

## Tenth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday begins the **Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**, when Jesus says, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Monday is the **Memorial of St. Barnabas, the Apostle**. Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua**, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

During the week, we begin a three week period of looking at the **Books of Kings**. Elijah follows the Lord's direction and changes the hearts of many. The week ends as Elijah calls Elisha into service for the Lord.

This week we begin reading the **Gospel According to Matthew**, starting with the **Sermon on the Mount**. Jesus is the new Moses, and offers us a new and radical teaching. It begins by his telling a small group of followers that they are blessed - not because they have their acts together, but because they are spiritually poor, meek, those desiring justice, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers and the persecuted. Salt and light explain who they are as disciples. They are to obey the law and prophets which Jesus came to fulfill. Whereas the law forbade killing, Jesus calls his disciples to be reconcilers. The law forbade adultery, but Jesus warns about lust and whatever is an occasion for sinning. The law forbade taking false oaths, but Jesus calls his disciples to a deeper fidelity and integrity.

### Daily Prayer

Having celebrated God's love for us through the Eucharist on Sunday, we are ready to enter this week to explore the depth of that love and the powerful call each of us is given to love one another. The Sermon on the Mount can help us be contemplatives in action this week. The Beatitudes are not eight new commandments. Rather, Jesus saw those following him and saw their weakness and their need, their goodness and their desire, even the cost they pay to follow him. He looked at them and called them "Blessed."

Let us all begin this week letting Jesus look at us and call us blessed. Each morning we can practice choosing to focus our attention on some way we are spiritually poor or desiring justice, some way we are merciful or a peace maker, some way we might be experiencing the cost of being a believer, and simply asking our Lord to convince us of our blessedness there. It is likely that each of us, every day, can be attentive to some aspect of our daily lives, some part of our relationships or responsibilities, that place us right there in a place for Jesus to tell us that we will be comforted, satisfied, blessed beyond our imagining.

Some day this week, each of us will have the opportunity to be the salt that makes relationships, faithful living, have its flavor. We will have our chances to be light in the midst of the darkness that crosses our paths. We can ask Jesus those days - whether in the morning, or in brief background moments during the day - to have us not lose our flavor or to cover our light. And, all of us will face the greater responsibility of a disciple of Jesus, to avoid anger and find the path to reconciliation, to turn from lust and greed and to love genuinely and honestly.

[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.**  
**June 26, 2024**

**COLLECTIONS – June 02, 2024**  
**Regular - \$1,990.00 Loose - \$335.80 Cathedral Restoration - \$385.00**  
**Building Fund - \$775.00 Salt/Sanding - \$300.00 eTransfers - \$180.00**  
**PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Elizabeth Ann Marks**

## Our Sacred Stories God's Reign for Humanity and All Creation

*Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above, With wisdom, power and love,  
Our God is an awesome God.*

This is the beginning of one of the hymns most loved in a parish where I once served, especially in gatherings with youth. In many ways it expressed the faith, trust and hopes of our Christian faith. The reign of God is for all peoples, in all places at all times.

The Gospel writers often present us with the surprising character of Jesus's message. In Mark's version, we see that even Jesus's own family found what he was saying and doing to be a shock (Mark 3:20-35). The message that God's reign is near and among us seems too much for many to accept, beyond belief.

We live in a world where war, violence, injustice and is a constant presence. We see this presence in the various conflicts in the Middle East, in the local conflicts in various African States, in the ongoing tensions in the Ukraine. Normally, we view war and its impact from a human perspective. We see nation pitted against nation, people fighting people, army against army. The impact of war and conflict reaches far beyond the combatants themselves. It has its impact on all. It is truly a universal tragedy affecting all humanity and all of creation.

Counter to this image of war and violence is the image of the kingdom or the reign of God that we hear Jesus proclaim as he begins his ministry. Mark presents this proclamation:

*Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said "and the reign of God is close at hand." (Mark 1:14-15)*

What is this reign of God all about? What does Jesus proclaim through his message and his mission to the world?

The idea of the reign of God finds its roots in the Old Testament. The Jewish People recognized that their God was personally present and active among them as a People. The God of Israel intervened and acted in their story, their history. Perhaps the best example of this, one which they often recalled, was the Exodus event. They saw this liberation from slavery as a work of God among them through Moses. In addition, the Jewish Scriptures acknowledge that God is also present in all of creation around them.

At the very beginning of the Old Testament, this sense of God's presence acting in all creation appears in the stories of creation in the Book of Genesis. Jesus' proclamation that the reign of God is close at hand grows out of this way of seeing God as present in our history and in all of creation. As Jesus begins his ministry, he announces that God is about to break into our world in a new and powerful way. He announces this reign time and again in his words and actions. It will be this completed, fulfilled reign of God that will bring peace and harmony to humanity and healing and wholeness to creation. Jesus truly proclaims an awesome God. Theologian Dermot Lane writes:

*The future reign of God is about the gathering up by God into a condition of fulfillment and transformation of all the human efforts in this life which are directed towards the creation of peace and justice in the world around us.... The reign of God is ultimately about re-establishing right relationships between God and humanity, between humanity and the individual, between humanity and the whole of creation.*  
(Lane. *Christ at the Centre* 21)

John Jennings  
10<sup>th</sup> Sun Ord Time

## MASS SCHEDULE 2024

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

Jun 12, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Parishioners
Jun 13, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Donald Cyr
Jun 15, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Elizabeth Robichaud Bruce Melanson Alvetta Keay
Jun 16, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Stephen Levenshulme
Jun 16, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Don Drew Allen Abbott Alexander MacDougall

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 weekly cribbage at St. Matthews Hall has stopped for the summer. This will resume in the fall.

**THANK YOR FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION TO HOLY SPIRIT PAIRSH**

**Monthly Breakfast at the Assumption Center on 721 Chapel Street**

The next K of C breakfast is Sunday, June 16, 9:00am - 1:00pm. The cost is \$10 per person and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

**LAST ONE UNTIL SEPTEMBER!!**

**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 June, 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.

**OFFICE HOURS 9 am to 4 pm**

SMWS – Wed & Thur – 506-738-2320 SRWS - Tue -506- 653-6850

Mon & Fri: **BOTH OFFICES CLOSED**

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St. Matthew Worship Site (SMWS) (506)738-2320

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Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin

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***ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES***

*“Where we WELCOME everyone, WORSHIP together and*

*WITNESS to Jesus Christ”*

***10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 09, 2024***

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration: June 9 - 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

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**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
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