

## Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the **Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**, when Jesus compares our faith to the mustard seed. Our faith, like that tiny seed, can grow large and put forth large branches, having an effect on those who we may not even know we have touched.

Friday is the **Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, of the Society of Jesus**.

The first readings this week continue our readings from **1 & 2 Kings** and other Old Testament books. It follows Elijah and Elisha - powerful prophet and agents of God's word for the people.

The gospels this week continue the **Sermon on the Mount**, from **Matthew's Gospel**. In revealing his new and deeper way, Jesus shares a most counter-cultural law, "offer no resistance to one who is evil." And, he tells us to "Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." He proclaims, "I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. ... For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?" And, just when we think he is asking the impossible of us, he goes even further, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." He warns his disciples against hypocrisy, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them." Praying and fasting have their own reward from the Lord. Jesus tells us to keep our prayer simple, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him," and he teaches us the Our Father. Jesus tells us that "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light." The week ends with his invitation to us to trust in God. "Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?"

On Sunday we hear the story from Mark's Gospel about the storm at sea. Jesus calms the sea and asks, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

### Daily Prayer

There is nothing like the Sermon on the Mount to help us hear the message of Jesus, and to let ourselves be addressed by those words. All of us can ask for these graces with real specificity, that is, with real people and real daily circumstances in mind. We know with whom we need to "turn the other cheek" and to love more. We know the circumstances in which we are tempted to "be religious" in the right circumstances only. Upon reflection, each of us can take the time to "locate" our hearts, by discovering what we tend to "treasure." We can do a simple check on ourselves: we make a list of the five most important things in my life. Then we can make a list of the five things I spend most of my time on. Comparing the lists will help us get concrete about asking the Lord for the grace we need to put our lives back in balance. All of us can name what we worry about. And so we can all ask for the graces to "seek first" the Kingdom of God

All of this reflection can happen throughout the week in the background of our daily life, if we get into the habit of focusing for a few moments each morning. If we take just 30 seconds, at the edge of our bed each morning, it will begin to establish a habit of living more reflectively.

*Thank you for this day, Lord. Help me to be focused today on not getting so hooked by Ann's ways or Bob's harsh words. I need your grace to place my trust in you. Help me especially before I have to talk with Ann on the phone and let me stay focused before Bill comes home from work.*

Our version of a brief moment with the Lord - friend to friend - can be repeated and made more specific, while we are going about our day. Some days, we might have 20 such moments of prayerful conversation with our Lord - guided by the Word, the desires that are surfacing, and the events of our daily lives. And, each night, we can give thanks for this deeper relationship with the Lord that is developing in my heart.

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## Happy Father's Day!

*On this Father's Day weekend, let us give thanks for our fathers, step-fathers, and foster fathers; for our godfathers and father figures. May God bless them in abundance, holding them in God's own care as they once held, and currently hold us.*

*God of grace and life,*

*into the hands of Joseph, the Carpenter, you entrusted*

*the fragile life of your Son,*

*to love him as his own, to raise him*

*in communion with his mother, Mary.*

*May the grace of St. Joseph be given to all fathers,*

*and to all who take up the mission of fatherhood.*

*May they raise their children with compassion and courage,*

*and know the blessing of the gift they receive.*

*May they rejoice in the children,*

*given them by your grace,*

*and by the blessing of your Son,*

*who lives and reigns with you now and forever.*

*Amen.*

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!

**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**

**MASS SCHEDULE 2024**

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

Jun 19, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jun 20, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jun 22, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Rheal Guerrette Charles & Doris LeBlanc
Jun 23, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Shawn LeBlanc
Jun 23, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners

**COLLECTIONS – June 09, 2024**

Regular - \$2,257.00 Loose - \$280.00 Cathedral Restoration - \$225.00  
Salt/Sanding - \$100.00 Ave 'B' - \$200.00 Food Bank - \$150.00  
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 Cochrane and Philip 'Joe' Coughlan

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!!**

**SAINT JOHN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR**

On May 30th Holy Spirit Parish was blessed with the talent of the Saint John High School Choir under the direction of Trish Gallagher. We received in total \$1,001.00 to help with our salt/sanding expenses. The winner of the light house made & donated by Henry & Donna D'Eon was won by Toni Sutton.

**MANY THANKS TO TRISH & THE CHOIR!!!**

The beautiful Bella Star quilt, generously donated by Ida DeGrace with all proceeds for St. Augustine's Memorial Garden, was drawn on June 7th. Marie Godbout, a St. Matthew's parishioner, is the lucky winner. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser, which raised the remarkable amount of \$1704.40!

**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**  
Mailing Address: 279 Nerepis Rd, Grand Bay-Westfield, NB E5K 2Z9

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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"*

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 16, 2024**

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration: June 16 - 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](mailto: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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