

## 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

## 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 16<sup>TH</sup>**

## 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*

## MASS SCHEDULE 2021

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|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Feb 09, 2021</b> | <b>Tue</b>  | <b>St. Matthews Worship Site</b>     | <b>7pm</b>     | <b>NO MASS</b>   |
| <b>Feb 11, 2021</b> | <b>Thur</b> | <b>St. Rose of Lima Worship Site</b> | <b>12:10pm</b> | <b>NO MASS</b>   |
| <b>Feb 13, 2021</b> | <b>Sat</b>  | <b>St. Rose of Lima Worship Site</b> | <b>4pm</b>     | <b>Francis Hooley<br/>Paddy &amp; Agnes<br/>Addison</b>    |
| <b>Feb 14, 2021</b> | <b>Sun</b>  | <b>St. Rose of Lima Worship Site</b> | <b>9am</b>     | <b>George &amp; Veronica<br/>Randall<br/>Penny Guitard</b> |
| <b>Feb 14, 2021</b> | <b>Sun</b>  | <b>St. Matthews Worship Site</b>     | <b>11am</b>    | <b>Kenny Martin</b>  |

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE WHILE WE ARE IN THE ORANGE PHASE THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES\*\***

## 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.

**Holy Hour of Adoration** – Sunday, Feb 07, 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 RECEIPT AT THE OFFICE TUE & WED (SMWS) OR THUR & FRIDAY (SRWS) PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS**

## COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jan 30 & 31, 2021 - Regular - \$2,315.00 Loose - \$150.00 New Years - \$30.00

Initial Offering - \$90.00 Building Fund - \$255.00 eTransfers - \$780.00

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

Blessings and Birthday wishes go out to Kay Losier who turned 96 on Sunday, January 31, 2021

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Lois McHugh, Dennis Morris and Carol Dionne*

## 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

*excerpt from Bishop Riesbeck's letter Re: Letter to Priests and Faithful on the year of Saint Joseph – Dec 8, 2020 – Dec 8, 2021...*

Dear Faithful,

Many great saints had a devotion to Saint Joseph throughout the centuries. Among them is Saint André Bessette, whose words we may adopt for ourselves: "I have great confidence in Saint Joseph. This it is that guides me and gives me full confidence." Like St. Teresa of Avila who "recognized in Saint Joseph the protector for all the circumstances of life," we too can entrust ourselves to the protection of this beloved saint.

As your Bishop I invite you to enter this Year of Saint Joseph with fervency, participating in any number of the special prayers and practices available to us. An *Addendum* with ideas for the parishes and faithful on how to participate more fully in this Year of Saint Joseph is attached to this letter for your consideration.

The Holy Father tells us that "fathers are not born, but made...Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person." May each of us grow closer to Saint Joseph this year and be led by the gifts of his fatherhood to a deeper encounter with Jesus. We join our Holy Father in asking for his intercession:

***"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only  
with you Christ became man.***

***Blessed Joseph, to us too, show  
yourself a father and guide us in the  
path of life.***

***Obtain for us grace, mercy and  
courage, and defend us from every evil.  
Amen."***

Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Church in Canada – pray for us!

Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck, CC  
Bishop of Saint John  
January 15, 2021

## Holy Spirit Parish

**St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 07, 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**

**Email: [holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com](mailto:holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com)**

**Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin**

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

**St. Matthew Worship Site – (506)738-2320 Fax: (506)757-2948 Website [www.holyspiritparish.ca](http://www.holyspiritparish.ca)**

**Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive**

**St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website [www.holyspiritparish.ca](http://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](mailto:linspin@nbnet.nb.ca)**

### PANDEMIC TEAM CHAIRPERSON

**Mark Palmer – 506-635-5742 or email him at [markj@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto: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:**

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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)**

**Gentle Path Counselling Services, Ltd.  
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