

**MASS SCHEDULE 2021**

Mar 30, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Mar 31, 2021	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Apr 01, 2021	Thur	St. Matthews Worship Site (Holy Thursday)	7pm	Leonard & Eldora Martin
Apr 02, 2021	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	10am	GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 02, 2021	Fri	St. Matthews Worship Site	3pm	GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 03, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (Holy Saturday)	4pm	Edmond Gaudet Eleanor Blacquier Carol Dionne
Apr 04, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (Easter Sunday)	9am	Fannie & Wilfred Comeau Jeanne Ringuette
Apr 04, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site (Easter Sunday)	11am	Paul Daigle Frank & Lorraine Quinn

**Parish Offices...will be closed Good Friday and will reopen Tuesday, April 06, 2021.**

**MASS REGISTRATION FOR EASTER TRIDUUM**

All liturgies are full except the 9am Mass Easter Sunday at St. Rose Worship Site

*The Poet thinks about the Donkey*

*On the outskirts of Jerusalem the donkey waited.*

*Not especially brave, or filled with understanding, he stood and waited.*

*How horses, turned out to the meadow, leap with delight!*

*How doves, released from their cages, clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

*But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.*

*Then he let himself be led away. Then he let the stranger mount.*

*Never had he seen such crowds!*

*And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.*

*Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.*

*I hope, finally, he felt brave. I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,*

*As he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.*

+Mary Oliver

**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

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

Mar 20 & 21, 2021 - Regular - \$2,222.00 Loose - \$151.00 Initial Offering - \$20.00

eTransfers - \$295.00 Development & Peace- \$440.00

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

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DROP OFF OR MAIL THEIR MONETARY DONATIONS. WITHOUT THIS EFFORT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET OUR EXPENSES.**

Free Tax Returns Completed Basic tax returns only. Where - Church of the Resurrection

When – Tuesday’s & Thursday’s 10am to 3pm March 02 – April 29, 2021

No appointments required, for more info please call 738-3216

**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY - EXPENSES**

ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE	ST. MATTHEW’S WORSHIP SITE
SNOW REMOVAL - \$4,337.80	SNOW REMOVAL - \$1,564.00
HEAT & LIGHTS - \$3,521.12	HEAT & LIGHTS - \$2,176.75
<b>TOTAL \$7,858.92</b>	<b>TOTAL \$3,740.75</b>

\*These amounts include both church and rectory at both worship sites\*  
Any help to pay these expenses would be greatly appreciated – Thank You!

**WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND HEAT RECOVERY.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT.**

**Holy Hour of Adoration – Sunday, Apr 04, 11 & 18, 2021 @ Holy Spirit Parish,  
St. Rose Worship Site from 1-2 pm**

## TRIDUUM...SILENCE...and the Pandemic?

Each Triduum, you have been encouraged to embrace the 'action' of silence for the Three Days and in the past, **YOU HAVE... YOU HAVE DONE IT VERY, VERY WELL AT BOTH WORSHIP SITES!!!** However, due to the ongoing pandemic, we have had to make some practical changes for this Triduum. Due to the uncertainty of the current pandemic, and with the support of the Liturgical Committee, we will be simplifying this year's celebrations. With that being said, their sacredness and solemnity of our liturgies will be retained.

So once again, we ask that at the end of the Holy Thursday the community is invited to stay and spend some time in **quiet** prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's Worship Site between 8-9 pm. When leaving the church after Holy Thursday Celebration, the faithful are called to **leave in silence**. Then the **Good Friday** liturgy **begins in silence and ends in the same manner**. The faithful, out of respect for solemnity of the Triduum, are called to be mindful of this prayerful time. That means **no talking** in the church or at the **entrance of the church (other than the pandemic team's questions) and everyone is to be seated**. On **Good Friday**, instead of venerating the Cross individually, we will do a communal veneration instead. By staying in our seats, we will be offered ample time to venerate the cross...sitting in silence, kneeling, or standing. Once again, we continue to worship in silence. On **Saturday** and **Sunday** we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Due to social distancing, the number allowed at each worship site, means that some additional modifications have been made to the Triduum. The pandemic continues to stretch our ability to do almost everything...including our liturgical celebrations. Once again, we will celebrate the Triduum while working in our 'boundaries'. Yes, this year will be a bit different, but it's more than what we had last year, which was nothing. May we hold each other up, including the needs of our community as we celebrate the ultimate gift of hope: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

## SILENCE IS THE LANGUAGE OF GOD

## EASTER BLESSINGS

At Easter, we are invited to rejoice in the gift of new Life and mercy that our risen Lord gives us, May this Easter faith grow in each of us, so that we might live this new life fully and give witness to others of the hope that sustains us. May it strengthen us in our commitment to continue to make our parishes strong and vibrant? I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful Easter Season!

### *Father David*

An extensive "THANK YOU" will be included in the bulletin at Pentecost Sunday...our parish feast day... and the conclusion of the Easter Celebrations.

## *Holy Spirit Parish*

### *St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites*

*Palm Sunday – March 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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**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:**

Anxiety	Addictions	Grief & Loss	Domestic Violence
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