## **EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ OUR OTHER DESIRES**

Today's liturgy contains a very strong message to those who have much and to those who want more: "Avoid greed in all its forms." We are to avoid the mistake of the rich fool, who saved up a fortune, only to die and have it left to others.

"That is the way it works with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God." Christians are challenged to be "intent on things above rather than on things of earth"; anything else "is vanity and a great misfortune."

Our society, based on the civil religion of capitalism, perceives greed as good and desirable, for it fuels the drive to improve ourselves. "Greed is not a bad word," said a prominent American economist and erstwhile Secretary of Treasury.

But in the Christian scheme of things, greed is a bad word, and money does not save: God is the only one who helps (us) and sets (us) free."

The Eucharist is a sign of the Christian commitment to satisfying basic human needs such as food; all our other desires should prompt us to fall on our knees with the prayer: "Forgive our sins and restore us to life."

Neither individuals nor nations should regard the possession of more and more goods as the ultimate objective. ... The exclusive pursuit of material possessions prevents man's growth as a human being and stands in opposition to his true grandeur. Avarice, in individuals and in nations, is the most obvious form of stultified moral development.

Pope Paul VI, Populorum Progressio, 1967:19

~Gerald Darring, Saint Louis University Sunday Site

## Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 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. | P | etei | <u>r's</u> | Mass | <u>s T</u> | <u>im</u> | e |
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Saturday – 4:00 pm

| Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week |                                      |             |                  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Mon                                  | Jeremiah 28:1-17                     | Psalm 119   | Matthew 14:13-21 |  |  |  |
| Tue                                  | Jeremiah 30:1-22                     | Psalm 102   | Matthew 14:22-36 |  |  |  |
| Wed                                  | Jeremiah 31:1-7                      | Jeremiah 31 | Matthew 15:21-28 |  |  |  |
| Thu                                  | Jeremiah 31:31-34                    | Psalm 51    | Matthew 16:13-23 |  |  |  |
| Fri                                  | Nahum 2:1-7                          | Deut 32     | John 11:19-27    |  |  |  |
| Sat                                  | Deuteronomy 7:9-14                   | Psalm 97    | Luke 9:28-36     |  |  |  |
| Sun                                  | Wisdom 18:6-9<br>Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 | Psalm 33    | Luke 12:32-48    |  |  |  |



Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

Luke 12:15. NIV

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

**Immaculate Conception** 

Loose: \$145.00; Envelopes: \$665.00;

Brunch Donations: \$178.20;

Quilt Raffle Tickets: \$111.00; TOTAL: \$1099.20

**Immaculate Conception Cemetery** 

Cemetery Envelopes: \$50.00; Urn Burial: \$200.00;

Grave Open/Close: \$75.00; TOTAL: \$325.00

St. James Cemetery

Sale of Plot: **\$500.00**; Perpetual Care: **\$100.00**;

TOTAL: \$600.00

St. Peter's

Envelopes: \$45.00; TOTAL: \$45.00

St. Peter's Cemetery

Donation: \$50.00; TOTAL: \$50.00

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Donation IMO Byron Roach: \$20.00;

Donation IMO Jim Delahunt, Cathie Roach, & Rose Jean Cormier: \$100.00; Donations: **\$577.00**;

Donations Found in Church: \$29.45; TOTAL: \$726.45

St. Bartholomew Cemetery

Donations IMO Teresa & Herman Warman: \$1,500.00;

TOTAL: \$1,500.00

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

| Sat | 30            | SP            | 4:00 pm             | Rose-Jean Cormier†                   | Lillian Vautour       |  |  |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Sun | <del>31</del> | <del>IC</del> | <del>11:00 am</del> | MASS ON RICHIBUCTO WHARF AT 11:00 AM |                       |  |  |
| Tue | 2             | IC            | 4:00 pm             | George & Margaret Robichaud†         | Donna & Blaine        |  |  |
| Sat | 6             | SP            | 4:00 pm             | Raymond Murphy†                      | Claire Murphy         |  |  |
| Sun | 7             | IC            | 11:00 am            | Cecile Chevarie†                     | Her Sisters           |  |  |
| Tue | 9             | IC            | 4:00 pm             | David Harnett†                       | Debbie & Dale Harnett |  |  |
| Sat | 13            | SP            | 4:00 PM             | Josie McGlynn†                       | Stella & Yvon         |  |  |
| Sun | 14            | IC            | 11:00 AM            | Faye Hudson†                         | Dick & Family         |  |  |
| Tue | 16            | IC            | 4:00 PM             | Lional Comeau†                       | Wife & Family         |  |  |
| Sat | 20            | SP            | 4:00 PM             | Margaret Rose Sullivan†              | Stella & Yvon         |  |  |
| Sun | 21            | IC            | 11:00 AM            | Franklin Legoff†                     | Son Bill              |  |  |

## **ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

|     |    |    |          | Leader | Intentions                                                                        |
|-----|----|----|----------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun | 7  | IC | 10:30 am | Maia   | 1st Decade: For our clergy                                                        |
| Sun | 14 | IC | 10:30 am | Gail   | 2nd Decade: For our parishioners  3rd Decade: For our youth                       |
| Sun | 21 | IC | 10:30 am | Maia   | 4th Decade: For peace in our world 5th Decade: For the intentions of parishioners |

### LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

|     |    |    |          | Lecto                                                                   | <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> |        |
|-----|----|----|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Sat | 6  | SP | 4:00 pm  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions | Lois                         | Stella |
| Sun | 7  | IC | 11:00 am | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions | Donna<br>Stephen             | Gloria |
| Sat | 13 | SP | 4:00 pm  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions | Lois                         | Stella |
| Sun | 14 | IC | 11:00 am | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions | Pat<br>Vina                  | Adona  |
| Sat | 20 | SP | 4:00 pm  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions | Lois                         | Stella |
| Sun | 21 | IC | 11:00 am | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Intentions | Corinne<br>Pat               | Gloria |

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

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



THERE IS A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN MATTHEW CHARLES RICHARD (HALIFAX), SON OF NORMAN AND MARILYN RICHARD (REXTON) AND HAZEL GABULE (HALIFAX), DAUGHTER OF RICHARD AND PEREGRINA GABULE (CEBU, PHILIPPINES). THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WILL BE CELEBRATED AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH IN REXTON ON AUGUST 6TH, 2022.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SOCIALS Thank you to everyone who came out to support our parish social last weekend! Our next parish social will take place on *August 21*<sup>st</sup> following mass. 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!* reconciliation, and hope.

