

Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

The week opens with **Trinity Sunday**, which always follows Pentecost. It celebrates the un-knowable relationship between the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit - and their loving support for us in our lives. *“When he comes, the Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth...”*

The first readings this week are from the pastoral letters, **The First Letter of Peter**.

During the week, we resume reading **Mark's Gospel** where we left it when Lent began. It offers us stories about sacrificing part of ourselves. We hear of the Rich Young Man: “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Peter tells Jesus, “We have given up everything and followed you.” Jesus responds, “there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more.” When the disciples squabble over who will sit in glory with Jesus, he tells them, “the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Bartimaeus, a blind man recognizes Jesus as “Son of David” and is healed. Bartimaeus follows Jesus. He drives money changers out of the Temple saying, “My house shall be called a house of prayer ... but you have made it a den of thieves.” We end the week with Jesus evading the trickery of the chief priests who ask him “by what authority are you doing these things?”

Daily Prayer

This is a week we can look at letting go -- of riches, honors, pride. In these Ordinary Time days we can hand it all over to Jesus and ask for the trust we need in our lives. We can hand over our fears and jealousy, our titles and our possessions - anything that has become too important in our lives can get in the way of how close we allow ourselves to be with Jesus.

As we go through our week, in the smallest moments of the day, we can beg Jesus for the strength of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we awaken in the morning, and in the everyday moments of our lives, an awareness of our desires before Jesus can change our attitudes toward these chores and see them as sacred moments of invitation from the God who loves us with such fire and compassion.

Letting go, releasing, giving things up: it's a struggle for all of us. Perhaps we can sit for a moment with the rich young man. When he returned to Jesus looking for the easy way out, Jesus “looked at him and loved him” before he said anything else to him.

Jesus understands our deepest fears and our motivations. But despite or maybe because of that, he looks at us and loves us, endlessly - not restricted in any way by our own selfishness or unwillingness to change.

Dear Lord, you know how filled I am with fears. Let each moment of anxiety today be a reminder to open my life, my heart and my soul to the love and courage you offer me. I know that if only I could trust in you more, it would change my life.

“He went away sad, for he had many possessions!” Let me turn these apprehensions over to you. I beg you to give me the wisdom and strength I need to trust more and to fear less. Teach me that it's OK to stop clinging to the fears I have known for so long and that I can embrace the freedom you offer me. Let me be less fear-full and more generous.

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Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Margie Campbell and Pierre Breau

PENTECOST CELEBRATION.....THANK YOU

Many Thanks go out to everyone who made Pentecost 2024 celebrations such a huge success. To those who set up, prepared and took down afterwards...THANK YOU. To Mary Rose Daigle and her Sunday choir who always do a great a job in enhancing our liturgies. To Trish Gallagher and Saint John High School Choir who surprised us with 25 extra voices and instruments. As always you certainly added to our celebration. To Jinto Joy Ponthempilly (Joy's Bakery) for donating a delicious Pentecost cake. It was great that so many people took part on our Feast Day.

**Blessings,
Fr. David**

**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**

The **Women's Society** will hold its monthly meeting on May 28, 2024 at 1pm in the Rectory Hall. This will be the last meeting before summer. At the meeting we will be hosting Todd Ross, the indigenous advisor for UNBSJ, who will share with us information about smudging, the ritual of cleaning the energy of a physical space, object or person.

All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

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!**

Saint John High School Choir

Under the direction of Trish Gallagher, the Students from SJHS will come and perform for us at St. Rose Worship Site, Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6:30pm. \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per students and family rates are available. The proceeds will be graciously donated to Holy Spirit Parish to help defray the costs of our snow plowing/heating expenses.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE 2024

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

May 29, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Wayne Stymiest Gary Mittelholtz Raymond Roy
Mar 30, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Kathleen Jennings
Jun 01, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Gert, Reg Johnston & Children Patricia Wallace
Jun 02, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Stephen Levenshulme Camille LeBlanc
Jun 02, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners

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.

COLLECTIONS – MAY 12, 2024

Regular - \$2,275.00 Loose - \$325.00 Cemetery - \$585.00
Food Bank - \$75.00 Snow Removal - \$220.00 Bldg Fund - \$173.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

This weekend we welcome into our Faith Community through the Waters of Baptism.....

Grant Cole Hurley

The Prayer Shawl Group - Wednesday May 29th is the last day until the fall.

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 – 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”

May 26, 2024

“MOST HOLY TRINITY”

***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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