

## EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ GRATEFUL, THANKFUL, BLESSED

Today's gospel relates the story of Jesus and the 10 lepers. Jesus heard their prayer, their cry of mercy and sent them immediately to the priests ( who were designated by law to certify healings that had occurred ). Those 10 lepers trusted; they did not remain there until they were cured, no : they trusted and went immediately and while on their way, they were cured. Only one of the lepers - a Samaritan, returned to thank Jesus for healing him. This narrative, according to Pope Francis, " so to speak, divides the world in two: those who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, a grace."

This weekend, coincidentally, is Thanksgiving weekend for us. I remember , as a child, making a paper turkey on construction paper with 'feathers' from its tail. On each feather was the name of someone or something I was grateful for and I took it home to be displayed on our fridge as a reminder that we all should be thankful for what we have. My 'thanksgiving feathers' were simple at the time but made me realize that I was blessed to have people in my life who loved me and basic comforts others did not have. The world has changed since my innocent childhood with many complexities, challenges and impediments that interfere with coping with daily life. Patrick Goodness wrote- : when we give thanks for our homes and material comforts, we are challenged to recognize those who are left without. When we give thanks for our families and friends, we call to mind those who are alone and forgotten, the lonely, the orphaned. When we give thanks for our freedom, we dutifully acknowledge those who live under the harsh rule of oppression and injustice. Truly, it is in this act of giving thanks that we recognize our responsibility to affect positive change in the world."



Pope Francis said: " Above all, let us not forget to thank : if we are bearers of gratitude , the world itself will become better , even if only a little bit , but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope. The world needs hope. And , with gratitude, with this habit of saying Thank You we transmit a bit of hope. Everything is united and everything is connected, and everyone needs to do his or her part wherever we are."

I was fortunate to grow up with parents who often reminded my sister and me that if we wish to live in a kind world, we must offer kindness to others. "Thank You" was a commonly used phrase in our house. I have tried to continue this legacy of gratitude to my children and now I know it continues. My granddaughter, who just turned 3 , out of nowhere while we were babysitting the other night, said " Thank you, Nanny. I love you." A legacy of gratitude continues.

I'll end this "Thanksgiving theme" reflection with words from a poster I copied down years ago. Let us be aware of our own gratitude this Thanksgiving and pray our ' bit of hope ' will remain forever.

Thanks to those who hated me, you made me stronger  
 Thanks to those who loved me, you made my heart grow fonder  
 Thanks to those who cared, you made me feel important  
 Thanks to those who entered into my life, you made me who I am today  
 Thanks to those who left, you showed me that nothing lasts forever  
 Thanks to those who stayed, you showed me true friendship  
 Thanks to those who listened, you made me feel like I was worth it.

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

# Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 October 2022

**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**

Sunday – 11:00 am

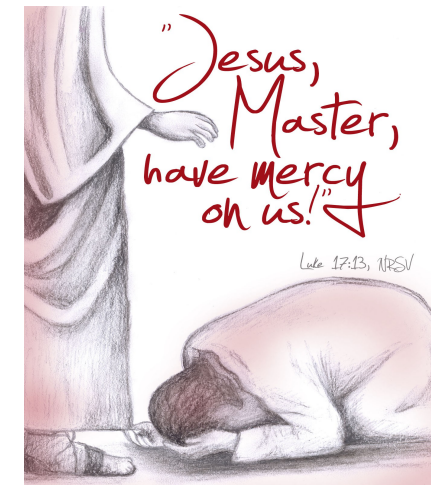
Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

**St. Peter's Mass Time**

Saturday – 4:00 pm

**Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week**

<b>Mon</b>	Galatians 4:22-5:1	Psalm 113	Luke 10:29-32
<b>Tue</b>	Galatians 5:1-6	Psalm 119	Luke 11:37-41
<b>Wed</b>	Galatians 5:18-25	Psalm 1	Luke 11:42-46
<b>Thu</b>	Ephesians 1:1-10	Psalm 98	Luke 11:47-54
<b>Fri</b>	Ephesians 1:11-14	Psalm 33	Luke 12:1-7
<b>Sat</b>	Ephesians 1:15-23	Psalm 8	Luke 12:8-12
<b>Sun</b>	Exodus 17:8-13 Timothy 3:14-4:2	Psalm 121	Luke 18:1-8



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$191.00**; Envelopes: **\$770.00**;  
 Papal Charities Env.: **\$10.00**;  
 Needs of Cdn Church: **\$275.00**; Donation: **\$300.00**;  
 Quilt Raffle Tickets: **\$722.00**; **TOTAL: \$2,268.00**

### Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Cemetery Fund Envelopes: **\$170.00**; Burial: **\$375.00**;  
**TOTAL: \$545.00**

### St. Peter's

Loose: **\$48.25**; Envelopes: **\$335.00**;  
 Needs of Cdn Church: **\$15.00**; **TOTAL: \$398.25**



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	8	SP	4:00 pm	David Harnett†	Stella & Yvon
Sun	9	IC	11:00 am	William & Mary Carter†	Dick & Family
Tue	11	IC	4:00 pm	Léo Martin†	Huguette & Family
Sat	15	SP	4:00 pm	John & Catherine Daigle†	Claire Murphy
Sun	16	IC	11:00 am	Nathalie Robichaud†	Stuart & Bill

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	15	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Lois Stella
Sun	16	IC	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Bob Stephen Gloria

## ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	9	IC	10:30 am	Gail	<b>1st Decade:</b> <i>For our clergy</i> <b>2nd Decade:</b> <i>For our parishioners</i> <b>3rd Decade:</b> <i>For our youth</i> <b>4th Decade:</b> <i>For peace in our world</i> <b>5th Decade:</b> <i>For the intentions of parishioners</i>
Sun	16	IC	10:30 am	Maia	
Sun	23	IC	10:30 am	Gail	
Sun	30	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.*

CATECHISM FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN will not proceed at this time due to insufficient registrations.

**PARISH OFFICE UPDATE** *The Parish Office will be OPENED (regular hours) the week of October 10th-14th as my meetings have been postponed.*

**PARISH SOCIALS** The next parish social will be held on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 am mass. Everyone is invited to attend and you may bring food to share if you like, but is not necessary. For more information contact Maia Scoretz at [family@forourlady.com](mailto:family@forourlady.com), 778-804-8370 or 506-688-6061.



## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FAITH EXPERIMENTS EXPRESS** Children in grades 1 through 6 are invited back to Faith Experiments Express where we use science experiments to teach about God and Scripture. Sessions are conducted via Zoom and our first session will take place on Monday, October 24th at 6:00 PM. For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com).

**CCCB OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS WEBINARS** Save the Dates! The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will be hosting a series of webinars on special topics in evangelization & catechesis. Webinars will take place on October 25th (**Dr. Donna Orsuto – Joyful Messengers of Challenging Proposals**), November 1st (**Dr. Catherine Clifford – Listeners on the Synodal Way**), November 8th (**Archbishop Don Bolen – Charting a Path Forward: The Visit of Pope Francis and Next Steps in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**), and November 15th (**Fr. John McCarthy, SJ – Creation as a Source of Life and Our Call to Care For It**). Each webinar will go from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Registration details are not yet available but more information will be forthcoming in the days to follow.

**MONDAYS @ THE MOVIES** is a group that meets regularly to discuss faith connections in popular films. Our next discussion will take place on Zoom on Monday, October 31st at 10:30 am when we will talk about the (2001) psychological thriller **The Others**, starring Nicole Kidman. For more information or to register, contact Karen at 387-4198 or [karen.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:karen.diocese@gmail.com).

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAID)** Save the date! A session on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) will take place on Monday, November 21st at Holy Family from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. The session will be led by Pam Driedger, member of the Adult Faith Commission and a Director of Spiritual Care at the Moncton Hospital with Horizon Health Network. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more information and how to register.

**SYNOD UPDATE** The CCCB has submitted its national Synod Synthesis to the Holy See. The national synthesis document is divided into 11 sections, collectively reflecting on the major themes of this process and the voices heard. The report can be found through the CCCB Website online at the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Synod-on-Synodality-EN-2022-08-31.pdf>