

LENT 2021

Staying Steady Through These Tough Times

“HOPE”

“As for me, I will always have hope: I will praise you more and more.” Ps71:14

Our tradition during Lent is to take away anything that may cause us distractions in our Liturgies... a barren space to worship. This includes plants! However, we must ‘work within our footprint.’ I am reminded of a plant (climbing clematis) found at the ‘exit doors on your right of St. Rose Worship Site.’ All other plants were moved for the season of Lent, except for this one. The tendrils of this ivy have climbed up the wall and onto a window and anything else close by. Ivy plants in general are strong and hearty and almost unbreakable and they grip the surface so tightly that only the most determined effort can dislodge them. At my great grandparent’s home, a large farmhouse, an ivy occupied one side and part of the front. For many years it weathered the extremes of both heat and cold without withering and falling away.

When we place our hope in God, we are clinging to God in the same retentive way that ivy clings to a wall or building. When the sun is warm and the rain is gentle, we grow strong and hearty, reaching and moving as we strengthen our grip on God’s never-failing love. Then when the strong wind blows and the rain beats at us, when the sun scorches our leaves and we feel dry and parched to the root, we know that we can hang on. We cannot be moved.

Mighty God, help us to cling to You like ivy clings to a building.

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

Mar 02, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Bernard White
Mar 03, 2021	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Paul Daigle
Mar 04, 2021	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Matilda Richard
Mar 05, 2021	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Alice Ouellette
Mar 06, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Kay Morrissey Gladys Williams
Mar 07, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	John (Jack) Murphy Lawrence (Larry) Joudry
Mar 07, 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, Mar 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

****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 20 & 21, 2021 - Regular - \$2,380.00 Loose - \$40.00 Ash Wednesday - \$430.00

Initial Offering - \$8.00 eTransfers - \$90.00

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

2nd Sunday of Lent – February 28, 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
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

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