

EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ REFLECTIONS ON THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The traditional Christmas as I remember was very Family focused as I grew up. Christmas was for children where Santa comes once a year bringing toys for boys and girls to play and be happy. It was a very peaceful and joyous time.

As time went on it became that gift exchanging was a tradition, gifts were given to everyone in the family and to your friends. We also started to expect gifts from family and friends. Gifts were expected and who would give you the best gift.

The real meaning of Christmas began to be scary and worrisome because your family and friends expected gifts where, we lost the real feeling of joyfulness and happiness.

All we feel in this messy and dark days is anxiety over financial hardships, broken relationships, family tensions and constant grief over lost loved ones.

The product of this messiness caused disengagement in the realism of Christmas.

Christmas is when Child Jesus is born, it's a joyous event to celebrate and be grateful for that shining light. God is coming to us as a light in our darkness. This is a time to be PRESENT and be focused again on the family that brings joy and peace.

A Very Merry Christmas. May You Have All The Joy And Peace in the coming New Year.

~Peggy Clement, St. Anne's Parish (Elsipogtog)



Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord 25 December 2022

Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton

St-Peter's Church, South Branch



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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

Mon	Acts 6:8-59	Psalm 31	Matthew 10:17-22
Tue	1 John 1:1-4	Psalm 97	John 20:1-8
Wed	1 John 1:5-2	Psalm 124	Matthew 2:13-18
Thu	1 John 2:3-11	Psalm 96	Luke 2:22-35
Fri	Sirach 3:2-14	Psalm 128	Matthew 2:13-23
Sat	1 John 2:18-21	Psalm 96	John 1:1-18
Sun	Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7	Psalm 67	Luke 2:16-21



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$65.00**; Envelopes: **\$690.00**;
 Christmas Envelopes: **\$45.00**; Initial Offering: **\$5.00**;
 Sale of Missals: **\$20.00**; Sale of Votives: **\$74.75**;
 Hall Rental: **\$1,770.00**; **TOTAL: \$2,669.75**

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Memorial Tree: **\$70.00**;
 Donation IMO Carl Swift: **\$20.00**; **TOTAL: \$90.00**

Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$30.00**

St. Peter's

Loose: n/a; Envelopes: **\$20.00**; Donation: **\$400.00**;
TOTAL: \$420.00

St. Peter's Cemetery

Memorial Tree: **\$740.00**;
 Donations IMO Marguerite Little: **\$45.00**;
 Donation IMO Roy Murphy: **\$20.00**;
 Donation IMO Josee McGlynn: **\$10.00**;
TOTAL: \$815.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

Sat	24	IC	9:30 pm	~	~
Sun	25	SP	11:00 am	~	~
Tue	27	IC	4:00 pm	Edward & Mary Hannay†	Blaine & Donna
Sat	31	SP	4:00 pm	Marguerite Little†	Dale & Debbie
Sun	1	IC	11:00 am	Faye Hudson†	Dick & Family
Tue	3	IC	4:00 pm	Antonio & Magdalena Mendoza†	Adona
Sat	7	SP	4:00 pm	Janet Axelrod†	Linda Teakles
Sun	8	IC	11:00 am	Katherine Hatt†	Bill Legoff

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	24	IC	9:30 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading / Intentions	Gloria Donna / Vina	Adona
Sun	25	SP	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois	Stella
Sat	31	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intention	Lois	Stella
Sun	1	IC	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading / Intention	Pat Corinne / Jocelyn	Gloria

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
~	~	~	~	~	1st Decade: For our clergy
Sun	1	IC	9:00 pm	Gail	2nd Decade: For our parishioners
Sun	8	IC	10:30 am	Vina	3rd Decade: For our youth
Sun	15	IC	10:30 am	Gail	4th Decade: For peace in our world
					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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S (reopening on January 3rd) Please note that donations received after December 31st will be included on your 2023 tax receipt.

Conversations Around Death and

Dying (Rexton) Since 2016, a diocesan committee has been offering formation and information sessions in response to the legalization of medical assistance in dying (MAiD). One theme arising from these sessions was that many of us are uncomfortable discussing the subject of death. 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 diocesan Committee looking at End of Life Pastoral Care is planning a session for **Saturday, January 28th at Immaculate Conception Church in Rexton (10 School Street) from 10:30 am – 12:00 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.

2022 Christmas Week Mass Schedule

December 24th

Elsipogtog.....6:30 p.m.
 Rexton.....9:30 p.m.
 Indian Island.....Midnight

December 25th

South Branch...11:00 a.m.

December 27th

Rexton.....4:00 p.m.

December 28th

Elsipogtog.....9:00 a.m.

December 29th

Indian Island.....4:00 p.m.

December 31st

South Branch.....4:00 p.m.
 Elsipogtog.....6:30 p.m.**

**Time of Adoration 30 minutes following mass

January 1st

Indian Island.....9:00 a.m.
 Rexton.....11:00 a.m.

