

LENT 2021
The Source of Hope

“And so, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.” Ps 39:7

Heading for the office the other morning, a robin hopped across the driveway in front of me. I don't know about you, but the robin always gave me hope... that spring would soon be here... a time of new birth, new life. I am always drawn to the night sky, when the stars in full view seem to draw me up, causing me to stop, and to thank God for the beauty and the mystery that they hold. Perhaps this is where the theme of “Hope” came from?

Regardless, the robin, the night starry sky along with a new baby, the voices of children on a playground or a phone call from a concerned friend, all point us to God, the source of all hope.

These examples and countless more remind us that no circumstance such as pain, sickness, loss, disappointment, grief, a pandemic, even the prospect of our own death can steal our hope when it is anchored in God.

St. Brendan's Church and Hall...Update

This past Friday, the sale of St. Brendan's Hall along with the demolition of the church has been finalized. We have received a cheque for the amount of \$10,000.00 which will be put in a separate account to cover the cost of St. Brendan's Cemetery care. Please note, we still retain ownership of the church building property. At a suitable time a monument will be added respecting the faith history of St. Brendan's Mission Church. At the back of St. Brendan's church hung an original painting of St. Brendan. This has been cleaned and professionally framed and will be hung in the foyer at St Rose Worship Site.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of
Janice Morrison*

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 23, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	James Owen
Feb 24, 2021	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Gladys Williams
Feb 25, 2021	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Frank Perry
Feb 26, 2021	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Matilda Richard
Feb 27, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Wayne Guitard Debra Gogan
Feb 28, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Theresia Hoellwarth Gladys Williams
Feb 28, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners

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. PLEASE REMEMBER IF SCHOOL IS CANCELLED SO IS MASS IN THE INTENTION WILL BE REBOOKED

**Holy Hour of Adoration – Sunday, Feb 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

****IMPORTANT**IMPORTANT**IMPORTANT****

An error has been found in the income tax receipts for PAD subscribers only. The month of June for regular collection did not get posted. Those receipts have been corrected. If you haven't picked up your receipt then there is no change for you. If you have already picked up your receipt a new one has been issued.

****APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED****

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 13 & 14, 2021 - Regular - \$2,265.00 Loose - \$87.00 New Years - \$30.00
Initial Offering - \$45.00 Building Fund - \$135.00 eTransfers - \$120.00**

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

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 Women's Society

Harbour View High School Sunshine Café & Sunshine Room

The Sunshine Café and Sunshine Room at HVHS is designed to help students in need with essentials they wouldn't otherwise have, such as a warm lunch and appropriate school supplies. HVHS would like to thank parishioners for keeping them in your thoughts and prayers, and especially for the kind donations received this fall and at Christmas. The donated school supplies collected in September were put to good use early in the school year. In December the Women's Society provided the school with a generous bag of crafted items. Some of the hats, mitts, and scarves were distributed before Christmas, and more recently offered to any student in need of staying warm when temperatures were well below freezing. During this Lenten season, the Women's Society is asking both worship sites for donations of non-perishable food items that can be turned into healthy, filling, hot lunch options: **soup broths, canned beans (black, kidney, pinto, white, etc. for chilli and soups), evaporated milk, rice, coconut milk, canned vegetables, dried legumes (barley, lentils, etc.) plain tomato sauces, tomato juice** (they have a good supply of pasta & cereal at this time), **as well as dry goods such as dish soap, plastic spoons, paper plates, cups and bowls, snack bags/sandwich bags, aluminum foil and saran wrap.**

They are not able to accept any items containing nuts, or any home-baked goods. Also, there is often a shortage of gloves/mitts for boys (Men's sizes S-XL) and they would be gladly accepted at any time.

Our theme for Lent 2021 is **HOPE**. Let's help give students in need at HVHS some hope by showing others care about them.

Please place donations directly on the altar at St. Rose worship site; on the altar or in the wooden box in the entry way of St. Matthew's. Thank you!

Jill Robillard – Chair Person, Holy Spirit Parish Women's Society

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

1st Sunday of Lent – February 21, 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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Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

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
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Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

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