

[Matthew 5:17-37](#)

1. Jesus is critical of the Pharisees' type of righteousness, which focuses on externals. They make sure everyone sees when they fast, pray on street corners, wash hands, etc. How do these things relate to the inner Spirit of the law? How do they relate to loving God and neighbor?

2. According to Pope Francis, how does accepting the spirit of the law, not just the letter, lead to personal freedom?

Jesus wants his followers to move from a formal observance of God's commands to an interior acceptance of them. ...

He encourages passing from a formal observance of the law to a substantial observance, welcoming the law in one's heart, which is the center of the intentions, decisions, words and gestures of each one of us. Good actions and evil ones start in the heart. ...

Accepting the law of God in your heart, you understand that when you do not love your neighbor then to some degree you kill yourself and others because hatred, rivalry and division kill the fraternal charity that is at the basis of interpersonal relationships. ...

Jesus knows that it is not easy to live the commandments in this all-embracing way. He came into the world not only to fulfill the law, but also to give us his grace so that we can do the will of God by loving him and our brothers and sisters." (February 18, 2020 – Angelus)

~Anne Osdieck, Saint Louis University

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 January 2023

Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton

St-Peter's Church, South Branch



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Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Sunday – 11:00 am

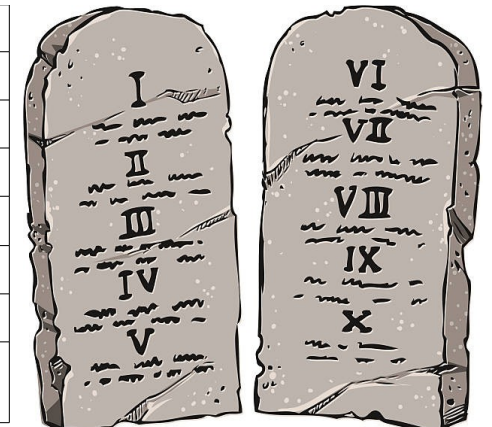
Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

St. Peter's Mass Time

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week

Mon	Genesis 4:1-15	Psalm 50	Mark 8:11-13
Tue	Genesis 6:5:1-7:10	Psalm 29	Mark 8:14-21
Wed	Genesis 8:6-22	Psalm 116	Mark 8:22-26
Thu	Genesis 9:1-13	Psalm 102	Mark 8:27-33
Fri	Genesis 11:1-9	Psalm 33	Mark 8:34-9:1
Sat	Hebrews 11:1-7	Psalm 145	Mark 9:2-13
Sun	Leviticus 19:1-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23	Psalm 103	Matthew 5:38-48



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$240.00**; Envelopes: **\$550.00**;
Hall Rentals: **\$380.00**; **TOTAL: \$1,170.00**

Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$10.00**

St. Peter's
n/a

St. Peter's Cemetery
n/a

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	11	SP	4:00 pm	Margaret & Dan Murphy†	Claire
Sun	12	IC	11:00 am	Alban Vautour†	Blaine & Donna Hannay
Tue	14	IC	4:00 pm	Ernest LeBlanc†	Jeannine, Dianne & Family
Sat	18	SP	4:00 pm	David Harnett†	Dale & Debbie
Sun	19	IC	11:00 am	John Flynn†	Linda Teakles

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	18	IC	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading / Intentions	Lois Stella
Sun	19	SP	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Donna Stephen / Dennis Adona

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	12	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 parishioner</i>
Sun	19	IC	10:30 am	Vina	
Sun	26	IC	10:30 am	Gail	
Sun	5	IC	10:30 am	Vina	

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to assist with cleaning the Parish Hall. We are seeking a group of volunteers to assist with cleaning the Parish Hall on a rotational basis. Many hands make light work, so the more volunteers we have the less demanding it will be for everyone. If this is something you feel called to, please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Bernard prior to or after mass.



2022 TAX RECEIPTS are available at the back of the church for those who requested them. If you wish to receive your tax receipt via email please contact the Parish Office.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS WILL BE HELD AGAIN THIS YEAR IN ELSIPOGTOG ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND AT 6:30 PM. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, the yearly celebration by the Church of its conversion in Jesus Christ. Lent prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word, we are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery during the Easter Triduum. (Source: *Ordo*)



Now is the time for compassion and for solidarity. We must put aside hatred, wars, and divisions that lead to self-destruction. Let us unite in our sorrow to help those who suffer in #Turkey and #Syria. May we build peace and fraternity in our world..
~Pope Francis via Twitter

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON

OPPORTUNITY FOR CATECHISTS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Msgr. Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau will offer a virtual conversation for catechists and those involved in sacramental preparation entitled "Baptism and Confirmation: The Big Picture". This interactive session will be held on Zoom on Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Archbishop Durocher's session is sponsored by the Atlantic Catechetical Association and is offered at no charge. For more information or to register, contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or visit www.acatholic.ca

MONDAY @ THE MOVIES – LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES Everyone is invited to join our film discussion series taking place during Lent. We will meet virtually on February 27th (*Insomnia*, 2002); March 13th (*Water*, 2005); March 27th (*Loving*, 2016); and April 3rd (*The Mission*, 1986). Each discussion will take place at 10:30 am via Zoom. Monday @ The Movies is a discussion group that meets regularly via Zoom to talk about faith connections in popular movies. Contact Karen at 387-4198 for more information or to register.

