

**EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ REFLECTIONS ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

This week's readings are the most challenging yet. With so much going on in the world today and so many of us have problems with our spirituality and it makes you wonder what is next.

The statement in the first reading makes you realize that we are holy because we were created in the image of God. This holiness that is given to us in baptism is our gift that carries us through life with a caring heart.

A caring heart doesn't discriminate against any race or the color we might be. Our Lord's love shows us to accept people unconditionally no matter what their choice is in life. Is it possible for us to do this and that's the question I personally have to ponder with.

To examine my mind with a caring heart, do I hold grudges against another person or want to take revenge against them when they hurt me. When a person hurts me now, I know there is always a reason, and if I have love for that person, I should try to see the sacredness in their spirit.



Our creator loves us so much and if we have a problem with loving our neighbor then it reminds me that maybe I have a problem in having and showing love for myself. Today's reading is thought provoking for me.

When we have love in our hearts it's easy to share that love with everyone in our lives. It doesn't take much to realize that we can see the Lord in that person who was created in his image.

In this world the biggest challenge is to show our Lord's Love. When we have Love we have to express that Love with our family and people in our lives every day.

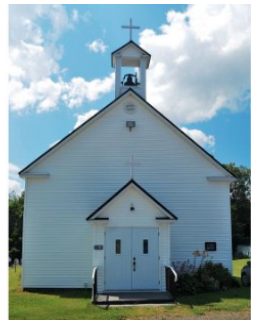
~Peggy Clement, St. Anne Parish

# Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 February 2023

*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>	Sirach 1:1-10	Psalm 93	Mark 9:14-29
<b>Tue</b>	Sirach 2:1-11	Psalm 37	Mark 9:30-37
<b>Wed</b>	Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2	Psalm 51	Matthew 6:1-18
<b>Thu</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Luke 9:22-25
<b>Fri</b>	Isaiah 58:1-9	Psalm 51	Matthew 9:14-15
<b>Sat</b>	Isaiah 58:9-14	Psalm 86	Luke 5:27-32
<b>Sun</b>	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19	Psalm 51	Matthew 4:1-11



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$96.00**; Envelopes: **\$745.00**;

Ash Wednesday Env.: **\$20.00**;

Dec. Mass Stipends: **\$21.00**; Jan. Mass Stipends:

**\$30.00**; Sale of Votives: **\$138.00**; **TOTAL: \$1,050.00**

### Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Perpetual Care x 4: **\$400.00**

### St. Peter's

Loose: **\$30.00**; Envelopes: **\$365.00**; Dec. Mass Stipends:

**\$9.00**; Jan. Mass Stipends: **\$9.00**; **TOTAL: \$413.00**

### St. Peter's Cemetery

n/a

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	18	SP	4:00 pm	David Harnett†	Dale & Debbie
Sun	19	IC	11:00 am	John Flynn†	Linda Teakles
Tue	21	IC	4:00 pm	Ernest LeBlanc†	Jeannine, Dianne & Family
Sat	25	SP	4:00 pm	David Harnett†	Cathy & Jimmy
Sun	26	IC	11:00 am	Roseline Martin†	Huguette & Family

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	25	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading / Intentions	Lois	Stella
Sun	26	IC	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Corinne / Bob Jocelyn	Adona

## ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	19	IC	10:30 am	Vina	<b>1st Decade: For our clergy</b> <b>2nd Decade: For our parishioners</b> <b>3rd Decade: For our youth</b> <b>4th Decade: For peace in our world</b> <b>5th Decade: For the intentions of parishioner</b>
Sun	26	IC	10:30 am	Gail	
Sun	5	IC	10:30 am	Vina	
Sun	12	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.*

**CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS** Please note that on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> the Parish Office will be open from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm instead of 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

**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 22<sup>ND</sup> 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*)

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON

### EMERGENCY FUNDRAISING FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA



With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), four organizations are launching an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Among those organizations is Development and Peace that is well known in our region. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs and help families go back to a more stable life. You can make a donation online or by telephone: [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) or toll free number: 1-800-494-1401. You could also mail your donation to Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7.

Make sure to include your return address to receive an income tax receipt. Thank you so much for your generosity. ~Archbishop Valéry Vienneau

**JOB OFFER - PART TIME MANAGEMENT POSITION** The Archdiocese of Moncton is seeking candidates to fill the position of Manager of Our Lady of Calvary Cemetery on a part time basis. The interested candidates must be proficient in both English and French and have demonstrated management experience. Candidates may submit their resume to the Moncton Archdiocese Reception Office at 224 St George Street Moncton, Attention: Financial Administrator, by February 28, 2023. A job description is available by email: [annettel.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:annettel.diocese@gmail.com)

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.acacatholic.ca](http://www.acacatholic.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 27<sup>th</sup> (*Insomnia*, 2002); March 13<sup>th</sup> (*Water*, 2005); March 27<sup>th</sup> (*Loving*, 2016); and April 3<sup>rd</sup> (*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.