

Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time

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.

The week is filled with special days, including Tuesday's, **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels**; Wednesday's **Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**, and Thursdays remembrance of the Little Flower, **Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**. Friday is the **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**.

The first readings continue with the prophet **Zechariah** of the period of recovery after the exile. "They shall be my people, and I will be their God, with faithfulness and justice." The **Book of Nehemiah**, like Ezra, chronicles this history. The prophet **Baruch** gives us a prayer of the people in captivity and God's reply, "Fear not, my children; call out to God!"

We continue reading **Luke's Gospel**, as the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus points out a young child and asks them to strive to be the "least" not the greatest. Jesus stops his disciples from preventing people, not of their group, from healing, because they are with Jesus, too. When Nathanael believes because Jesus could say where he had been, Jesus tells him that as a follower, "You will see greater things than this." People come up, offering to follow Jesus, but have excuses for why they can't do it now. Jesus calls them to not "look back" once they have said, "yes." He sends his disciples to other towns: "The harvest is rich but the workers are few." Jesus tells us to humble ourselves like a defenseless child. He prays, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

~Creighton U Online Ministries

Daily Prayer This Week

We can be inspired this week by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the beloved Little Flower and her "Little Way" of finding a path to God in the smallest of ways. An extraordinary young woman who lived close to our own times (not many saints have had their photographs taken); she is an example of a humble life of simplicity and humility.

This week we can ask for the desire to become the least, not the greatest, in ways that applies to us. We can ask to experience humility and grace in the real limits we experience in our lives. All of us have some places where we come to know our humanity and are brought to our knees: perhaps we continue to be judgmental of others even after asking for forgiveness ourselves; we keep falling into the same temptations; we present ourselves one way in public, but act a very different way with those closest to us; we never get around to acts of generosity and charity, perhaps even to our parents or with members of our own families.

We can all begin our mornings with our own version of this prayer: "Lord, help me to be more simple, authentic, transparent and trusting today. I don't want to try to be someone else." We might ask, "Help me not 'look back' today, Lord" or "Lord, I need your help today to be more accepting of others who are different. Help me to see you in those who suffer or struggle in any way."

For those who have hurt us in some ways, we can do as Thérèse of Lisieux suggests and pray for those people. It is nearly impossible to hold a grudge or hang onto a hurt inflicted by someone when we are praying for that person each day.

This week, we can turn to the Archangels and our own Guardian Angel to support us and help us stay open to listen, courageous in saying yes, and faithful to reforming our desires.

Throughout the day this week, we can take brief moments, in the background of our consciousness, while driving, going to a meeting, shopping, doing laundry, to repeat and deepen these prayers. And, may our God send prophets and angels and his own Son to help us find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives. We can beg God to increase our faith and in the simplest ways each day, we can let our tiny seed of faith bloom in extraordinary ways in our lives.

Pope Francis urges people to get vaccinated against Covid-19

Pope Francis launches a powerful appeal for people to get vaccinated with approved Covid-19 vaccines, calling it "an act of love."

By Devin Watkins – Vatican News

The Pope has joined his voice to those of Bishops across North and South America to urge people to get jabbed against Covid-19.

In a video message produced in conjunction with the Ad Council, Pope Francis praised the work of researchers and scientists in producing safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines.

"Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from Covid-19," he said in the video released on Wednesday.

He added that vaccines "bring hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another."

Vaccination is an act of love

Pope Francis went on to say that getting a Covid jab that is "authorized by the respective authorities" is an "act of love."

Helping other do the same, he said, is also an act of love. "Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political."

The Pope noted that social and political love is built up through "small, individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies."

"Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable," he said.

Pope Francis then prayed to God that "each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love."

"No matter how small, love is always grand," he said. "Small gestures for a better future."

*** October is the Month of Mary.** As you know, we now have candles available for you to lite at each worship site. During this month, we ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for our intentions....

*** Something new for Holy Spirit Parish...**

October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. In many parts of the world, this day is designated to 'bless animals' such as our family pets. Therefore, on Saturday, October 2 in anticipation of this special day, you are invited to bring your pets to each Worship Site for a 'blessing'!

St. Matthew's Worship Site from 1-2 pm and St. Rose Worship Site 2:30-3:30 pm

All pets welcome!!

*** Please keep in mind that all parish events conditioned by change or cancellation because of the pandemic.**

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord... Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Rachel Quinn, Therese Maillet and Shawn Black

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Sep 28, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Wenonah MacDonald
Sep 30, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Dillon Burke
Oct 02, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	William Parent Joe Martin
Oct 03, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Parishioners
Oct 03, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Mona Michaud Ralph Clements

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****

NEW PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

As you know COVID 19 continues to challenge our way of life including our place of worship. Late Thursday night we received the following new government regulations that were passed down to our diocese. Holy Spirit Parish will be implementing the following changes for Mass beginning this weekend:

- Everyone masked at all times
- Maintain two meters of physical distancing between different households (exceptions between households are for those who have arrived together in the same vehicle i.e. child and elderly parent, caregiver, family member, etc.)
- No congregational singing
- Record names and provide assigned seating
- Prevent anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms or who has been instructed to self-isolate from entering
- No receptions for funerals or baptisms

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support during these difficult times.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Sep 18 & 19, 2021 – Regular \$2,202.00 Loose \$197.35 eTransfers - \$80.00
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 EXPENSES.

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 26, 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

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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

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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

We offer counselling for:

Anxiety	Addictions	Grief & Loss	Domestic Violence
Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
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