

LENT 2021 HOPE

After some internal struggle with a ‘title’ or ‘theme,’ there was one word that kept coming to the forefront in my thoughts and prayers. **Hope.** Last week, I spoke about the hope found in the readings: the prophet Job and the healing of Peter’s mother-in-law, a new beginning for her; the hope that was extended to the ‘whole city’ searching for healing...Jesus restored their hope. This week we will hear how Jesus heals a Leper, again, a desperate situation where an individual puts their hope in the Son of Man. During Lent we will experience ‘hope’ in the **Ashes** that remind us of our ability to change; the large **crosses** in our sanctuaries that remind us that it is through the cross with Jesus that leads us to hope. And the Mass that celebrates ultimate hope, Jesus, himself, nourishes us with Himself, Food for the Journey to new life. Even in our daily lives that have been interrupted by covid 19, hope is found in our dedicated frontline workers of all types, those who comply with the rules to help combat the disease and finally the vaccine that awaits us all.

With all of this being said, each day during Lent, I am challenging all of us to experience an example of hope. Did I experience a moment of hope in **Sacred Scripture**? In **prayer**? In self-reflection? Doing whatever we can for others... such as a **phone call**? In the sun and its **warm rays** that light up our rooms? Did I experience hope in the silence of our homes? Good news received by phone...the birth of a baby? The **wild birds** at our feeders? What ‘nugget’ of hope was extended to me at **Mass** (either in person or on television)? I invite you to ‘make a list’ on some paper kept in your prayer area; **write one word of hope** down each day and at the end of Lent, review the list. The word may be a name of someone who was kind to us on that particular day; or in Scripture where Jesus healed someone or changed the attitude of one who challenged him. Therefore we might write the word, “**healing**” or “**change**” or “whatever word of hope came to your **heart.**”

Lent 2021 will be like no other, but then again, every Lent has been like that. I encourage you to keep an eye on our bulletins, website and Faithbook page to keep up with us. Let us hold each other up in prayer, knowing that this ‘simple’ Lent may be the most powerful one yet! It will be, if we continue to search for hope that is always around us and before us! Lenten Blessings, everyone!

Fr. David

2020 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

It is the time of year that we begin preparing our **Accountability Report** for the parish. This report tells the community three important things:

- 1) Who you are with a brief description of your ministry/committee.
- 2) Give a detailed account of what has been accomplished this past year.
- 3) What are the goals of this ministry for the parish in the coming year?

I realize that because of the pandemic many committees have not been able to meet nor exercise in totality their ministries. Regardless, we still want to know who you are and what are your goals, objectives, and plans for the coming year (or when the pandemic is over). During this pandemic we could use this time as an opportunity to review what your ministries are doing and to re-evaluate where you are going. This may be a time to say, “We have done this for so long and it has finally run its course.” This is not a failure! Rather, this shows growth. I believe that it is the Holy Spirit telling us that we need to move on from this particular ministry and to try something new. Therefore, I encourage you as you prepare your yearly report to prayerfully reflect on what you have done in the past and to see if it is still working and if not... what opportunities are available to us?

Please submit your Committee Report to the office via email by March 05, 2021.

Fr. David

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Feb 16, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Feb 17, 2021	Wed	St. Rose Worship Site (Ash Wednesday)	12:10pm	Carol Dionne
Feb 17, 2021	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site (Ash Wednesday)	7pm	Lois McHugh
Feb 18, 2021	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Alice Ouellette
Feb 19, 2021	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Dennis Morris
Feb 20, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Malcolm McGovern
Feb 21, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	George Fournier
Feb 21, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Joe Bourgoin

****PLEASE NOTE DURING LENT THERE WILL BE WEEKDAY MASSES – YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CALL TO REGISTER BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO SIGN IN UPON ENTRY INTO EACH WORSHIP SITE****

**Holy Hour of Adoration – Sunday, Feb 14, 21, 2021 @ Holy Spirit Parish,
St. Rose Worship Site from 1-2 pm**

2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH WORSHIP SITE. IF YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR RECIEPT AT THE OFFICE TUE & WED (SMWS) OR THUR & FRIDAY (SRWS) PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

****FAMILY DAY BLESSINGS****

2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The church envelopes for your 2021 donations are at the entry of both worship sites. They are boxed by alphabetical order with your name and address. **Please note – you will retain the same number you had last year.** If you are unable to locate your box of envelopes please contact the office before taking a new box. A different number from last year has a definite impact on your next tax receipt. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Feb 06 & 07, 2021 - Regular - \$2,529.20.00 Loose - \$45.00 New Years - \$30.00

Initial Offering - \$5.00 Building Fund - \$523.00 eTransfers - \$230.00

PAD Weekly Average - \$1,848.00 PAD BLDG - \$172.00

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...Our prayers and condolences go out to the families
of Theresia (Thea) Hoellwarth and Gladys Williams*

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

FEB 17, 2021 – ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE – 12:10PM

FEB 17, 2021 – ST. MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE – 7PM

CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER ON TUESDAY FEB 16TH

NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

Robert Card. Sarah
Prefect

Arthur Roche
Archbishop Secretary

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY WISHES AND BLESSINGS TO MARY ADEY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2021

We started posting and sending out home study modules the first week in January, one packet for grade 1-5, a second for Grade 6-8, as well as weekly postings for preschool activities and bible stories for the younger family members, and feedback so far has been positive. These lessons, especially for the younger ages require more parental and family involvement, but, especially these days with limited access to organized Church activities that may be a bonus!

The study packets for First Reconciliation and First Communion have also been delivered. These are the same lessons we used last year as a review for the First Communion students who had had some in person teaching, but needed to refresh before receiving the Sacrament. We also used a questionnaire format to assess their readiness, and it seemed to work well.

During the upcoming Lenten Season, we will be posting much more frequent lessons and activities, both on the Holy Spirit Faithbook page, and in the Religious Education Group for registered students; probably not daily, but similar-to the posts during the first months of the pandemic, before we regained some structure and control in our lives.

We are still accepting registration for students. We currently have a total of 42 students, and are trying to collect names to see who is actively following the program at this time. !2 are receiving the lessons via e-mail, but there is no way of knowing without feedback how many are using the posted lessons.

Linda Spinney – Religious Education Coordinator

Holy Spirit Parish

***St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 14, 2021***

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

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

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

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

Monday: both offices closed

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

**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

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

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