

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

We have 35 total registered students, which includes a total of 16 for First Communion (5 remain ready from 2020, 6 new Grade Two and 5 slightly older; and 6 in Grade eight who will be preparing for Confirmation. There is still time to register your child(ren) especially for their Sacrament Years, but remember every year, every learning experience, contributes to their understanding of our Faith and the Sacraments.

Angie MacDonald and Marijke Blok are remaining with the Sacrament years. At Present, the plan for First Reconciliation/Communion is to use the home study packets we used to review this past years class for First Communion, and create one for Reconciliation, to be available online or by email, and hopefully after the New Year, when restrictions are eased a bit, to have small, in person sessions to review and reinforce, then proceed as we did with the last group, in smaller groups over a few Masses. Marijke feels that the Confirmation students, being older, will benefit more from peer interaction, and she will be contacting registered families with a plan for group gatherings when that becomes possible, hopefully soon after the First of the New Year.

Two other previous teachers have volunteered their time and abilities when we are again able to meet. After the New Year, the non-sacrament classes, will be home study packets, based on the "Be My Disciple" lessons, in two age ranges rather than the individual grade related classes. Any suggestions for online content, as well as questions about the program, are most welcome, and volunteers will still be needed when we can return to gatherings.

Until that time, we are posting weekly lessons based on Advent, and daily projects based on the Jesse Tree tradition, these are available on the Holy Spirit Parish Faithbook page; and through the Holy Spirit Religious Education Facebook group for registered families, or via e-mail for registered families without access.

Linda Spinney – Religious Ed Coordinator

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE

December 24, 2020	4pm	St. Rose Worship Site
December 24, 2020	4pm	St. Matthews Worship Site
December 24, 2020	6pm	St. Rose Worship Site
December 24, 2020	6pm	St. Matthews Worship Site
December 24, 2020	8pm	St. Rose Worship Site
December 24, 2020	8pm	St. Matthews Worship Site
December 25, 2020	10am	St. Rose Worship Site
December 25, 2020	10am	St. Matthews Worship Site
December 31, 2020	4pm	St. Matthews Worship Site
January 01, 2021	10am	St. Rose Worship Site

PLEASE NOTE

****THERE WILL NOT BE A SATURDAY 4PM MASS ON DECEMBER 26, 2020****

When you reserve your seat for the weekend Mass, you will also be able to register for a Christmas Mass. As of Friday, Dec 11, 2020 we are back to the **yellow phase**. This increases the amount of people we can seat at each of the 8 Christmas Masses. The number of people in your family bubble is **the maximum number of seats you can reserve for that Christmas Mass**. Also, when making your reservation please keep in mind the provincial regulations and guidelines on travel restrictions. Let us pray that we can remain in the **yellow phase** throughout the Christmas Season! Unfortunately, we are not in the clear yet and there continues to be new positive cases reported on a daily basis. Also, if this continues, we should accept the fact there is a possibility that Christmas Masses could be cancelled as they were at Easter.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Gloria Callaghan, mother of Cathy Day and the family of Donald Taylor

MASS SCHEDULE 2020

Dec 22, 2020	Tue	St Matthew's Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Dec 24, 2020	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Bill Fox
Dec 24, 2020	Thur	St. Matthews Worship Site	4pm	Charles H. & Laurreta Moyer
Dec 24, 2020	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	6pm	Leonard & Eldora Martin
Dec 24, 2020	Thur	St. Matthews Worship Site	6pm	Maria de Robertis
Dec 24, 2020	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	8pm	Parishioners
Dec 24, 2020	Thur	St. Matthews Worship Site	8pm	Jessica Anderson Kenny Martin
Dec 25, 2020	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	10am	Alfred & Joan Kelly & Loretta
Dec 25, 2020	Fri	St. Matthews Worship Site	10am	Gary Mittelholtz Barb Bruce
Dec 26, 2020	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	NO MASS
Dec 27, 2020	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Parishioners
Dec 27, 2020	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Elize Robichaud Frank & Lorraine Quinn
Dec 29, 2020	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Dec 31, 2020	Thur	St. Matthews Worship Site	4pm	Paul Daigle

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Jan 01, 2021	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	10am	Parishioners
Jan 02, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Raymond Sweet
Jan 03, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Matilda Richard
Jan 03, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Victor McGowan
Jan 05, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jan 07, 2021	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jan 09, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Paddy Addison Bruce Melanson
Jan 10, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Emile Ouellette Alice & Medore Arsenault
Jan 10, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	DFM Mahoney Family

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." (Luke 2: 10-11)

Dear Parishioners,

Even though it has been a most unusual year with difficulties and challenges there have also been so many blessings for which I thank God. Most especially I thank God for the prayers, support, genuine love and concern of so many faithful parishioners. May God Bless You for your goodness!

As well, I want to thank all who work so hard in the parish during these exceptional times, and continue to strengthen our Christian community. Because of the pandemic many of our committees and groups have been limited in their ministries. I want to thank them for their work this past year.

Special thank you to Mark Palmer and the Pandemic Team for their organizing and implementing our covid protocols for our Christmas Masses. Without their ongoing efforts and dedicated service we would not be able to have these Christmas Masses.

Also, on your behalf I want to thank Bernice Martin for the extra work that she has taken on during this pandemic. There is a tremendous amount of work in scheduling people for Masses while at the same time keeping up with the demands of regular office duties.

And finally, thank you to Fr. Tom Fowler for sharing his gifts of priestly ministry so that we could have more Masses and accommodate more parishioners.

As we adore the Christ child in the manger at Christmas may we be moved by the great love and humility that God showed to us in his Son!!!! God emptied himself and became one of us. Our faith also professes that he will come again.

On behalf of our parish staff, have a blessed and healthy Christmas and a hope-filled New Year.

Fr. David

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!! – WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO STAY AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY TO HELP DECORATE EACH WORSHIP SITE!

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DEC 24, 2020 - JAN 5, 2021
FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 757-8693**

COLLECTION – Dec 12/13, 2020

Regular \$3,097.00 Loose - \$374.55 eTransfer - \$75.00 Christmas Baskets - \$1,000.00

Pro-Life - \$145.00 CD's - \$95.00

Building Fund - \$210.00, PAD Weekly Average - \$1,848.00 PAD BLDG - \$172.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

4th Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2020

Holy Family – December 27, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord – Jan 03, 2021

We are a welcoming community of growing disciples who share our faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus.

***** OFFICE HOURS*****

Tue/Wed/Thurs: 9 am to 4 pm

Office Number - 738-2320 Office Number - 653-6850

Monday & Friday: both offices closed

CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website www.holyspiritreparish.ca

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**Confessions - The Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:15pm Saturdays at
St. Rose of Lima Worship Site**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at linspin@nbnet.nb.ca

PANDEMIC TEAM CHAIRPERSON

Mark Palmer – 506-635-5742 or email him at markj@nbnet.nb.ca

Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 28 Richmond Street Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon's Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

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Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
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