

Our Feast Day....Pentecost

On May 18/19, 2024 we will celebrate our Feast Day, Pentecost...the coming of the Holy Spirit. This will bring to close our Easter season. In honour of this special day, we are inviting people to wear something "RED" (yellow or orange) to each Mass to commemorate our special feast.

Daily Prayer

Jesus invites us to remain in his love. That is a powerful freedom. If we can reflect this week on ways we can remain in his love, and not let anything take away our peace, we will grow in great freedom.

Jesus tells us that his one commandment to us is to love one another as he has loved us. The most important word in that command is "as." He wants us to imitate the very "way" he loves us - completely, un-conditionally, in a self-sacrificing way. It can be the focus of our entire week to ask for the grace to love the people in our lives the ways Jesus loves us. But, that begins, if it is to be deep and transformative, needs to begin by reflection on how much Jesus loves us.

All week we can let the Spirit be the helper and the gatherer that our Lord promises will accompany us in our journey. It helps us prepare for the feast of Pentecost, to be asking, "Come, Holy Spirit."

Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

HOLY SPIRIT BURSARY

Holy Spirit Parish is awarding 3 bursaries amounting to \$500.00 each. Applicants must be an active member of Holy Spirit Parish and will be required to submit a short paper including: name of secondary institution for the fall of 2023, current activities in the parish and goals for the future. This Bursary is offered to those who are graduating from High School and are attending a secondary level of education (University or College). Please submit to parish office by June 07, 2022 by email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Phyllis Hebert

The Prayer Shawl Group - Wednesday mornings from 10-12 at the Rectory Hall, 279 Nerepis Road, Grand Bay-Westfield. Call Jill (639-0007) or Angie (639-6582) if you're interested. New people always welcomed!! Yarn, needles, & patterns will be supplied; you can create from the comfort of your own home.

The Women's Society would like to thank Lawrence Landscaping for building us shelves in St. Augustine's Rectory Hall. This has enabled us to organize all our yarn & other supplies used for prayer shawls, mittens, etc. We are very grateful.

**Join us in a guided 1 hour discussion on reading the scripture with deeper discernment. Sr. Doreen McGuire (Adutie Centre) will lead us thru this hour providing helpful guidance in our journey to personal relationship with scripture. All are welcome May 7th - 6:30pm - 7:30pm. \$5 fee for booklet when you come.
St Matthews Worship Site.**

SNOW REMOVAL & SALT/SANDING EXPENSESCAN YOU HELP?

We are appealing to your generosity. Although we didn't have a lot of snow this winter we did have an abundance of ice where we had to provide salt/sanding for everyone's safety. Whatever monies you donate will be credited to your 2024 income tax receipt. Thank You!

**Here are the totals from January - Present for both worship sites.
Snow Removal & Salt/Sanding - \$17,270.00**

**Monthly Breakfast at the Assumption Center on 721 Chapel Street
The next K of C breakfast is Sunday, May 12th, 9:00am - 1:00pm. The cost is \$10 per person and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.**

COLLECTIONS – Apr 28, 2024

**Regular - \$2,505.00 Loose - \$231.00
Food Bank - \$30.00 eTransfer - \$20.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Holy Spirit Parish is looking for someone to manage police checks for our various ministry volunteers. In this age of service and ministry we are required to insure people have appropriate vetting which requires the volunteer to provide the parish with a police check. If you are a volunteer in any organization then you know what this means. These police checks have to be renewed every five years. For the past number of years Helen Parker has volunteered her time and energy to this particular Ministry. We are grateful to her and for her dedicated time and energy. Thank you Helen!!! Helen has decided it is time to step down and will be finished at the end of June 2024. Therefore, we need someone to replace her. If you are interested or want more information on this unique ministry please contact the office.

Good News, our new website is nearing completion.....

The communications team is actively working to update our Holy Spirit website. We hope it will be ready to launch in the coming weeks. We'd appreciate your help by submitting any photos you would like included for the gallery section. We are including sections on St Augustine's, St Brendan, St Rose and St Matthews. We are looking for photos of the church, church artifacts, celebrations, group photos etc. This is an opportunity to pay tribute to our rich history. If you have any digitized photos, please send to pattiblake07@outlook.com. If you have any hardcopy photos, we will scan them and return them to you. Please drop an envelope with your photos, name and phone number with the Parish Office. It would also be helpful to write on the back of the photo what/who we see in the photo and approximate date.

Sometime in May, we will be looking for volunteers to help us test. This is to test that the content can be seen, links work etc. on a variety of devices.

Audité SPRING Retreat at Villa Madonna...

**4-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th begins with Supper at 5pm; ends 31st at 2:00 pm (\$479.00)
2-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th begins with Supper at 5pm; ends 29th at 2:00 pm (\$237.50)
Team of Audité and four invited Facilitators, in atmosphere of welcoming Silence.
Persons first time for this Audité retreat, may request half-price registration.
Email: audite119@bellaliant.net**

MASS SCHEDULE 2024 – 2 WEEKS

(Due to unforeseen circumstances pre-booked Masses may have to be rescheduled)

May 08, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Wayne Stymiest Marjorie Gatien Clare Robichaud
Mar 09, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Frank Albert Perry Lori Ann Galliera
May 11, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Joy, Kay & Bob Taylor Kevin & Susan Sullivan Patricia Wallace
May 12, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Mary MacDougall Edel Quinn
May 12, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Mary MacDougall Wayne Stymiest
May 15, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
May 16, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
May 18, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Brian LeBlanc Dorothy Wilbur & David Doyle
May 19, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Stephen Levenshulme
May 19, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Suzanne MacFarlne Kay Losier Delcia Brideau

****The office will be closed from May 6 – 10, 2024 – for emergencies call 506-738-8693 and leave a message****

PLEASE KEEP ALL OUR PRIESTS AND OUR BISHOP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK AS THEY ENTER THEIR YEARLY PRIEST RETREAT (MAY 13- 17, 2024)

*This weekend we welcome into our Faith Community through the Waters of Baptism.....
Elliott Brendan Maguire*

***MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING TO ALL MOTHERS AND
MOTHER FIGURES MAY 12, 2024***

**Evening Prayer at Carmel Chapel, 103 Burpee Avenue, last Wednesday of each month: Jan-June, 2024
Instrumental music by a local musician at 6:00 pm; Ritual begins at 6:30 pm. PARKING: Both sides of
Burpee Ave. and Rocmaura lot off Park Street. Contact Info: 634-4970 weekdays.
May 22 * June 26**

Variety Show: This show is shaping up to be spectacular! We have some remarkable entertainment in store for you. Here's a sample of what's to come: The Sea Belles, Voices of Fundy, Urban Dance, Ukes 4 You, Beyond the Mast, and much, much more. **May 25, 2pm at St Matthews Worship Site. Tickets are now on sale,** available at both parish offices, in the office at Home Hardware (cash only), or from Patti or Jill. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, so get yours now!! Any questions, contact Jill at (506) 639-0007 or jillrobillard5@gmail.com or Patti (506) 609-1318 or pattiblake07@outlook.com

OFFICE HOURS 9 am to 4 pm

**SMWS – Tues & Thur – 506-738-2320 SRWS - Wed -506- 653-6850
Mon & Fri: BOTH OFFICES CLOSED
Mailing Address: 279 Nerepis Rd, Grand Bay-Westfield, NB E5K 2Z9**

St. Matthew Worship Site (SMWS) (506)738-2320
Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive
St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS) (506)653-6850
Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

WEBSITE: www.holyspiritparish.ca Email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com

Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

*“Where we WELCOME everyone, WORSHIP together and
WITNESS to Jesus Christ”*

6th & 12th Sunday of Easter – May 05 & 12, 2024

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration: May 05, 12, 26 2024
at St. Rose Worship Site from 1-2pm**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE BEGINNING AT 3:15PM
PRIOR TO THE 4PM SAT MASS**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 506-636-0677 or email her at holyspiriteducationsj@gmail.com

Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 199 Chesley Drive, Saint John Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon’s Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

We offer counselling for:

Anxiety	Addictions	Grief & Loss	Domestic Violence
Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

(Subsidies are available)

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