

## EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ Questions for Reflection

### First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

- This reading, from Isaiah, says, “he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.” How can the Church act as father in the present crises: racial, immigration, environmental, martial? Besides continuing to have a solid faith, what other qualities or virtues do we look for in Church leadership?
- “I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder ...” In the Gospel Jesus tells Peter he will give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. What might those keys unlock? The depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God?

### Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

- “For who has known the mind of the Lord?” Are you good at recognizing the Lord in your life? Are you able to know where God is leading you, or what God is doing in your life?
- “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! ... For from him and through him and for him are all things.” Every person, every race, every part of our environment comes from God. How can we thank or “give glory” to God for gifts such as these? By loving? By protecting others?

### Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

- To answer Jesus’ question, “who do you say I am,” you have to know him. Which of the following could help you know Jesus?—take whatever time you wish with any of these:
- Music by Vivaldi; Michelangelo’s David; Van Gogh’s Irises; a good homily; a good book; good friends; suffering; joy; meditation; successes; weaknesses; family; flowers; people without a home.
- Can you find (and get to know) God in many of these [and more]?
- When the disciples answered Jesus’ question, “Who do you say that I am?” they went from admiring Jesus to following him. What do you think Pope Francis meant when he said that in following Jesus we are “looking ahead and welcoming the kairos [moment of grace]”?

*“At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asks his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” ... They had to take that decisive step, from admiring Jesus to imitating Jesus. Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: “Who am I for you?” This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism. It requires a vital, personal response.*

*That response renews us as disciples. It takes place in three steps, steps that the disciples took and that we too can take. It involves first, proclaiming Jesus; second, discerning with Jesus and third, following Jesus. ...*

*The present International Eucharistic Congress marks the end of one journey, but more importantly, the beginning of another. For walking behind Jesus means always looking ahead, welcoming the kairos of grace, and being challenged every day by the Lord’s question to each of us, his disciples: Who do you say that I am?*

~Pope Francis Address, Sept 12, 2021

# Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 August 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

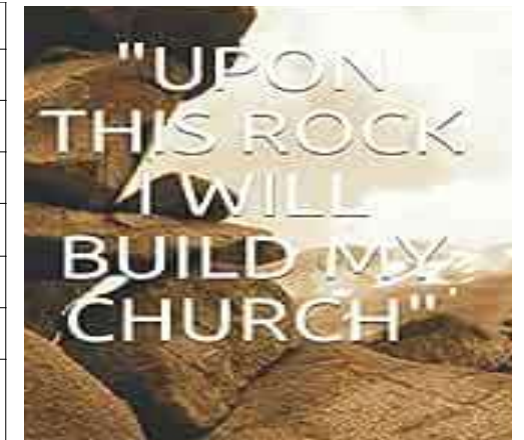
Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

### St. Peter’s Mass Time

Saturday – 4:00 pm

### Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week

<b>Mon</b>	I Thessalonians 1:1-5	Ps 149	Matthew 23:13-22
<b>Tue</b>	I Thessalonians 2:1-8	Ps 139	Mark 6:17-29
<b>Wed</b>	I Thessalonians 2:9-13	Ps 139	Matthew 23:27-32
<b>Thu</b>	I Thessalonians 3:7-13	Ps 90	Matthew 24:42-51
<b>Fri</b>	I Thessalonians 4:1-8	Ps 97	Matthew 25:1-13
<b>Sat</b>	I Thessalonians 4:9-11	Ps 98	Matthew 25:14-30
<b>Sun</b>	Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2	Ps 63	Matthew 16:21-28



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$126.25**; Envelopes: **\$530.00**;  
Baptism Donation: **\$100.00**; July Masses: **\$27.00**;  
Sale of Votives: **\$216.00**; Hall Rental: **\$110.00**;  
**TOTAL: \$1,109.25**

### St. Peter's

Loose: **\$45.10**; Envelopes: **\$260.00**; July Masses: **\$15.00**;  
Indigenous Reconciliation: **\$20.00**;  
Hall Rental: **\$200.00**; **TOTAL: \$540.10**

### St. Peter's Cemetery

Urn Burial: **\$100.00**;  
Perpetual Care: **\$100.00**; **TOTAL: \$200.00**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	26	SP	4:00 pm	George R. Simon †	Anita Joseph
Sun	27	IC	11:00 am	Norman & William Hines †	Bill Legoff
Tue	29	IC	4:00 pm	Paul Robichaud †	Raymond & Jeannine Gauvin
Sat	2	SP	4:00 pm	Herman & Teresa Warman †	Daneen & Family
Sun	3	IC	11:00 am	Raymond Perry †	Nancy Perry

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	2	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading / Intentions:	Lois	Stella
Sun	3	IC	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions:	Pat Donna / Jocelyn	Adona

## ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	3	IC	10:30 am	Gail	1st Decade: <i>For our clergy</i>
Sun	10	IC	10:30 am	Vina	2nd Decade: <i>For our parishioners</i>
Sun	17	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>

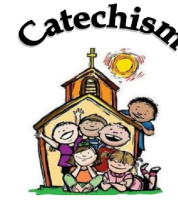


**WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

**ALVERIE ROBICHAUD. CHRISTIAN ROBICHAUD**

**ROGER MAZEROLLE**

**ALL RESIDENTS LIVING IN SPECIAL CARE HOMES**



**CATECHISM FOR 2023-2024** Fr. Bernard plans to offer catechism later this fall, so if you have children of catechetical age (school age) please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Bernard. If you will be seeking sacraments for your child this year (first communion, confirmation, reconciliation) please contact either the Parish Office or Fr. Bernard as soon as possible to assist us with the planning. **If you are able to assist in any way with the parish catechism program, please contact either the Parish Office or Fr. Bernard.**

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**TENDING THE SOIL, TENDING THE SOWER 2023 CATECHIST FORMATION** will take place on Saturday, September 16th from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm (brunch provided) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview. This year's facilitator will be Charlene Peters from the Diocese of Charlottetown who will offer a session entitled "He Restores my Soul." This formation is open anyone serving in parish ministry. Contact Trevor at 857-4879 or [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com) to register, or register online by going to [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) → Children's Catechesis → Formation Opportunities and click on the poster for "Tending the Soil, Tending the Sower 2023."

**BEING PRESENT: CAREGIVERS AND THE PEOPLE THEY CARE FOR** The Committee Looking at End of Life Pastoral Care will re-offer a session designed for those who provide care to the sick / infirm, facilitated by Louise Ongco of Immaculate Conception Parish in Rexton. **The session will take place on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard's Church (43 Botsford Street) in Moncton, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.** Contact Trevor at 857-4879 or [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com) to register, or register online by going to [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities and click on the poster for "Being Present."

**"THE WAY OF BEAUTY" WEBINARS** In September 2023, the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host a webinar series, titled "The Way of Beauty" inviting leaders of catechesis and evangelization to reflect on the way of beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church. The three sessions of "The Way of Beauty" webinar series will be: "*Beauty and Catechesis*" — Dr. Jem Sullivan, Thursday 7 September from 1:00-2:30 pm EDT; "*Beauty and Evangelization*" — Mr. David Dayler, Thursday 14 September, from 1:00-2:30 pm EDT; "*Beauty and Liturgy*" — Fr. Paul Massel, Thursday 21 September, from 1:00-2:30 pm EDT. If you wish to attend any of the webinar sessions contact Trevor at [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com) or 857-4879.

**MONDAYS @ THE MOVIES** Our next film discussion will take place on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm via Zoom. We will be discussing the 1989 film *Dead Poet's Society*, starring Robin Williams and Ethan Hawke. Mondays @ The Movies is a film discussion group designed to spark conversations about themes 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.



**JOB POSTING - FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR (24 TO 35) HOURS PER WEEK** The Archdiocese of Moncton is seeking a Financial Administrator. Interested candidates must demonstrate financial management, project management, decision-making skills and be bilingual. Candidates may submit their CV to the Archdiocese of Moncton reception office, 224 St-George Street, Moncton, to the attention of Mgr Valéry Vienneau, no later than September 5, 2023. A job description is available at [annettel.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:annettel.diocese@gmail.com)