

**EXPLORING OUR FAITH – PEACE BE WITH YOU**

The readings for today remind us that Jesus is our advocate. They reassure us that Jesus' atoning sacrifice for us and for our sins extends beyond us to the whole world. In the Gospel, first Jesus said to the disciples: " Peace be with you! " Knowing how disturbed they were , the state of their minds, the Lord asked, " Why are you so troubled? " In other words, Jesus was asking them " Can you give me reasons for being troubled? I am here with peace!" The disciples in today's Gospel suddenly had their eyes opened. They recognized Jesus not with just their eyes but with their hearts. They recognized Him because they encountered Him in a totally different light. Their minds that were troubled and closed were changed because of Jesus' promise that He is always here with peace.



Our actions and reactions in life depend on how we set our minds to things around us. When the mind is closed, nothing gainful happens ; instead we are troubled. Life without troubles does not exist ; in fact , life is full of troubles. Jesus said in the gospel "that in the world, you will have troubles. You may not stop them, but He promised that you get through them because He is with you always."

Father Charles Irvin has stated that " Jesus comes to you and me in ways we least expect. We need times of reflection. This is why we need to get out of the busy-ness of our days. We need to turn off all the noise that's hurled at us in this modern world of ours. For it is in moments of quiet reflection , when we're out for a stroll , or when we're in some quiet place where we're allowed to reflect, that we begin to "see" Jesus and come into a deeper awareness of His presence to us. "

The world we live in today is full of troubles : the constant pursuit of money and goods , of power and status , the ever present escape into drugs, alcohol and the high incidence of suicides, especially among young people. Our world is slowly crumbling away around us because of all the wars and hatreds and conflicts. We are a people ( like the disciples ) who are looking for meaning , peace and happiness in our lives. We all need to hear the greeting : " Peace be with you " and to experience the peace that only Jesus can give. With Jesus beside us we can endure together. We can be a people who face up to the difficulties in life , who are armed in order to turn those difficulties into great value. We must remember that God is with us and will carry us forth , and we need be afraid of nothing.

God seeks us out when we are troubled with doubts about ourselves , the world in which we live , our painful lives , all of these things. May we have some time to make our own Emmaus time and may we come to recognize Him in all those moments where God tries to break in on our time and walk with us as we face all of the stupendous events life hurls at us. Let us remember the words said so long ago : " *PEACE BE WITH YOU !* "

~ Cathy Keirstead

# Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

## Third Sunday of Easter 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Immaculate Conception Church, Rexton

St-Peter's Church, South Branch



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**Immaculate Conception Mass Times**

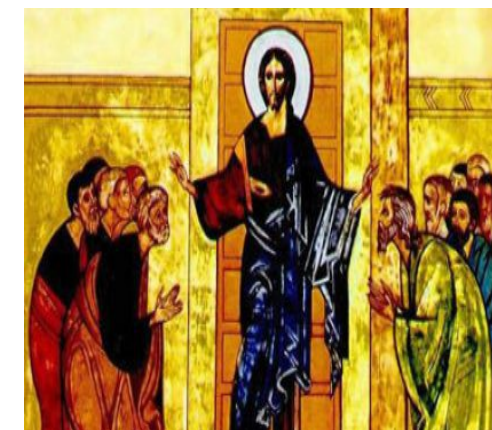
Sunday – 11:00 am

Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

**St. Peter's Mass Time**

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week			
<b>Mon</b>	Acts 6:8-15	Ps 119	John 6:22-29
<b>Tue</b>	Acts 7:51 – 8:1A	Ps 31	John 6:30-35
<b>Wed</b>	Acts 8:1B-8	Ps 66	John 6:35-40
<b>Thu</b>	Acts 8:26-40	Ps 66	John 6:44-51
<b>Fri</b>	Acts 9:1-20	Ps 117	John 6:52-59
<b>Sat</b>	Acts 9:31-42	Ps 116	John 6:60-69
<b>Sun</b>	Acts 4:7-12 1 John 3:1-2	Ps 118	John 10:11-18



## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

### Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$103.00**; Envelopes: **\$745.00**; Share Lent Env.: **\$40.00**; Good Friday Env.: **\$35.00**; Easter Offering Env.: **\$120.00**; Heating Offering Env.: **\$5.00**; Masses: **\$45.00**  
**TOTAL: \$1093.00**

### St. Peter's

Loose: **\$38.45**; Envelopes: **\$215.00**; Good Friday Env.: **\$10.00**; Easter Offering Env.: **\$50.00**; Masses: **\$20.00**  
**TOTAL: \$333.45**

### Regional Mass

Mass Stipends: **\$30.00** **TOTAL: \$30.00**

### St. Peter's Cemetery

Funeral Payment: **\$250.00** **TOTAL: \$250.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	13	SP	4:00 pm	Philip Lennox †	Angus & Stella Murphy
Sun	14	IC	11:00 am	Odette & Ron Sawyer †	Diane, Jeannine & Family
Tue	16	IC	4:00 pm	Len & Helen Carter †	Dick & Family
Sat	20	SP	4:00 pm	Lilian Vautour †	Janet Vautour
Sun	21	IC	11:00 am	Roseline Martin †	Huguette & Alverie

## LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	20	SP	4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Lois	Stella
Sun	21	IC	11:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions	Pat / Vina Harvey	Gloria

## ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	21	IC	10:30 am	Vina	1 <sup>st</sup> Decade: For our Clergy; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Decade: For our parishioners;
Sun	28	IC	10:30 am	Gail	3 <sup>rd</sup> Decade: For our youth; 4 <sup>th</sup> Decade: For peace in our world; 5 <sup>th</sup> Decade: For the intentions of parishioners.

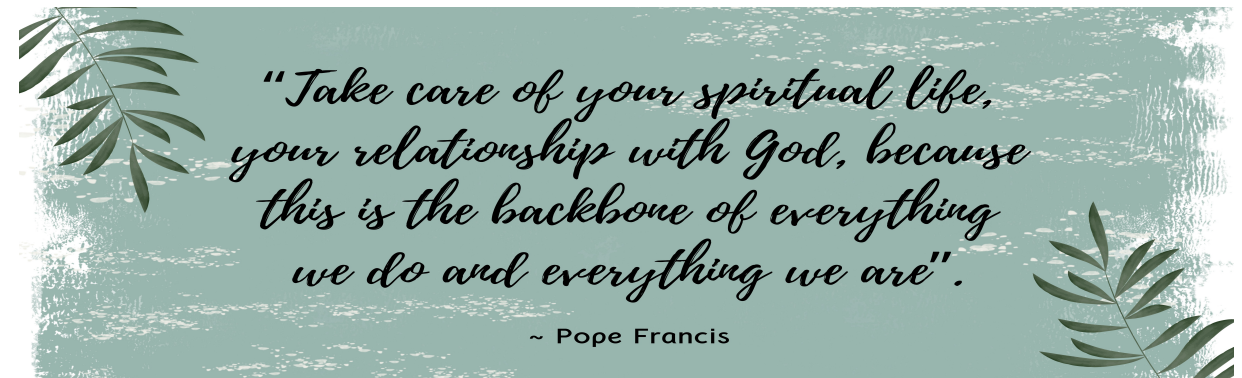


**WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

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



**CATECHISM (First Communion participants)**  
**- Next catechism session will be on**  
**Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm in Elsipogtog.**



## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Mr. Frank Quinn**, a seminarian deacon studying at the London Seminary suffered a heart attack on Friday March the 26<sup>th</sup>. He was supposed to be ordained to the priesthood at the Moncton Cathedral on May the 3<sup>rd</sup>. To permit him a prompt convalescence, his ordination to the priesthood will be postponed to a later date. We pray to the Lord that his health will be imminent so that he will fulfil his project to serve Christ's Church as a priest.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. To register visit [www.diomoncton.ca](http://www.diomoncton.ca) → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities. For more information contact Trevor at 857-4879 or email [trevord.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com)