

Love and Marriage

We had mentioned, last week, while discussing "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", that we human beings need relaxation and recreation.

It is no less true for married couples, especially parents, that relaxation and recreation are tremendously desirable. Our first inclination was to say that relaxation and recreation are a "must", but raising five children (with no nearby relatives to whom one can turn, and with helping agencies too costly) has taught this writer that even the "musts" are sometimes just not possible. In some communities, in some neighbourhoods, neighbourly help is still lively like in our grandparents' day, but in other communities it is as dead as the dodo bird.

So, how do parents make provision for their own tremendously desirable relaxation and recreation? Certain factors enter into any planning. For example, can they afford the expense of going out for their entertainment, the cost of the entertainment, baby-sitting costs, transportation, etc? For the mother, tied perhaps so close to the house and children all day every day, "getting out of the house for a while" is a necessity.

How she is to get out is the problem. Can you, husband, take her out somewhere (visiting or a show, etc.) perhaps once a month at least? It is (again) tremendously desirable that (as part of your friendship in marriage) you do things *together*. Not all things necessarily, but many things necessarily. Legitimate pleasures enjoyed together can do wonders in renewing your married love.

Sometimes when we can't get out, we can bring the outside in. A certain selectivity in radio and TV can help to achieve this.

We are interrupting this series for a while but we would like to leave a few thoughts with you :

A married couple are friends; friends are dedicated to producing happiness (here and eternally) for each other. You are a man and a woman; a man thinks as a man, a woman thinks as a woman; a man needs encouragement, especially from his wife; a woman needs to be told and told again and again by her husband that he loves her. You are building a family life together; it takes both of you, it takes your joint dedication and love for each other.

Difficulties, problems — sure, you'll have them. That's how the cross enters your life to cleanse the slag from your love.

And the Eternal Flame that burns beside the grave of one husband-father can be the symbol of the fire of your own mutual love that can truly endure forever.



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One of the most difficult things to do is to stand up, all alone, for things that are right. It isn't the standing up for what is right that is so difficult. It's the being all alone that is so hard. It takes courage to stand alone to advocate good and to oppose wrong.



Usually, if at least one person has the courage to lead the way, others will follow in encouragement and support. But it does take that first one to rally the others. On the other hand, without that encouragement and support, courage may falter and fail — and some great good may never be won.

This is not just a speculative thing. It is a very practical, very urgent necessity for you and me, right here and right now.

You and I are members of our parish. We are all members of this one big family : the parish-family. We have all been born into this family by means of Baptism. All of us have the same goals : to make this a more thoroughly Christian area in which to live, in which to raise our children, to make the whole world a bit better, to achieve personal holiness of life, and to win Heaven.

It is an individual enterprise, it is a collective enterprise within our own intimate family, and it is a collective, cooperative enterprise of the entire parish-family — all of us at the service of all the others to gain these goals.

It shouldn't be necessary for anyone to have to stand alone in promoting these views, in having the courage to live up to his or her baptismal contract with God. We should be able to count on the full encouragement and support of these families and of anyone who calls himself Christian.

When Jesus stood alone against the devil, it was the last time that anyone had to stand alone. Now, if you or I need to stand up for good or to oppose evil, we do not stand alone, for Jesus stands beside us and, as Father Lord once wrote : "God and I are a majority !"

Immaculate Conception Parish

Chapel Point

Rexton

South Branch

Rev. Herbert Grattan, Pastor

1st Sunday in LentFeb.16/64

Catechism Classes this afternoon at one o'clock

Devotions this afternoon at 2 o'clock

There will be an Exemplification of the First Degree for the Knights of Columbus this evening at 8.p.m. at the K of C Hall in Chatham. All knights are requested to attend.

There will be a Baby Clinic on Thursday of this week, at regular place and time.

The February meeting of Kingston Hall Hospital Aid will be held on Monday, February 17th at 8.p.m. at the residence of Mrs Horatio Mundle.

The Series of Card Parties were very successful.

\$40.00	1st
\$48.00	2nd
\$51.50	3rd
\$44.50	4th
\$66.55	on Quilt
\$11.60	pantry sale

\$262.15 realized for parish

Our sincere thanks to ladies who organized these parties and to all who worked or supported these in any way.

Winner of Quilt ...Mr Charles Hebert.

High Masses for the Week.

Sunday: Telesphore Arseneault - Rexton Choir

Mon. George Hebert (Anniv.) - Family

Tues. Harold Daigle (Anniv.) - Mrs Daigle

Wed. Hubert LeBlanc - Mr & Mrs Lester Beattie

Thurs. Ronald Murphy - Frances Murphy

Fri. Hugh Dysart - Mrs Frank LeGoff & Billy

Sat. Richard Woods - Mr & Mrs James Hanrahan

High Masses this week at 7.15 a.m.

Servers this week: Bobby Robichaud (7.15)

Tom Beaver (4.p.m.)

Masses during the week: 7.15 a.m. & 4p.m.

There will be a Card Party in the Parish Hall on Thursday of this week at 8 p.m. Proceeds from this event will be for the Graduating Class of Rexton High School.

The amount realized from the sale of Poutines on last Tuesday amounted to \$25.65. Our sincere thanks to the ladies who made and sold them.

Lent is almost one week old and I must say that attendance at mass has been very good. However, more children should be attending daily mass. To encourage children to attend mass and receive Holy communion the second mass will be at 4 p.m.

God Bless You.