sin and death on our behalf, that would have been enough! Had God conquered sin and death on our behalf and not chosen to make his home in our very being, that would have been enough!

Today we celebrate a miracle that is so amazing, so overwhelming that we sometimes fail to take it in. Today we celebrate the fact that the God who created the heaven and the earth, the God who called people to be his partner in caring for the earth and who called us back and welcomed us back each time we broke that partnership, the God who became incarnate, walked among us to teach us, died and rose from the dead, this same God has chosen to dwell within us and interact with the world through us! The gift of the Holy Spirit is more than enough to meet the challenges of the world!

Today is a day of exuberant celebration, but also a day of deep puzzlement. If the gift of the Holy Spirit is more than enough to meet the challenges of the world, why do the challenges of the world seem to be threatening to overwhelm us on every front?

One line from today’s second reading would seem to provide the answer to this question: “to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” We have each received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We each have talents and abilities, wisdom and insights, strengths and drives that are unique to us; but they have not been given to us for ourselves. They are given for the benefit of all. They are intended for cooperation, not competition. As with every other gift we have been given, the gift of the Holy Spirit is more than enough to bring the world to the place of peace, joy, and abundance that God intended. But also like every other gift, this is a gift that we can misuse. Pentecost is the reminded that if we try to protect what we have, and wait until there is extra before we give, we will never get beyond scarcity. If, however, we trust in the unquenchable fire of the Spirit and we focus our energy on doing good for others and sharing freely with all who are in need, what we have been given will be more than enough.

~Pam Drediger, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Unit



# Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

## Solemnity of Pentecost 5 June 2022

Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton

St-Peter's Church, South Branch



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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 – 11:00 am

Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

**St. Peter's Mass Time**

Saturday – 4:00 pm

**Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week**

<b>Mon</b>	Genesis 3:9-15	Psalms 87	John 19:25-34
<b>Tue</b>	1 Kings 17:7-16	Isiah 4	Matthew 5:13-16
<b>Wed</b>	1 Kings 18:20-39	Psalms 16	Matthew 5:17-19
<b>Thu</b>	1 Kings 18:41-46	Psalms 65	Matthew 5:20-26
<b>Fri</b>	1 Kings 19:9-16	Psalms 27	Matthew 5:27-32
<b>Sat</b>	Acts 11:21-13:3	Psalms 98	Matthew 5:33-37
<b>Sun</b>	Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5	Psalms 8	John 16:12-15



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$120.00**; Envelopes: **\$635.00**;  
Missals: **\$5.00**; Papal Charities Env.: **\$315.00**;  
**TOTAL: \$1,075.00**

### Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Cemetery Fund Envelopes: **\$60.00**;  
Payment on Plot: **\$100.00**; **TOTAL: \$160.00**

### St. Peter's

Loose: **\$27.00**; Envelopes: **\$225.00**;  
**TOTAL: \$252.00**



## 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	4	SB	4:00 pm	David Harnett†	Debbie & Dale
Sun	5	IC	11:00 am	Cecile Chevarie†	Her Sisters
Tue	7	IC	4:00 pm	Patrick Scoretz†	Donna & Blaine
Sat	11	SB	4:00 pm	Joanne Maillet†	Phyllis Shortall
Sun	12	IC	11:00 am	Edward & Mary Hannay†	Donna & Blaine

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	11	SB	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Lois Stella
Sun	12	IC	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Gloria Bob Adona

## ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	5	IC	10:30 am	Gail	<b>1st Decade: For our clergy</b> <b>2nd Decade: For our parishioners</b> <b>3rd Decade: For our youth</b> <b>4th Decade: For peace in our world</b> <b>5th Decade: For the intentions of parishioners</b>
Sun	12	IC	10:30 am	Maia	
Sun	19	IC	10:30 am	Gail	
Sun	26	IC	10:30 am	Maia	

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

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

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH POTLUCK / SOCIALS** will be held throughout the summer on the third Sunday of the month following mass (12:00 pm – 1:30 pm), beginning Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, with additional potlucks planned for July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a basket for freewill offering, with all funds raised going to the parish. We are also looking for volunteers willing to assist with the clean-up afterwards, which should take approximately a half-hour. For more information, contact Maia Scoretz at [family@forourlady.com](mailto:family@forourlady.com), 778-804-8370 or 506-688-6061.

**THANKSGIVING QUILT RAFFLE** Tickets are now available for the Immaculate Conception Quilt Raffle! The cost is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, and can be obtained by dropping into the parish office. The quilt was hand-crafted and donated by the Quilting Ladies of the parish. We are also looking for people interested in selling tickets to help raise money for the parish, so if you are interested in selling tickets for this fundraiser please contact Trevor at the Parish Office.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** We are looking for a summer student to serve as groundskeeper for Immaculate Conception Parish. The position involves work in the cemetery and parish halls. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact the parish office.

### CELEBRATION FOR FR. RAYMOND DESJARDINS, C.Ss.R.

The family of Fr. Raymond has extended an invitation to a Commemorative Mass and Reception to be held on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002 in Grand Falls, NB. The mass will be held at Assumption Church at 1:30 pm (355 Chapel Street), with the reception to be held at the Golden Age Club at 2:30 pm (125 Manse Street). Please RSVP your presence no later than June 30 by contacting Rhéal Desjardins at 514-591-2422 or [rheal52.desjardins@gmail.com](mailto:rheal52.desjardins@gmail.com). Secondary contact person is Jocelyne Desjardins, who can be contacted at 506-475-0665 or [jocedesjardins@gmail.com](mailto:jocedesjardins@gmail.com).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Tuesday in Elsipogtog. Our faith community is proud of you and look forward to accompanying you in your ongoing faith journey.

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DIACONATE ORDINATION** - WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Moncton joyfully announces and cordially invites you to attend the Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Juan Carlos Jacinto through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by His Grace, Mgr Valéry Vienneau, Archbishop of Moncton. It will take place on Saturday June 11th 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sainte-Therese d'Avila Parish in Cap-Pelé, NB (2648 Acadie St.).

**ROSARY FOR THE FAMILY** In preparation for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families (WMF), the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting a live and nationwide **Rosary for the Family** via Zoom Webinar. The virtual event will take place on **Sunday, 19 June 2022 at 4:00 pm** and will be facilitated by several families from across the country. As part of the **Amoris Laetitia Family Year**, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life have published a "Rosary for the Family." [Register here online](#), or by contacting Trevor at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at 857-4879 or [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com).