

## EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ *Questions for Reflection*

### First Reading

[Isaiah 55:10-11](#)

1. The rain originates in the heavens, and falls to the earth making it fertile, helping to produce fruit for our consumption. Accomplishing its mission, it returns to the heavens. In what way is God's word reliable in this manner? "So shall my word be, ... achieving the end for which I sent it." What is the end for which God sent his Son?
2. Rain makes the seed germinate and grow. Apply this to God's grace. Now apply it to God's grace in your own life. Discuss.

### Second Reading

[Romans 8:18-23](#)

1. "We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now." Does God continually create us moment by moment?
2. What do you think is the corruption from which creation is trying to free itself? Is there some pain involved in trying to end war, birth a cleaner environment for the planet, and establish new and better kinds of race relations? If God continually creates us moment by moment, will God help with these difficult births?

### Gospel

[Matthew 13:1-23](#)

1. Jesus mentions "cares of the world and lure of wealth" as rocky ground and thorns that keep the seed from taking root. What is your "rocky ground"? Are you a busy pathway where the Word is sown but then is trampled? And can the thorns of worldly anxiety choke the Word when it comes to you?
2. According to Pope Francis, no one, not one person, is excluded from receiving the seed. What kinds of things might you do to allow such seed to grow?

This Parable of the Sower is somewhat the 'mother' of all parables, because it speaks about listening to the Word. It reminds us that the Word of God is a seed which in itself is fruitful and effective; and God scatters it everywhere, paying no mind to waste. Such is the heart of God!

Each one of us is ground on which the seed of the Word falls; no one is excluded! The Word is given to each one of us. We can ask ourselves what type of terrain am I? Do I resemble the path, the rocky ground, the bramble bush? With the grace of God, if we want, we can become good soil, ploughed and carefully cultivated, to help ripen the seed of the Word. It is already present in our heart, but making it fruitful depends on us; it depends on the embrace that we reserve for this seed.

[Pope Francis, Angelus, 15 Sun Ord A](#)  
July 12, 2020

# Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
16 July 2023

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

<b>Mon</b>	Exodus 1:8-22	Ps 124	Matthew 9:10-13:1
<b>Tue</b>	Exodus 2:1-15	Ps 69	Matthew 11:20-24
<b>Wed</b>	Exodus 3:1-12	Ps 103	Matthew 11:25-27
<b>Thu</b>	Exodus 3:13-20	Ps 105	Matthew 11:28-30
<b>Fri</b>	Exodus 11:10-12:14	Ps 116	Matthew 12:1-8
<b>Sat</b>	Song of Sol 3:1-4	Ps 63	John 20:1-18
<b>Sun</b>	Wisdom 12:13-19 Romans 8:26-27	Ps 86	Matthew 13:24-43



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$109.95**; Envelopes: **\$2,805.00**;  
June Masses: **\$24.00**; **TOTAL: \$2,938.95**

### St. Parick's Cemetery

June Mass: **TOTAL: \$3.00**

### St. Peter's

Loose: **\$44.50**; Envelopes: **\$185.00**; **TOTAL: \$229.50**

### St. Peter's Cemetery

Donation IMO Dan Hudson: **\$50.00**; Donation: **\$200.00**;  
**TOTAL: \$250.00**

### Regional Mass Account

Masses: **TOTAL: \$15.00**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	15	SP	4:00 pm	Josie McGlynn †	Her husband
Sun	16	IC	11:00 am	Earl & Bessie Walsh †	Janet
Tue	18	IC	4:00 pm	Flor Magsombolt †	Mary Anne Gerou
Sat	22	SP	4:00 pm	Danny Wood †	Stella & Yvon
Sun	23	IC	11:00 am	James Roach †	Don & Linda

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	22	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading / Intentions:	Lois	Stella
Sun	23	IC	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions:	Louise Pat / ?	Marilou

## ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	16	IC	10:30 am	Gail	1st Decade: <i>For our clergy</i>
Sun	23	IC	10:30 am	Vina	2nd Decade: <i>For our parishioners</i>
Sun	30	IC	10:30 am	Gail	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>

## WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

**UPCOMING FILIPINO MASS** will be held today (**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**). Please note the mass WILL NOT be followed by a potluck/social.

**MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT ANNE** will be celebrated in Elsipogtog on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The Wednesday 9:00 am mass in Elsipogtog will be canceled on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**MASS AT RICHIBUCTO WHARF FOR FISHERMEN/WOMEN** will be held on Sunday, August 6th at 11:00 am. Mass will be held outdoors on the part of the wharf closest to Rexton, and please bring a portable chair with you.

**THERE WILL BE NO 11:00 AM MASS IN REXTON ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH.**



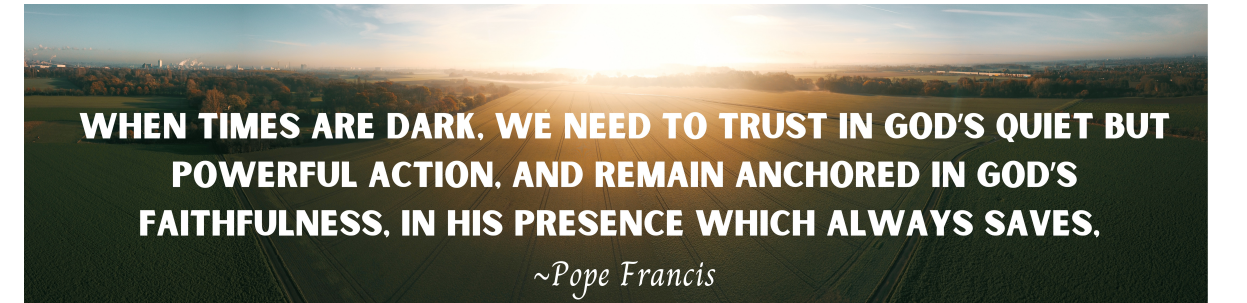
## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**KOUCHIBOUGUAC COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS** will take place every Saturday from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Kouchibouguac Community Center (119 Riverside Road). The cost for adults is \$10.00 and \$5.00 for children under 10 years. Local produce and crafts will also be on sale at the breakfasts including vegetables and eggs, baked goods, flowers, jams, pickles, & Herbs. Everyone Welcome!



## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION 2023** With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, The **ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON** joyfully announces and cordially invites you to attend the **ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD** of **REV. JUAN CARLOS JACINTO**. Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by **HIS GRACE, MGR VALÉRY VIENNEAU, ARCHBISHOP OF MONCTON** On Friday, August 4th, 2023, at 7:00 in the evening at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Drive, Riverview, New Brunswick.



**WHEN TIMES ARE DARK, WE NEED TO TRUST IN GOD'S QUIET BUT POWERFUL ACTION, AND REMAIN ANCHORED IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, IN HIS PRESENCE WHICH ALWAYS SAVES.**

~Pope Francis