

Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

On the **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection a second time. It is clear to him that they didn't understand the first time. He knew that, along the way, they had been arguing about who was the greatest. He gathers the Apostles and says to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Monday is the **Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, and Paul Chōng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**. Tuesday is the **Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist**, with its own special readings. Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**.

The first reading this week comes from the **Book of Ezra**, one of the first chroniclers of the post-exile period of Judaism. He is responsible for helping hold the restored people together. We finish the week with brief selections from the prophets **Haggai** and **Zechariah**, who were prophets during this period. "Consider your ways!" "My spirit continues in your midst; do not fear!"

In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus urges us to use our gifts: "No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel basket." When his family comes looking for him, Jesus uses the occasion to tell us that we are family to him, if we hear his Word and act on it. He encourages his Apostles to freedom, sending them out to teach and heal, taking nothing with them. Herod is wondering who Jesus really is. Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all, "The Christ of God." Jesus doesn't want them to announce he's the type of Messiah they were looking for. Instead, he tells them of his upcoming passion and death.

On the **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jesus tells his disciples not to worry about someone driving out evil in his name. He warns about giving scandal, especially to children and calls for a radical avoidance of evil. We are to separate ourselves from it and choose to turn away from sin and its sources as radically as if to cut off our hand or pluck out our eye. It's about life itself.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a great week to be reminded that the call to be a Christian is not a simple path. We are called to serve boldly and without worrying about material needs. This week's readings have a clear call for us to examine how we share God's love for us with others.

How do we do such serious reflection when it seems we don't have time for it? We can be "contemplatives in action" by beginning our day with a desire, letting that desire come to our consciousness throughout the day in the "background" moments, and by giving thanks for what graces we received at the end of the day.

How do we come up with the desire? The first step to finding "intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives" is to develop the habit of naming a desire for the day, while we are still just getting started with the day, before our concentration becomes pre-occupied with the worries of the day. These guides can help by suggesting desires that flow from the readings of the week, but the best desires are in the very needs and anxieties that are deep in our hearts. That is where God is working in us, revealing things we can turn over to the Lord and form into a prayer. It can often be just 45 seconds, when we throw on a robe or slippers, or while in the shower or getting dressed. It is deep prayer if we can just say, "Help me, today, Lord. My day is so full. Give me courage, and let me know you are with me all day."

We can use the readings of the week in a variety of ways. We can take a day to imagine being part of Jesus' family, with a desire to hear his word and keep it.

We can let Jesus address us one day this week, asking us who we say he is. The words don't need to be complicated - it's just starting conversation with God who loves you deeply, then listening.

Gracious God, I ask you to heal me today as you healed so many others. Bless my eyes that I might appreciate all that I see around me; and my mouth that I may not judge others and speak harshly of them. And bless my feet as you send me on this journey of grace in my life each day.

~Creighton U Online Ministries

K of C Council 8094 – Rosary and Adoration service Thursday September 23, 2021, 6:30p at St. Rose Worship Site. The theme for September is Pro-live.

Pro-Life Rosary - Thursday, September 23, 2021, 11:30am at St. Rose Worship

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Prayer shawl ministry will resume its weekly gathering on Wednesday, September 22, 10am to 130pm in the rectory hall at 279 Nerepis Road, Grand Bay-Westfield. Knitters & crocheters are welcome, or anyone wanting to learn. Yarn is supplied. Please note that masks are required.

Holy Spirit Women's Society - Monthly meetings resume Tuesday, September 28 at 630pm in the Rectory Hall. All women of both worship sites are welcome to attend. Also, if you want to keep up with what we are doing, find us on Facebook by searching Holy Spirit Women's Society. Please note that masks are required.

Jill Robillard – Chairperson 757-8158

The New Freeman – During the pandemic the publication of the New Freeman was stopped and they are maintaining the status quo. It is available on the Diocese of Saint John website. Here is the link to the website:

<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/the-new-freeman>

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: September 19 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord... Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of
Margaret Dixon Hamilton and Donald Glennie

AVENUE 'B' - Looking for volunteers to help prepare food for Avenue 'B' at St. Rose Place. The food is prepared based on demands indicated by Avenue 'B'. If interested please provide contact information to Holy Spirit Parish Office @ 506-653-6850 or email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com. Also, thank you for your monetary donations as this allows us to purchase meat and fresh vegetables.

For more information contact Helen Leblanc – 674-1548

Holy Spirit Women's Society

During the months of August & September, Holy Spirit Parish is holding a school supplies drive for Harbour View High School students in need. The items that have been requested are: pens, pencils (pre-sharpened if possible), erasers, duo tangs, scientific calculators, small binders (1" or 1.5"), backpacks suitable for high school, as well as nut-free pocket snacks (granola bars, etc). Please note that loose leaf is **NOT** needed at this time. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Sep 11 & 12, 2021 – Regular \$2,212.00 Loose \$144.55 Building Fund - \$1,227.00

Food Bank - \$50.00 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,694.00 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

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Sep 21, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Andrea Limkilde
Sep 23, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Eldon Palmer
Sep 25, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Eudore Theriault Helen M. Upton
Sep 26, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	William Brennan
Sep 26, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Robert Parker

IMPORTANT Dear Parents!!

In anticipation of restarting Religious Education classes, we need volunteers. Sharing your Catholic experience with our youth is a wonderful ministry, and it's fun, too! You don't need to be a liturgical scholar; we have lots of resources, and mutual help! If you have experience with ZOOM, that could be a bonus, but at this point, it will only apply to the Confirmation class. If you're interested, or just want more information, please call Linda at 506-636-0677 or email at linspin@nbnet.nb.ca

****Religious Education registration is now available on the website under the Religious Education/catechism tab****

The candle rack that stood in St. Augustine's Church for many, many years has been refurbished, brought down to St. Matthew's Worship Site. It is placed in the back right corner by the statue of Mary, to enable parishioners to light a candle and offer a prayer. When a candle is lit, the flame represents Christ, and signifies our prayer entering the light of God. The monetary offering to light a candle is whatever amount you wish; if you don't have any cash please don't let that stop you from lighting a candle. Due to insurance concerns regarding the risk of fire, the candles are battery-operated rather than live flame.

This summer we welcomed into our Faith Community through the waters of Baptism.....

*Myles Wilfred Paul Town, Francis Leo Goguen, Clementine Andrea Kipper and
Agatha Rose VanBurskirk*

SACRAMENT OF 1st RECONCILIATION

Due to the pandemic we were unable to provide the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation. This weekend following the 11am Mass at St. Matthews Worship Site the children from 2020 will receive this sacrament. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

<i>Carlye Betts</i>	<i>Aidan Landers</i>
<i>Sadie DesRoche</i>	<i>Andie Mason</i>
<i>Emma Garland</i>	<i>Kaylee Martin</i>
<i>Anna Griffin</i>	<i>Mitchell McNulty</i>
<i>Landon King</i>	<i>Lydia Melanson</i>
<i>Chase Stanley</i>	

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 19, 2021

We are a welcoming community of growing disciples who share our faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus.

*** OFFICE HOURS***

Tuesday - Thursday: 9 am to 4 pm

Office Number - 738-2320 Office Number - 653-6850

Monday & Friday: both offices closed

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com

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St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website

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Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

Confessions - The Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:15pm Saturdays at

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site

Sanctuary Light at St. Matthews Worship Site for September is in memory of Jacqueline Pitre

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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