

*****THIS BULLETIN IS FOR TWO WEEKS*****

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Apr 06, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Apr 07, 2021	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Apr 08, 2021	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Apr 10, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Ginette Culbert Brent McLellan
Apr 11, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Fannie & Wilfred Comeau & Dorothy
Apr 11, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Gladys Williams Duncan MacDonald Jr
Apr 13, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Vera Gertrude Mooney
Apr 14, 2021	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Frances McElligott
Apr 15, 2021	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Leonard J. Upton
Apr 17, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	David Patterson Barbara Blanchard Jerry Arseneau
Apr 18, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	George Fournier
Apr 18, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Kenny Martin

We have openings for weekday Mass intentions. Please call the office to book.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Mar 27 & 28, 2021 - Regular - \$2,710.00 Loose - \$127.00 Initial Offering - \$25

Donation for Liturgical 'in memory of' - \$300.00

eTransfers - \$20.00 Development & Peace- \$35.00

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.

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

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

Easter Sunday Gospel

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

This weekend, we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Saturday

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh... The stillness of Holy Saturday fills us with hope and anticipation.

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.

Our Sacred Stories

Easter: Season of New Life and Rebirth for Jesus....and for Us

“[He] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead.” (Apostles Creed)

It should come as no surprise that what we call the Triduum, the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and then through the Easter Vigil to Easter Sunday lies at the center and core of our faith. It is the feast of all feasts for us. With it, we mark the passing of Jesus from death to new life. The words of our Apostles Creed express our faith in the whole Christian story. What we might miss is that it is also the passing of ourselves from death to new life.

The resurrection stories in the Gospel present the disciples and friends of Jesus, the crucified one seeking him at the tomb, among the dead. They do not find him there. Nor would they find him in any place that represents domination, death, violence, greed, oppression and bondage. They would find him in the places of life and light, liberation and peace. This is where the risen one is to be found.

The resurrection sends Jesus back into the world. His resurrection proclaims that there is life after death, there is hope and promise and that the power of evil, oppression and bondage is broken. The world and humanity are given new life.

Our faith tells us that like the risen Jesus, we too are sent back into the world and that we bring the risen one with us. We carry Jesus into our world of families and friends, of commerce, economics and politics. We carry him into the places of oppression, bondage and poverty, of violence and suffering and yes, even into pandemics. As Jesus, we carry the resurrection and its hope. We bring what the risen one brings – PEACE. This is the Good News. We believe in the possibility of new life for all.

The spiritual writer, Carlo Carretto in Blessed Are You Who Believed describes the presence and power of the risen Jesus that we welcome into our lives and that we bear into our world. It is lived faith for us.

When you forgive your enemy
When you feed the hungry
When you defend the weak
 you believe in the resurrection.
When you have the courage to marry
When you welcome a new-born child
When you make a home together
 you believe in the resurrection.
When you wake at peace in the morning
When you sing to the rising sun
When you go to work with joy
 you believe in the resurrection.

The risen life of Jesus takes flesh and comes alive in us. Alleluia!

John Jennings
Easter Sunday

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

Easter Sunday – April 04, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter – April 11, 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

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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

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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

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