

Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

For the **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear the story from **Mark's Gospel** about two of Jesus' closest friends, James and John, who want seats of honor in "the Kingdom" they envision for Jesus. We can almost see Jesus shake his head in dismay that they have missed his point once again. He does not let his disciples get sidetracked into jealousy but calls them together again to give them his message: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Monday is the Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist. On Tuesday we remember Jesuit Saints **John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs.**

We continue with the second of four weeks of weekday readings from Paul's **Letter to the Romans**. This is Paul's longest letter and was written from Greece as he prepared to visit Rome.

Our gospels continue with **Luke's Gospel** and multiple stories of Jesus exhorting us to be prepared, to beware of greed and that our "life does not consist of possessions." Jesus' mission is to bring peace and healing. We are to be prepared for the times our Lord comes to us. Much is expected of us who have been entrusted with so much. Jesus has come to set a fire among us, which will probably also place us at odds with others, even others we love. Yet, Jesus calls us to read the signs of our times and to make peace with our opponents if we can. We are being fertilized to bear fruit.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer. There's freedom "from" and freedom "for." We can ask to be released *from* what has a hold on us. If we ask, we can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. We can pray to be free *for* whatever God desires of us. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others and to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

The Word helps us each week. Sometimes, one phrase or one story will carry us for several days. Other weeks, we will have to look back at the readings to hear a reminder, an encouragement, a call. I might stay with the words, "give to God what is God's." On a given day it might be a great grace to realize all is gift, including the members of my family, the gifts I've been given to do my work, the graces offered me this very day. If I hear the words of Jesus, "life does not consist in possessions," we might ask him to show me how this is meant for me this week. Perhaps I will imagine myself as that tree that isn't bearing much fruit. Instead of cutting me down, our Lord is patient and willing to nourish me and cultivate me, so that I can bear fruit.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

Hospital Visitation

Sometimes I have received calls from family members looking for hospital visits. Because we are still in a 'state of emergency' the local hospitals have been shut down to all visitations. There is a Catholic Priest at the Saint John Regional Hospital who is responsible for pastoral care. His name is Fr. Aaron Knox. When he is not available, there is always another priest appointed to cover for him... including nights. Other priests are not encouraged to enter the hospital at this time. If you know that you are going for some sort of procedure, please see me before you go and I will anoint you. As well, when being admitted please tell them at admitting that you are Catholic and are open for a visit from the chaplain or the priest on call.

Fr. David

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
- Weddings/funerals – proof of vaccination is required
- Baptism – Parents & Godparents only to attend

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

* **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....

* **Please keep in mind that all parish events are 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 Betty McDonald, Tony McGuire, David Waddell and Annie McRae

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Oct 19, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Ralph Clements
Oct 21, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Albert Hebert
Oct 23, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Dorothy, Wilbur & David Doyle & DFM
Oct 24, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Joseph Martin
Oct 24, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Domicien (Joe) Robichaud Ralph Clements

**PLEASE NOTE – THE OFFICE IS BACK TO REGULAR HOURS
TUE & WED - SMWS – 9AM – 4PM THUR & FRI - SRWS – 9AM – 4PM**

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: October 24 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m.

****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****

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Prayer shawl ministry meets weekly on Wednesdays, from 10am to 1:30pm 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 are the last Tuesday of the month 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 next monthly Mass for Those Living with Cancer, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, will be celebrated on Monday, October 18, at 6:30 pm. Anointing of the sick will be offered.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Oct 09 & 10, 2021 – Regular \$1,647.00 Loose \$81.60 eTransfers - \$50.00

Food Bank - \$50.00 Building Fund - \$85.00

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 17, 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

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Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

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

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)

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