EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ FULL CIRCLE

Today is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. "Today" is also the last day of the history of the world. On this last day we celebrate the mystery of Christ, the King of the Universe "who will come to judge the living and the dead."

Trevor Droesbeck's All Saints Day reflection on the "Love of Thousands" gave us a glimpse into the immense complexity of God's Creation. The very recent discovery of the Genome gives further understanding to Paul's vision of the unity of all creation in Christ. Malala taught us what she learned from Mohammed, that it is good to learn all we can about the universe because through the science that studies creation we can appreciate the greatness of the Creator.

"Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" the head of the Church, His body, and king of God's kingdom. The title "King" was not a title Jesus had during his lifetime. Even

back on the day when David became king of Israel and Judah it was through covenant, not birth, that David became king. Paul's statement that "Christ is the first-born from the dead" refers to the crucifixion. Today's gospel from Luke reads ""There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews'". Jesus was tried for treason before Pontius Pilate who condemned Him to death; His crime was posted on the cross. The gospel of John (19:19-22) comments that there was a dispute about the charge, but Pilate insisted "Scripsi, scripsi", What I have written I have written: Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews. Historical accuracy reflects a deeper reality of faith.

On the day when the King of the Universe comes to judge the living and the dead, on what will he base his judgement? We know from the prayer that Jesus taught us. When "we forgive those who trespass against us" the kingdom of God appears "on earth as it is in heaven."

~Agnes Beirne, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping



Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ King of the Universe 20 November 2022

Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton



St-Peter's Church, South Branch

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St. Peter's Mass Time

Saturday – 4:00 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)

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week							
Mon	Revelation 14:1-3,4-5	Psalm 24	Luke 21:1-4				
Tue	Revelation 14:14-19	Psalm 96	Luke 21:5-11				
Wed	Revelation 15:1-4	Psalm 98	Luke 21:12-19				
Thu	Revelation 18:1-23	Psalm 100	Luke 21:20-28				
Fri	Revelation 20:1-4	Psalm 84	Luke 21:29-33				
Sat	Revelation 22:1-7	Psalm 95	Luke 21:34-36				
Sun	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14	Psalm 122	Matthew 24:37-44				



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception Loose: \$97.00; Envelopes: \$1,011.00; Living with Christ Missals: \$143.00; TOTAL: \$1,251.00 <u>St. Peter's</u> Loose: **\$25.00;** Envelopes: **\$185.00;** <u>TOTAL: \$210.00</u>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	19	SP	4:00 pm	The People of St. Peter's ParishA Parishioner	
Sun	20	IC	11:00 am	Joseph Scoretz	The Scoretz Family
Tue	22	IC	4:00 pm	Alban Vautour+	Jeanne Warren
Sat	26	SP	4:00 pm	Arnold Milliea ⁺	Adam and Ruth
Sun	27	IC	11:00 am	Joey Kincaid†	Stephen Kincaid

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	26	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois	Stella
Sun	27	IC	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Donna Bob	Gloria

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	20	IC	10:30 am	Gail	1st Decade: For our clergy
Sun	27	IC	10:30 am	Vina	2nd Decade: For our parishioners
Sun	4	IC	10:30 am	Gail	3rd Decade: For our youth 4th Decade: For peace in our world
Sun	11	IC	10:30 am	Vina	5th Decade : For the intentions of parishioners



WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

2022 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.

MEMORIAL WALL The photographs from our Memorial Wall at the back of the church have been taken down after The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) and before the beginning of the new liturgical year (First Sunday of Advent). Anyone wishing to collect the photo of a loved one should contact the parish office.

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

Each and every person is needed in order for the journey of fraternity and peace to progress.

Let us all hear the call to expand our horizons to open our hearts because we are all brothers and sisters.

~Pope Francis via Twitter



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

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 responding to 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 \rightarrow Pastoral Offices \rightarrow Adult Faith \rightarrow Formation Opportunities.