

Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time

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?"

Monday is the **Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**, with special readings. Luke's Gospel show us the deep faith of Elizabeth and Zechariah as their newborn son is named John. "All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be? For surely the hand of the Lord was with him."

Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Irenaeus**, bishop and martyr. Saturday is the **Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles**, with its own readings.

The first readings this week are from the **Second Book of Kings**. It is the story of the invasion by Assyria and then the invasion by Babylon, resulting in captivity that left a remnant of the people behind.

This week we continue reading from **Matthew's Gospel**. Jesus continues his challenge to follow him more completely. "Stop judging, that you may not be judged." "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing." "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." "Who do you say that I am?" When a leper asks if Jesus will cure him, Jesus replies, "I will do it. Be made clean." On Saturday, Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah, "He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Daily Prayer

Most of us know that having faith is more about confidence and trust in the Lord than it is about theological understanding or assent to truths. The biggest barrier to our more complete following of our Lord in faith is fear. This is a wonderful week to ask our Lord to heal us so that we cannot be afraid and just have faith in him as we place our faith in his calming presence.

We can begin each day, sitting or standing at the edge of our bed and, in 30 seconds, simply name our desire. "*Lord, thank you for this day. Please heal my fears. I want to place my trust in you more completely. Be with me in the tough stuff today.*" When we are in the shower or while getting dressed, as we are heading to work or doing laundry, when we are walking down a hall to a meeting or even at a store shopping, we can expand on our prayer - again, briefly and in a friend to friend conversation with our Lord. "*Dear Lord, I'm going to be facing several things today that feel like storms at sea. Don't let me lose sight of your presence with me today. Give me courage and an inner peace to do what you call me to do.*"

The phrases from Matthew's Gospel can work their way into our week so easily in this context. "*Lord, let me know your love and mercy, that I might treat those I'm now judging with more of the love and mercy you show me.*" "*Lord, it feels like you are inviting me to take a narrower path today than the one I usually take, following the way everyone around me goes. Help me choose your way with greater freedom and peace.*"

There is a real and sustaining joy that accompanies this sense of intimacy with our Lord, in the midst of our daily, busy lives. It seems right to take a few moments each night to express our thanks to the Lord for the gifts of the day.

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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** - Thank you to all the kind people who have adopted tomato plants. They are all taken!
Now we hope & pray for a bountiful harvest

Our Sacred Stories

Trust and a Foundation of God's Reign in Every Age, Among All Peoples

Spring and summer bring out a common scene. The streets and parks are full of Moms and Dads teaching their youngest the wonders of riding a bike. The pattern is often a common one. The child is excited with the new bike and readily gets on the cycle. With Mom or Dad holding onto the seat, the child moves along the path. After several time up and down, Mom or Dad briefly let's go of the seat then catches it again. This routine will last for a couple of days. By this time the little one has begun to push the pedals. Then, comes the launch.

Mom senses the child has found her balance. She let's go of the bike and the child is cycling,... but only barely. After 4-5 meters, little Penelope realizes that Mom is no longer holding onto her bike. She loses her balance and falls over. The problem is that the little one also loses her confidence. She trusts her Mom, but not herself. It is a few more days and perhaps several falls, before her confidence allows her to trust she can ride the bike without her Mom. Somehow her Mom has passed on the ability of her daughter to ride her bike while her mother is not physically present. But, in some way, Mom remains present. She has passed on to her daughter the balance and ability to ride the bike that she herself learned years earlier. Parents do this in many areas of life.

This is what Jesus does with his disciples. He passes on the message he has received. And, he passes on the mission that he has been given by the Father. This does not happen without the development of trust. As the disciples begin their journey of faith with Jesus they look upon him as a wise teacher by who they are be instructed. But there is more to come. More will be asked of them.

Very gradually, disciples pick up a message that they hear or learn from Jesus. But, there comes a day, and it only comes gradually, step by step they discover that Jesus is calling them further. He shares with them his mission – building the Reign of God in our world. For this they need confidence, as Penelope did. She realized that Mom was not holding onto her physically, but Mom was certainly there in what she had taught Penelope in those early lessons.

Mark in his Gospel account points to a similar experience for the disciples. Through actions of healing and a host of stories or parables, Jesus teaches them his message of the Reign of God. Then, he takes them deeper, demanding that they trust and have confidence in him. Early in his Gospel, Mark presents this is by having them take a boat across the Sea of Galilee (Mark 4:35-41).

As they cross the lake, a great windstorm comes upon them and the boat is in danger of being swamped by the heavy seas. Jesus is asleep and the disciples are overwhelmed by fear. They wake him up: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" As he awakens, the seas are calmed and peace comes over the scene. Jesus questions their faith and the trust they place in him.

The Gospels will present many occasions when the disciples are challenged to a greater trust in the Jesus they are following. Ultimately, they will face the tragedy of the crucifixion. But once again, as on the Sea of Galilee, the disciples discover that Jesus brings them peace.

In the resurrection and with the gift of the Spirit, peace comes into our world. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples overcome the dispirited fear that they face and become sharers of the Good New and builders of God's Reign in the midst of the chaos of our world – to the ends of the earth.

Filled with confidence and trust, all disciples of Jesus move from simple learners to apostles, announcing the Good News of God's love to all humanity in every age. This is the call of the whole community of Christians for our world.

John Jennings
12th Sunday Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE 2024

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

Jun 26, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jun 27 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jun 29, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	David Heffernan Inez McGovern
Jun 30, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Special Intentions Patricia Wallace
Jun 30, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE ONE BULLETIN FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST

WEBSITE UPDATE!!!!

The communications team is actively working to update our Holy Spirit website. We hope it will be ready to launch next week. 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.

Anyone who would like to help us test which will include testing that the content can be seen, links work etc. on a variety of devices. Please contact Patti Blake at 506-609-1318 or pattiblake07@outlook.com

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO AVA MASON ON RECEIVING A \$500.00 BURSARY FROM HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRANDON LOGAN AND ERIN SMITH WHO CELEBRATED THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO CELEBRATED THEIR GRADUATION CEREMONIES THIS PAST WEEK!!

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Albert O'Donnell

COLLECTIONS – June 16, 2024
 Regular - \$2,376.00 Loose - \$401.25 eTransfer - \$20.00
 Salt/Sanding - \$1,401.00 Food Bank - \$25.00 Building Fund - \$341.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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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 St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS) (506)653-6850
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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”

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 23, 2024

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: June 23 - 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)

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