

EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ THE LOVE OF THOUSANDS

"Do you realize how many events and choices that had to occur since the birth of the universe, leading to the making of you just exactly the way you are?"

-A Wrinkle in Time

On All Saints (November 1st), we remember those who had a special devotion and connection to God in their lifetimes, all of the Saints of our church. Celebrated on November 2nd, All Soul's Day (a.k.a. *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*) is a day of prayer and remembrance for all those who have died before us, and we might celebrate with a mass or vigil where we pray for and remember those who have died throughout the previous year. These commemorations take on local cultural significance around the world and are celebrated in diverse ways rich in symbolism and meaning. I do wonder if we here on earth are not more in need of the prayers and intercessions of those who have died before us than they are in need of ours, but I also know praying for and remembering them makes me feel closer to the people in my life who have died, and for some reason it also makes me feel closer to God.

In today's gospel, Jesus is questioned by a group of Sadducees who, like Jesus, were Torah-abiding Jews, except the Sadducees did not accept the concept of resurrecting the dead. They tried to catch Jesus up with a question about marriage designed to show resurrection as ridiculous, but Jesus responded by telling them God does not care about the same things we care about, and that to God we are all alive. In *The Message* translation, Jesus says *"Those who are included in the resurrection of the dead will no longer be concerned with marriage nor, of course, with death. They will have better things to think about, if you can believe it. All ecstasies and intimacies then will be with God."*

In God's realm, all who have lived throughout history live still, which can be a difficult idea to grasp. In my own family I have had living experience with only six generations. I remember as far back as my paternal great-grandmother Elsie Wood, whose husband was killed in a 1924 coal mining accident in Strathcona, Nova Scotia. She was born in 1893 and died in 1983 at the age of 89. Fast forwarding to the spring of 2022, my nephew Isaac, who was born in 1999 welcomed a new addition to his family making the sixth and youngest generation. I can close my eyes and easily imagine the faces of these generations stretch from youngest to oldest, although it is hard to comprehend how vastly the world has changed between my great-grandmother's lifetime and the newest generation.

When I take a step back and try to consider my ancestors from all of history I stand in awe of the countless decisions and actions that needed to occur for me to be here where I am right now in 2022. Contemplating the souls of those who have gone before me, I am both overwhelmed and humbled. All I can do is watch and listen, surrounded by the love of thousands.

~Trevor Driesbeck, Office for Evangelization and Catechesis

SUDDENLY
ALL MY ANCESTORS
ARE BEHIND ME.
"BE STILL" THEY SAY.
WATCH AND LISTEN.
YOU ARE THE
RESULT
OF THE LOVE OF
THOUSANDS.

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 November 2022

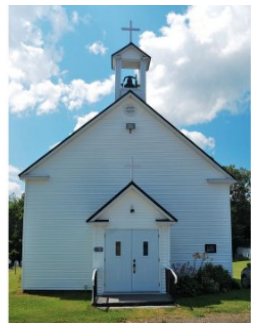
Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton

St-Peter's Church, South Branch



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Tuesday 4:00 pm - 8:00 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

Day	Readings	Psalm	Gospel
Mon	Titus 1:1-9	Psalm 24	Luke 17:1-6
Tue	Titus 2:1-8 John 3:1-3	Psalm 37	Luke 17:7-10
Wed	Ezekiel 47:1-12 1 Corinthians 3:9-17	Psalm 46	John 2:13-22
Thu	Philemon 7:20	Psalm 146	Luke 17:20-25
Fri	2 John 4-9	Psalm 119	Luke 17:26-37
Sat	3 John 5-8	Psalm 112	Luke 18:1-8
Sun	Malachi 3:19-20 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12	Psalm 98	Luke 21:5-19

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God of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him
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LUKE 20:38, NIV

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24TH-30TH

Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$265.00**; Envelopes: **\$645.00**;
Sale of Votives: **\$115.00**; **TOTAL: \$1,025.00**

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Funeral Prepayment: **\$40.00**

St. Peter's

Loose: **\$27.30**; Envelopes: **\$307.00**; **TOTAL: \$334.30**

Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$120.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	5	SP	4:00 pm	<i>Teresa Warman†</i>	Stella & Yvon
Sun	6	IC	11:00 am	<i>Noel and Lucy Clement†</i>	Alfred Clement
Tue	8	IC	4:00 pm	<i>Lorraine Oullette†</i>	Geralda Comeau
Sat	12	SP	4:00 pm	<i>Gerald Johnson†</i>	Debbie & Dale Harnett
Sun	13	IC	11:00 am	<i>Joseph and Jacqueline Kincaid†</i>	Stephen Kincaid

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	12	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois Stella
Sun	13	IC	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Corinne Bob Adona

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	6	IC	10:30 am	Gail	1st Decade: <i>For our clergy</i> 2nd Decade: <i>For our parishioners</i> 3rd Decade: <i>For our youth</i> 4th Decade: <i>For peace in our world</i> 5th Decade: <i>For the intentions of parishioners</i>
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.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS are now available for purchase at the back of the church at a cost of \$5.00 each.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES are available for November-December (up to the 4th Sunday of Advent).

UPCOMING FILIPINO MASS Our next Filipino Mass will be held on **Sunday, November 20th at 4:00 PM**, followed by a parish social. Please note this mass will be conducted in Tagalog, one of the two official languages of the Philippines.

SOUTH BRANCH LADIES GROUP COOKBOOK The 2003 South Branch Ladies Group Cookbook has been reprinted and are being sold for \$20.00 a copy. Please note this is a reprint of the 2003 cookbook (same recipes). To purchase a copy, contact Cathy Butler at 955-3612, 59cathybutler@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.

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 next session will take place on Monday, November 7th at 6:00 PM, with another session following on December 5th at 6:00 PM. For more information, Contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com.

MONDAYS @ THE MOVIES is a group that meets regularly on Zoom to discuss faith connections in popular films. This year we will have a special series of discussions called Advent @ The Movies where we will meet every Monday on Zoom for three consecutive weeks beginning Monday, November 28th at 10:30 am when we will talk about the (1951) family classic *Scrooge*, starring Alastair Sim. On December 5th, we will discuss the (2010) *Company of Men*, and on December 12th, we will be talking about the (1982) *E.T. the Extraterrestrial*. For more information or to register, contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com.

CONVERSATIONS AROUND DEATH AND DYING (MAID) One theme arising from previous sessions on MAiD was that many of us are uncomfortable discussing our own death as well as the death of a loved one. However, honest conversations (about values, good palliative care, or advanced care planning) can help to improve the care we receive at the end of our lives. In response to this, the Committee Looking at Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is planning a session for Monday, November 21st at Holy Family (Falkland Street, Moncton) 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. The aim of this session will be to help families start conversations about death and dying before circumstances force them to. How can families and loved ones accompany those who find themselves struggling with illness, pain and difficult medical circumstances? Register with Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198, karen.diocese@gmail.com or online at www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities.

FORMATION FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAMS Formation for those involved in preparing parents for the baptism of their children will take place on Saturday, November 26th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Riverview. Contact Trevor at 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com.

TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE EUCHARIST All parents of children preparing to receive First Eucharist in the spring of 2023 at any parish within the English sector are asked to attend a session taking place on Thursday, December 1st, 2022 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview. Registration for children receiving the sacrament will take place from 6:30 pm until 7:00 pm, with the remaining time devoted to a discussion of the Eucharist. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or karen.diocese@gmail.com. Please note this session will also be open to anyone interested in learning more about the Eucharist, but registration is still necessary.