

## EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ *Questions for Reflection*

### **First Reading**

[1 Kings 3:5, 7-12](#)

1. The Hebrew word “Shema” means listen or hear.\* What impact might “listening” have today on good leadership? How would problems change if leaders in the world earnestly prayed Solomon’s prayer: “give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart”? Apply this to race relations, immigration problems, climate crises and wars.
2. Would anyone’s life change for the better if you had a more understanding heart? How do you think you might improve your skills in this area?

### **Second Reading**

[Romans 8:28-30](#)

1. The [New American Bible translation](#) is “all things work for good for those who love God.” In what ways did you see examples of this during the pandemic? Did people figure out new ways to solve problems? For example, stepping up to serve others in hospitals and food delivery.
2. How have you experienced in your own life that everything works out when you love God?

### **Gospel**

[Matthew 13:44-52 or 44-46](#)

1. Did the pearl-finder and the merchant of this reading have to be shrewd about obtaining their treasures? What about you—are you shrewd about recognizing the “treasure” or the “kingdom of God” in your own life? Do you find, or at least look for God in all things? Do you notice when God is “whispering,” or just when God is “shouting” to you?
2. According to Pope Francis, how are “getting” and “giving” related when speaking of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price?”

The Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things that the world offers; it is the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to expand towards wider horizons. Indeed, those who have found this treasure have a creative and inquisitive heart which does not repeat but rather invents, tracing and setting out on new paths which lead us to love God, to love others, and to truly love ourselves. The sign of those who walk this path of the Kingdom is creativity, always seeking more. And creativity is what takes life and gives life, and gives, and gives, and gives. ... It always looks for many different ways to give life.

Jesus, who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a meaning for one’s life, the joy of feeling committed to the adventure of holiness.

[Pope Francis, Angelus, 17 Ord A](#)

July 26, 2020

# Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 July 2023

*Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton*

*St-Peter's Church, South Branch*



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### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm,

Wednesday & Thursday – 8:30 am - 12:30 pm



**Priest-Moderator:** Fr. Bernard Gauthier, C.Ss.R. 523-9788 Cell Phone: 889-0344

### **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 32:15-34	Ps 106	Matthew 13:31-35
<b>Tue</b>	Exodus 33:7-34:28	Ps 103	Matthew 13:36-43
<b>Wed</b>	Exodus 34:29-35	Ps 99	Matthew 13:44-46
<b>Thu</b>	Exodus 40:16-38	Ps 84	Matthew 13:47-53
<b>Fri</b>	Leviticus 23:1-37	Ps 81	Matthew 13:54-58
<b>Sat</b>	Leviticus 25:1-17	Ps 67	Matthew 14:1-12
<b>Sun</b>	Deuteronomy 7:9-14 Peter 1:16-19	Ps 97	Matthew 17:1-9



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$186.50**; Envelopes: **\$635.00**; Indigenous Reconciliation: **\$5.00**; **TOTAL: \$826.50**

### St. Peter's

Loose: **\$36.00**; Envelopes: **\$170.00**; **TOTAL: \$206.00**

### Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$15.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!**

## MASS INTENTIONS UP TO AUGUST 20TH

Sat	29	SP	4:00 pm	Isabel Vautour †	The Family
Sun	30	IC	11:00 am	Penny Robichaud †	Janet
Tue	1	IC	4:00 pm	Flor Magsombolt †	Mary Anne Gerou
Sat	5	SP	4:00 pm	Raymond Murphy †	Claire
Sun	6	Wharf	11:00 am	Jimmy Curwin †	Shirley Curwin
Tue	8	IC	4:00 pm	Faye Hudson †	Ed & Dawne Furey
Sat	12	SP	4:00 pm	Ruby & Don Collins & Family	Stella & Yvon
Sun	13	IC	11:00 am	Edward Vautour †	Janet
Tue	15	IC	4:00 pm	Byron Hannay †	Gemma Dugas
Sat	19	SP	4:00 PM	David Harnett †	Debbie & Dale
Sun	20	IC	11:00 am	Franklin Legoff †	Bill Legoff

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ROSARY SCHEDULE UP TO AUGUST 20TH

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	30	IC	10:30 am	Gail	1st Decade: For our clergy
Sun	6	IC	10:30 am	Vina	2nd Decade: For our parishioners
Sun	13	IC	10:30 am	Gail	3rd Decade: For our youth
Sun	20	IC	10:30 am	Vina	4th Decade: For peace in our world
					5th Decade: For the intentions of parishioner



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

**ALVERIE ROBICHAUD, CHRISTIAN ROBICHAUD**

**ROGER MAZEROLLE**

**ALL RESIDENTS LIVING IN SPECIAL CARE HOMES**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE UP TO AUGUST 20TH

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	5	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading / Intentions:	Lois Stella
Sun	6	IC	11:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions:	Donna Stephen / Rose Ann Louise
Sat	12	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading / Intentions:	Lois Stella
Sun	13	IC	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions:	Gloria Pat / Vina Gloria
Sat	19	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading / Intentions:	Lois Stella
Sun	20	SP	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions:	? Corinne / Jocelyn Marilou



***PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
JULY 28TH - AUGUST 14TH  
THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH  
THERE WILL BE NO PARISH BULLETIN FOR THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS***

**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.**

## 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.

**MONDAYS @ THE MOVIES** - Our next film discussion will take place on Monday, August 21st at 10:30 am via Zoom. We will be discussing the 1942 film *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Mondays @ The Movies is a film discussion group designed to spark conversation about issues of faith and spirituality found in popular films. Please contact Trevor at 857-4879 or [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com) if you are interested.