

May is Mary's Month

The Lord has placed in Mary the fullness of all good. So that if there is anything of hope in us, if anything of grace, if anything of salvation, we may rest assured it has overflowed into us from her. With every fiber of our being, every feeling of our hearts, with all affections of our minds, and with all the ardor of our souls let us honor Mary because this is the will of God, who would have us obtain everything through her hands.

—Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Sermon 6: For the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary allows her life to be wildly interrupted by God's desire. Her wholehearted "yes" gives God a home, a body in which to dwell. Mary gives God her flesh. Because of her, he has hands that will heal and bless and be nailed to the wood of the cross. Because of her, he has a heart to love with.

As the current pandemic frightens and isolates us, as so many throughout the world are afflicted, we trust in the prayers of Our Blessed Lady. She is never far from us, always attentive to our needs. Mary protects us and accompanies us; we trust in her powerful intercession.

She is watching over us, her images and icons in our homes and other sacred spaces as well as the workplaces. Mary is our Way to Christ her Son, our Mother and our Refuge in all tribulation. We are greatly consoled by her words to Saint Juan Diego in 1531:

Do listen, do be assured of it, my littlest one, that nothing at all should alarm you, should trouble you, nor in any way disturb your countenance, your heart. For am I not here, I, your mother? Are you not in the cool of my shadow? In the breeziness of my shade? Is it not I that am your source of contentment? Are you not cradled in my mantle, cuddled in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?

Let us commend our friends, relatives, and all the peoples of our world to the love and protection of the Virgin Mary in these days. We plead for an end to the pandemic and for the healing of the sick, for healthcare workers, doctors, nurses, and all those working in these days to guarantee the smooth functioning of society. We remember the numerous victims of the pandemic and pray for the consolation and comfort of their families and friends.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary who was taken up into heaven, the life and sweetness and hope of all earthly pilgrims, never be far from their hearts.

~St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Mass

FYI – BOTH WORSHIP SITES HAVE BEEN TREATED WITH AN ANTI-VIRAL DISINFECTED SPRAY

Spring Cleaning

For many of us, Springtime ushers in a time when we take a look at our surroundings and decide to clean, remove clutter and to remove junk that has built up around us. We want our physical dwellings fresh, comfortable and welcoming. Spring Cleaning is a ritual that many of us embrace this time of year. What about our hearts? It may be necessary for us to do a spring cleaning of the heart. It could be that we've been carrying around so much for so long that God's light and love find it difficult to penetrate into the depths of our being. If this is so, let us bring these things to God in prayer and ask God to take them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Following a discussion between Father David and me, and with abundant concern for the safety of all parishioners and each other, a pastoral decision has been made to postpone the administration of all "First Sacraments" until fall of this year. The health and safety of our parishioners and our families is a priority.

In the meantime, please continue to review and discuss with your child the information contained in the study packets, and the biweekly lessons will continue on line. If you or your child has any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Confirmation, at the discretion of Bishop Christian, will be held in the fall, and the current Diocese plan is to follow the Alpha program for all Candidates. To that end, Marijke and I will need the assistance of the Parish, anyone who has taken the Alpha course, or plans to at this time, to properly prepare our candidates.

I would like to personally thank all of our parents, families and parish support for the extra effort they have contributed this past 14 months.

Linda Spinney – Religious Education Coordinator

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Apr 17 & 18, 2021 – Regular \$2,765.00.00 Loose \$125.00 eTransfers - \$270.00

Good Friday - \$30.00 Easter Sunday - \$75.00 Food Bank - \$80.00

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.

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

May 08, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Dorothy & Wilbur Doyle Frank Perry
May 09, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Meldrick & Melvin Dignard
May 09, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners
May 11, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Richard O'Neill
May 12, 2021	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Vera Gertude Mooney
May 13, 2021	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Adrice Leblanc
May 15, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Kevin & Susan Sullivan Gerry Leblanc
May 16, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Monique Pineau Gladys Williams
May 16, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	11am	Jessica Anderson Doreen & Malcolm McGovern

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

BLESSINGS TO ALL MOTHER'S AND MOTHER FIGURES

Holy Hour of Adoration – Sunday, May 09, 16, 23 & 30, 2021 @ Holy Spirit Parish,
St. Rose Worship Site from 1-2 pm

HOLY SPIRIT BURSARY

Holy Spirit Parish is awarding 5 bursaries amounting to \$500.00 each. Applicants must be an active member of Holy Spirit Parish and will be required to submit a short paper including: name of secondary institution for the fall of 2021, current activities in the parish and goals for the future. This Bursary is offered to those who are graduating from High School and are attending a secondary level of education (University or College). Please submit to parish office by June 18, 2021 by email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com

“Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Andrea Limkilde, Guy Leblanc, Sr. Charlotte Vickers, Greg Thompson and Lily Mackin

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

6th Sunday of Easter – May 09, 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

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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

Month of May – Michael Francis Waltz – 1985 - 2021

Michael you are at peace now as you sleep with the Angels – Love Nana

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

(Subsidies are available)

Gentle Path Counselling Services, Ltd.

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