

Seventh Week of Ordinary Time - Pentecost

Sunday is the great feast of **Pentecost** - the birthday of the Church. The formerly frightened Apostles are on fire. Now they can speak clearly, so everyone can understand them. Jesus gives his peace to his disciples and breathes his Spirit upon them, giving them the mission to forgive and sending them to carry out his desire that we all be one.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Monday is the **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.**

The return to "Ordinary Time" doesn't mean we forget about the good news of the Resurrection or the gift of the Spirit Jesus promised us. It simply means that we return to a season of reflecting upon the scriptures with "numbers" (*ordinal*) until Advent begins on December 1.

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.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

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

AUDITE SPRING RETREATS AT VILLA MADONNA:

4-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th to Fri., May 31st - COST: \$340

2-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th to Wed., May 29th - COST: \$170

Retreat begins with supper at 5:00 p.m. on May 27th and ends at 2:00 p.m. on the last day, either May 29th or 31st.

Team of Audité and four invited Facilitators, in an atmosphere of welcoming Silence. Persons first time for this Audité retreat may request half-price registration. Email:

audite119@bellaliant.net

COLLECTIONS – MAY 05, 2024

Regular - \$2,365.00 Loose - \$340.75 Building Fund - \$990.00
Food Bank - \$20.00 Papal Charities - \$411.00 Snow Removal - \$100.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

COLLECTIONS – MAY 12, 2024

Regular - \$2,605.00 Loose - \$305.00 eTransfers - \$180.00
Food Bank - \$50.00 Papal Charities - \$140.00 Snow Removal - \$400.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE 2024

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

May 22, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Mar 23, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
May 25, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Patricia Wallace Kim Magee
May 26, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Hal Billard
May 26, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Paula Woodworth Catria Jackson Claudette Robichaud

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

The **K of C** monthly Rosary and Adoration service for May will be held on Thursday, May 23rd, 6:30 pm, at St. Rose Worship Site. The theme for this month is pro-life.
All are welcome to come and pray with us.

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.

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

BLESSINGS FOR THIS VICTORIA DAY LONG WEEKEND

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Dawn Larson, Lillian Fortune, Arthur Irving, John Bastarache and Barbara Brown (Sister to Fr. John Beaumaster)

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”

Pentecost Sunday – May 19, 2024

HAPPY FEAST DAY!

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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