

EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ *Questions for Reflection*

First Reading

[Wisdom 12:13, 16-19](#)

1. Care, justice, mercy, leniency. What would world history be like if all leaders had possessed these qualities? Are all people who work in law enforcement full of mercy, kindness and caring or could some use a little “topping off”?
2. Does it give you hope that you can repent for sins? How does this translate into your dealings with other people?

Second Reading

[Romans 8:26-27](#)

1. Discuss this quote from Prayer by Hans Urs von Balthasar:

I have the conviction that my inadequate attempt to understand is supported by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit dwelling within me, that my acts of worship, petition and thanksgiving are borne along and remodeled by the Spirit’s infinite and eternal acts.” ... “The Spirit breaks forth out of the very core of the believer’s spiritual life, showing him (her) the way, stirring him to action, thinking, willing and praying with him (her).

2. Do you remember that the Spirit is present with you? What gives nobility to your small efforts, sufferings and weaknesses? Do you ever call on the Spirit when you are in need? Think of all the ways the Spirit has come to your aid when you have needed help.

Gospel

[Matthew 13:24-43](#)

1. According to Pope Francis, what is another reason that the man who sowed good seed in his field decides not to destroy the “weeds” right away?

The servants’ intention is to eliminate evil immediately, that is, evil people. But the master is wiser, he sees farther. ... Certainly, evil must be rejected, but those who do evil are people with whom it is necessary to be patient. This does not mean that type of hypocritical tolerance that hides ambiguity; but rather, justice tempered by mercy. If Jesus came to seek sinners more than the righteous, to cure the sick first before the healthy (cf. [Mt 9:12-13](#)), then our actions too as his disciples should be focused not on suppressing the wicked, but on saving them. Patience lies here.

[Pope Francis, Angelus for 16 Ord A](#)
July 19, 2020

2. Can you always tell the weeds from the flowers, or saints from sinners? If you are quick to judge might you mistake a saint for a sinner? Is God patient with you regarding the “weeds” in your own garden? How patient are you with others? With yourself?

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 July 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

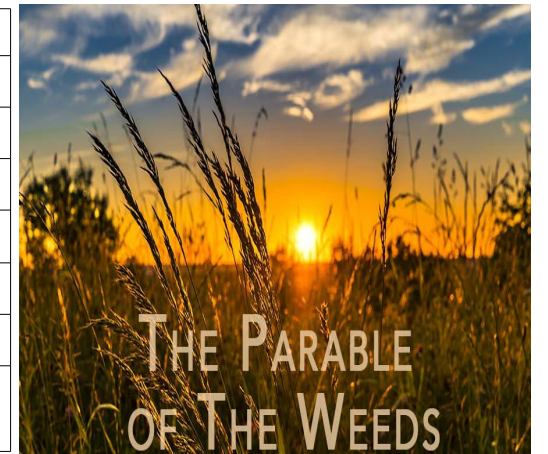
Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

St. Peter's Mass Time

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week

Mon	Exodus 14:5-18	Ex 15	Matthew 12:38-42
Tue	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Ps 126	Matthew 20:20-28
Wed	Exodus 16:1-15	Ps 78	Matthew 13:1-9
Thu	Exodus 19:1-20	Dn 3	Matthew 13:10-17
Fri	Exodus 20:1-17	Ps 19	Matthew 13:18-23
Sat	Exodus 24:3-8	Ps 50	John 11:19-27
Sun	1 Kings 3-12 Romans 8:28-30	Ps 119	Matthew 13:44-52



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: \$156.00; Envelopes: \$606.00;

TOTAL: \$762.00

St. Peter's

Loose: \$17.00; Envelopes: \$120.00; **TOTAL: \$137.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	22	SP	4:00 pm	Danny Wood †	Stella & Yvon
Sun	23	IC	11:00 am	James Roach †	Don & Linda
Tue	25	IC	4:00 pm	Jimmy Curwin †	Maureen & Family
Sat	29	SP	4:00 pm	Isabel Vautour †	The Family
Sun	30	IC	11:00 am	Penny Robichaud †	Janet

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	29	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm: 2 nd Reading / Intentions:	Lois Stella
Sun	30	IC	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm: 2 nd Reading & Intentions:	Corinne Harvey / Marian Adona

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	23	IC	10:30 am	Vina	1st Decade: <i>For our clergy</i>
Sun	30	IC	10:30 am	Gail	2nd Decade: <i>For our parishioners</i>
Sun	6	IC	10:30 am	Vina	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

ALL RESIDENTS LIVING IN SPECIAL CARE HOMES

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE Please note the Parish Office will be closed the weeks of July 30th – August 5th and August 6th – 12th. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, August 15th.

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

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

THE COMMON NIGHT MARKET (BONAR LAW COMMON) There will be a night market on Thursday, July 27th from 4:30 pm – 8:30 PM at the Bonar Law Common. Interested vendors should contact 523-7615.

KOUCHIBOUGUAC COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS will take place every Saturday from July 1st to September 2nd 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.



From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future.

—MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY