

EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ WHAT MUST I DO?

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, a lawyer asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus says to the lawyer, *well, how do you read the law?* Without hesitation, the lawyer gives Jesus the answer, which the lawyer already knew: *love God wholly and your neighbor as yourself.*

Right!, Jesus tells him. *You do that, and you’ll live.*

But wait, the lawyer says, *who is my neighbor?*

Then Jesus tells him the story of the bad priest and Levite and the good Samaritan, and Jesus finishes with another question to the lawyer: *which of these was the neighbor of the robbery victim?*

The lawyer gives the answer he has to give: *the good neighbor was the Samaritan.*

Now notice the oddness of the lawyer’s first question. He doesn’t ask: what is the best way to soar in love of God? He asks: what *must* I do to inherit eternal life? He is looking for the minimum necessary to get in to heaven, isn’t he?

But eternal life is a union, a marriage, with God. Who would want to get married to someone who said, “what’s the minimum I can do for you and with you and still get you to marry me?”

So Jesus gets the lawyer to answer his question, and the lawyer gives the right answer. What you *have* to do, the minimum necessary, is everything: love God wholly, and love your neighbor as yourself.

This is a disconcerting answer, of course, because in this life none of us is ever going to do everything. So if *everything* is the minimum necessary, then none of us is getting in. And so the lawyer tries on his original move again. He wants a definition of *neighbor* which gives him the minimum number of people to count as neighbors he has to love.

But Jesus upends the lawyer’s continuing desire for a minimum by giving him another maximum: everyone you can love is your neighbor. If you can do good to him, he counts as your neighbor.

And that is what we *must* do to inherit eternal life: come to Christ. The lawyer’s own answers to his questions are right. But giving everything in love for God is a holiness we can find only through Christ’s unstinting outpouring of love for us.

~Eleonore Stump, Saint Louis University

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 July 2022

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

Mon	Isaiah 1:10-17	Psalms 50	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tue	Isaiah 7:1-9	Psalms 48	Matthew 11:20-24
Wed	Isaiah 10:5-7	Psalms 94	Matthew 11:25-27
Thu	Isaiah 26:7--19	Psalms 102	Matthew 11:28-30
Fri	Isaiah 38:1-6	Isaiah 38	Matthew 12:1-8
Sat	Malachi 2:1-5	Psalms 10	Matthew 12:14-21
Sun	Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28	Psalms 15	Luke 10:38-42



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: **\$42.00**; Envelopes: **\$886.00**;
TOTAL: \$928.00

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Perpetual Care: **\$100.00**

St. Peter's

Loose: **\$15.00**; Envelopes: **\$279.80**;
TOTAL: \$294.80

Regional Mass Account

Masses: **\$100.00**

Thank you

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	9	SB	4:00 pm	Brenda Warham†	Claire Murphy
Sun	10	IC	11:00 am	John Flynn†	Jeanne Warren
Tue	12	IC	4:00 pm	Simone Hawkins†	Maia, Mark & Family
Sat	16	SB	4:00 pm	Teresa Warman†	Elizabeth Thompson, Marilyn Hannay & Marie Walsh
Sun	17	IC	11:00 am	Margaret Sullivan†	Huguette & Alverie Robichaud

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	16	SB	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois Stella
Sun	17	IC	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Pat Vina Adona

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	10	IC	10:30 am	Maia	1st Decade: For our clergy 2nd Decade: For our parishioners 3rd Decade: For our youth 4th Decade: For peace in our world 5th Decade: For the intentions of parishioners
Sun	17	IC	10:30 am	Gail	
Sun	24	IC	10:30 am	Maia	
Sun	31	IC	10:30 am	Gail	

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Alverie Robichaud, Roger Mazerolle and all residents living in special care homes.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SOCIALS Our next parish social will take place on **July 17th** following mass with another to follow on **August 21st**. There will be a basket for freewill offering, with all funds raised going to the parish. We are also looking for volunteers willing to assist with the clean-up afterwards, and also to help sell tickets for the Quilt Raffle. For more information, contact Maia Scoretz at family@forourlady.com, 778-804-8370 or 506-688-6061. **Please note it is not necessary to bring food if you wish to come, everyone is welcome!**

PARISH QUILT RAFFLE Tickets are now available for the Immaculate Conception Quilt Raffle! The cost is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, and can be obtained by dropping into the parish office. The quilt was hand-crafted and donated by the Quilting Ladies of the parish. Anyone interested in selling tickets for the fundraiser should contact the parish office. Winner will be drawn Oct. 9th.

MASS AT CHAPEL POINT Fr. Bernard will celebrate mass at St. Patrick's Church (Chapel Point) on Saturday, July 23 at 4:00 pm. There will be no 4:00 pm mass held in South Branch on this date.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY We are still looking for a summer student to serve as groundskeeper for Immaculate Conception Parish. The position involves work in the cemetery and parish halls. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact the parish office.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday @ The Movies is a discussion group that meets regularly to talk about faith connections in popular movies. Our next movie discussion will take place on Zoom on Monday, July 25th at 10:30 am when we will talk about the (2004) independent comedy, *Napoleon Dynamite*. For more information or to register, contact Trevor at 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOUCHIBOUGUAC FARMER'S MARKET & BREAKFAST will take place Saturdays between July 2nd to September 3rd at the Kouchibouguac Center (119 Riverside Road). Market opens between 8:00 am and 11:00 am and the cost is \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10.

UPRIVER COUNTRY MARKET runs every Saturday until September 3rd from 9:00 am until noon and takes place at 20 Fearon Cross Road (Bass River) in the barn across the field.

FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC BY THE WATER on July 22nd from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Bonar Law Common. Music with Lé Bon Tymeaux, call 523-7615 for more information.

WEEKLY TEA PARTIES AT BONAR LAW COMMON every Thursday afternoon between July 7th and August 18th between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Call 523-7615 for more information.