

Saint Teresa of Calcutta
Saint of the Day for September 5
(August 26, 1910 - September 5, 1997)
Saint Teresa of Calcutta's Story

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers, and an order of priests.

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as “a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them.” She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to “follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.”

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals--the ordinary dress of an Indian woman--she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people.

For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds, nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

Beginning Again: Talking With God

We have good intentions and resolves and one thing so many of us want is a deeper relationship with God. It is a longing that comes from our hearts but we don't always know what to do with it. Below are a few hints and resources to get us started – or re-started – talking to God. It sounds simple, so why does it get complicated?

The good news is that God is the one who really wants to talk with us. God wants us to feel that he loves us with a bottomless love and is just waiting to listen to anything we want to say. Further proof of this good news: It was God who sparked our hearts to make us want to respond to him in a newer way. What is standing in our way?

I just don't know where to begin.

We can reflect on our prayer and what we mean by prayer. Sometimes the most difficult journey in prayer is the short distance from our heads to our hearts. We might enjoy reading theology and spirituality books and websites, but it can draw us into *concepts* and *ideas* about God rather than feeling in our hearts how much we are loved by God. The shift in focus happens when we move from “saying prayers” to praying in the sense of entering into a close, personal relationship, which centers on a sense of closeness, accompaniment and intimacy.

Prayer is really just conversation with someone who loves us more than we can imagine. What do we want to thank God for? What do we worry about? What are we facing today? What do we want to ask of God? Speak, then listen.

I don't have a minute free all day – when can I possibly pray?

Spending 30 minutes in silent meditation is wonderful, but most of us can't do that in our lives. But we all can find small “in-between” moments in our lives when we can find a greater intimacy with God. It means looking for the tiniest spaces in our day when we can simply lift our hearts to God.

St. Ignatius encouraged his followers to be “Contemplatives in Action,” “seeking and finding intimacy with God, in all things,” and we can do that by continually tucking small prayer spaces into our days. Developing this pattern in our days can help us feel accompanied by God all day long.

Here are a few suggestions. Which ones might work for me today?

- Brushing teeth is something we do every day for a few minutes. If we transform that time into a simple dialog with God, it can begin and end our day in prayer.
- A drive in the car can become a brief retreat if we turn off the radio and use that time to have a conversation with God.
- A regular shower or bath time can be the perfect, undistracted spot to connect with the One who loves us.
- We can pray walking to a meeting, crossing a street or heading into a store.
- As we reach to answer a phone, a 2 second prayer for the person calling can change my interaction with the caller.
- If we find our mind wanders, gently transform it into a prayer by saying to God, “I am distracted by the meeting I have today. Let me tell you what I am worried about.” Or, “I can tell I am preoccupied by my relationship problems with my brother. Please give me the grace to forgive him.” We can take our distractions to God and ask for help.

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Sep 07, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Sep 09, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Sep 11, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Ervine Buckley
Sep 12, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Maddy Murphy
Sep 12, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	DFM William & Ida J. Ferguson

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: September 5, 12 & 19 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m.

FREE FIREWOOD

Recently we had to have some trees cut down at St. Augustine's Cemetery. The wood is cut into stove length pieces and is birch. There is approximately a cord there for the taking. If interested please contact Jim Gaten at 738-2091. **Must be picked up, not able to deliver.**

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 – 675-1548

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Aug 30, 2021 – Regular \$1,882.00 Loose \$226.35 eTransfer - \$110.00
Food Bank - \$120.00 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.

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

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.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Holy Spirit Women's Society will be starting back up monthly meetings beginning 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. Jill Robillard – Chairperson 757-8158

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 05, 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

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Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

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

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