

EXPLORING OUR FAITH – Faith and Knowledge

Knowledge, science, is the application of human intelligence to the empirical world. Math is just another word for intelligence. To believe in Creation is to believe that our intelligence is God-given, that there can be no conflict between Science and Creation. Science describes Creation in all its complexity. Difference is essential to the world. Otherwise we would all be a pre-Big Bang lump. Our knowledge of our own little piece of the world does not mean that someone else's knowledge is wrong.



Faith is an attitude. An attitude that one's own knowledge is complete and better than someone else's knowledge is not faith in God but in oneself. "I Am Who I Am. Do not put false gods before me." St Athanasius describes many of the idols of his time as objective representations of human thoughts and feelings. (Contra Gentes) In our day, many of our idols remain abstractions, like "Money" From the 5th Reading of the Easter Vigil we hear God say "My thoughts are not your thoughts." (Isaiah 55). The attitude of faith colours knowledge, and faith in God means frankly accepting the limitations of one's own knowledge.

The Gospel from the afternoon Mass of Easter (from John 20) tells the Resurrection story on the Road to Emmaus. It is a deeply layered and thoughtful summary of the Passion and Resurrection and a description of how an attitude of faith colours and therefore changes previous understanding. Both disciples (both Cleopas and I the Reader) had studied and knew the Scriptures well. But how did we interpret them before being shown it was necessary "that the Christ should suffer these things and then enter into his glory." All those readings during the Easter Vigil were efforts to replay what the Stranger explained on the road to Emmaus. The key words are "he interpreted to them..."

How often we need an interpreter. Words unfamiliar from another language, but also words familiar all our lives from a new perspective "open our eyes" and colour our understanding so "our hearts burn within us": not new knowledge but familiar knowledge, coloured by faith.

The disciples on the road had hoped that Jesus the Prophet would free Israel from the Romans; but the living Christ, in the breaking of the bread revealed that it is love that defeats death and colours all our understanding.

~ Agnes Beirne

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 31st March 2024

Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton

St-Peter's Church, South Branch



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Wednesday to Friday – 9:00 am - 3:00 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			
Mon	Acts 2:14-33	Ps 16	Matthew 28:8-15
Tue	Acts 2:36-41	Ps 33	John 20:11-18
Wed	Acts 3:1-10	Ps 105	Luke 24:13-35
Thu	Acts 3:11-26	• Ps 8	Luke 24:35-48
Fri	Acts 4:1-12	Ps 118	John 21:1-14
Sat	Acts 4:13-21	Ps 118	Mark 16:9-15
Sun	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6	Ps 118	John 20:19-31



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$140.75**; Envelopes: **\$595.00**; New Year's Day Env.: **\$5.00**; Share Lent Env.: **\$185.00**; Food Friday Env.: **\$10.00** **TOTAL: \$935.75**

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

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

St. Peter's
Envelopes: **\$40.00**
TOTAL: \$40.00

Regional Mass
Funeral Mass: **\$100.00** **TOTAL: \$100.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	30	IC	8:30 pm	<i>Easter Vigil - People of the Parish</i>	
Sun	31	SP	10:30 am	<i>Easter Sunday - People of the Parish</i>	
Tue	2	IC	4:00 pm	Faye Hudson †	Dick Hudson
Sat	6	SP	4:00 pm	Emily Simon †	Mr. Mrs. George Sanipass
Sun	7	IC	11:00 am	Ernie LeBlanc †	Diane, Jeannine & Family

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sun	6	SP	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois	Stella
Sun	7	IC	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Judi / Gloria Dennis	Louise

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	7	IC	10:30 am	Vina	1 st Decade: For our Clergy; 2 nd Decade: For our parishioners;
Sun	14	IC	10:30 am	Gail	3 rd Decade: For our youth; 4 th Decade: For peace in our world; 5 th Decade: For the intentions of parishioners.



WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

ALVERIE ROBICHAUD. CHRISTIAN ROBICHAUD
ROGER MAZEROLLE
ALL RESIDENTS LIVING IN SPECIAL CARE HOMES

PLEASE NOTE, FR. BERNARD WILL BE AWAY FROM APRIL 8TH-12TH, SO, THERE WILL BE NO 4:00 PM MASS IN REXTON ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH.

CATECHISM (First Communion participants) – Our next catechism session will be on Tuesday, **April 2nd** at 7:00 pm in Elsipogtog.

CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE Please note that during Holy Week, the Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, Mar. 29th** and **Monday April 1st**. The Parish Office will be return to regular office hours on Tuesday, April 2nd.

UPCOMING FILIPINO MASS will take place on **Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 pm** in St. Anne-de-Kent Church. A Filipino priest, **Fr. Carlos Jacinto** will preside the mass over and it will be in **Tagalog/Filipino** language.

"JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! LOVE HAS TRIUMPHED OVER HATRED, LIFE HAS CONQUERED DEATH, LIGHT HAS DISPELLED THE DARKNESS!"
POPE FRANCIS

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next Theology on Tap will take place on Monday, April 22nd (Earth Day), when we will be joined by Sr. Denise Lirette, fj who will give a presentation entitled "My Faith Journey: From Sky God to God Consciousness at the Heart of the Cosmos." The event will take place at Mai Asian Restaurant (1909 Mountain Road, Moncton) at 6:30 pm. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email karen.diocese@gmail.com.

R.C.I.A. FORMATION WITH CATHERINE ECKER - We will be offering a series of four virtual formation sessions (Via Zoom) on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), facilitated by Catherine Ecker. Catherine joins us from the Archdiocese of Toronto, Ontario where she currently serves as the Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist at St. Mary's Parish. She is also a lead Canadian expert in Christian Initiation and has co-authored the *Alive in the Spirit!* confirmation preparation program for young people. Sessions will take place on **April 22nd, April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th** from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. To register visit www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Trevor at 857-4879 or email trevord.diocese@gmail.com

