

Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the **Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. “The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.”

The Friday after the Body and Blood of Christ is always the **Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, with its own special readings, followed on Saturday by **Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

The first readings this week are from the pastoral letters, **The Second Letter of Peter** and **The Second Letter to Timothy**.

Mark's Gospel offers stories of how Jesus is in the midst of a struggle with the religious leaders in Jerusalem who do not like them. He tells them the Parable of the tenant farmers, telling them that the stone rejected by builders has become the cornerstone. They almost arrest him. His opponents try to ensnare Jesus with question about the temple tax, but he isn't trapped by them. When they question him about the resurrection, Jesus tells a parable which teaches that God is the God of the living. When asked which is the first commandment, Jesus gives two - highlighting the equal importance of love of God and neighbor. Jesus is both Son of David and Messiah and Lord. Jesus warns of those who abuse widows on spiritual pretexts and tells his disciples to notice the widow who gave from her poverty.

Daily Prayer

The pastoral letters set the tone. Writing to Timothy, for example, Paul is eloquent in urging him to be faithful - even to fan what he has learned into a flame. This is a good context for us to return to this season, fresh from the graces of Pentecost. The gifts of the Spirit have been given us. We can ignore them, bury them, or use them with very little life and energy. We can also fan them into a fire that gives courage and hope to others.

As we wake each morning this week, and prepare to be focused when we go about our daily tasks, we can ask the Spirit of Jesus to “enkindle within us the fire of your love.” Each day, we can be more and more concrete about where we need help, grace, “fire” to heal and gather others together and be a source of unity and peace which simply aren't a part of the “world's way” of doing things.

Jesus faced terrible conflict in his final days on this earth. That's consoling for us who experience conflict in our day to day experience. This week, let's ask the Spirit to be with us in the difficult times we face. Let's ask that we might not surrender our peace. Let's ask that we be able to trust our Lord when we are asked to love others and give up “my way” of doing things, loving God and our neighbor equally.

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Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Gerald Butler

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.

This Is My Body ?

A friend in high school once asked me why I wore a Crucifix around my neck. She was a Christian and very devout, so I was surprised at her confusion. “To remember Jesus’ sacrifice,” I said. Her upper lip curled in disgust. “The cross is a sign of Jesus’ sacrifice,” she said. “He’s not on the cross anymore. It’s really weird that you wear his dead body.” As someone raised Catholic, the Corpus was an image I knew intimately. We had Crucifixes all over our home, everyone in my family did. And for reasons I couldn’t quite explain, I actually preferred them over the plain crosses I saw elsewhere. The crosses seemed more elegant, more refined — but the Crucifixes felt more complete, more to-the-point. My friend’s disgust compelled me to reflect, in a way I never had before, on the image of Christ’s body, wounded and twisted and tortured. Why was this a visual that compelled me? It didn’t make a lot of sense for someone who abhorred dead bodies so much that I found it difficult to look into a casket at a wake. So, what was different about this? My friend wasn’t wrong: Christ is no longer on the cross. The sacrifice has been made. But does that mean it is over? We represent it every single Mass. It’s the point of everything that we do. Jesus did not sacrifice his spirit; he sacrificed his body. He bought us with every tear of the flesh, with every drop of blood. The cross is crucial, yes. But that wood didn’t bleed for us. If the body wasn’t the point, Jesus would not have become human at all. Jesus needed the body. We need it, too. “While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take it; this is my body.’ — Matthew 26:26

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The **Women's Society** is holding its year end pot luck on Friday June 7, 2024 at 12 noon in the Rectory Hall. **We would love to see lots of women there. Great food, good fun, & even prizes are guaranteed!**

The **Women's Society** continues to make soup & biscuits for Avenue B, every month all year long. Many people often ask how they can help. Well, we have an idea. The prices of canned tomatoes and other vegetables, as well as beans, are quite expensive these days. So we are trying a different approach this summer. We have started about 90 tomato plants from seed and they are ready to be planted. We are hoping that parishioners will take home a plant or 2 or 3... to grow and nourish through the summer and fall. When the tomatoes are ripe we are asking that they simply be chopped and frozen. They will be stored in the freezer at St. Matthew's Worship Site and used for the soups and chili for Avenue B. As well, donations of canned tomatoes, canned veggies, canned beans (kidney, pinto, etc) are always welcome. Please contact Jill @ 506-639-0007 if you can help. Thanks and Happy Gardening!

The Variety Show was a huge success! 267 tickets were sold, plus almost 100 performers meant St. Matthew's Hall was bursting at the seams. The atmosphere was so positive, the show went off without a hitch, and the praise has been phenomenal. We raised just over \$4600, and that does not include the stained glass crosses (sold out very quickly) or the quilt raffle (draw date June 7). The 50/50 (\$338.50) was won by Florence Bartlett, a former parishioner with family at Holy Spirit Parish. We opened our spiritual home to not only Grand Bay-Westfield but also the greater Saint John area, and it was so well received. Thank you once again for all your support, to the many volunteers as well as our parishioners. This is what revitalization is all about.

Jill & Patti

MASS SCHEDULE 2024

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

Jun 05, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jun 06, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jun 08, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Laurette & Albert Gogan Robert & Katherine Williams
Jun 09, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Barbara Rowe Larry Joudry
Jun 09, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Gertrude Doucette Pat Chaisson

IMPORTANT: Effective Tuesday, June 04, 2024 I will be working Tuesdays at the St. Rose Worship Site office and Wednesdays and Thursdays at the St. Matthews Worship Site office. The hours stay – 9am – 4pm.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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.
June 26, 2024

COLLECTIONS – MAY 26, 2024

Regular - \$2,640.00 Loose - \$337.00 Cemetery - \$50.00
Food Bank - \$45.00 Salt/Sanding - \$200.00 eTransfers - \$40.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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! **To date we have received \$1,020.00.**

Here are the totals from January - Present for both worship sites.

Snow Removal & Salt/Sanding - \$17,270.00

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

OFFICE HOURS 9 am to 4 pm

SMWS – Wed & Thur – 506-738-2320 SRWS - Tue -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”

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 02, 2024

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: June 2 - St. Rose of Lima 1-2 p.m.

*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)

Gentle Path Counselling Services, Ltd.

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