

## Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

A vision of comfort and healing is offered for the **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. In Jeremiah, we see the Lord gathering “his people” - the blind, the lame and the helpless innocents, bringing them together to console and guide them. In **Mark’s Gospel**, Bartimaeus, the blind beggar has the courage to beg for healing from Jesus. He is hushed by the crowd but continues to call loudly for Jesus, who hears him and heals him. “Go your way; your faith has saved you.”

Thursday is the **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**.

The first reading all week continues with the third week of Paul’s longest letter, the **Letter to the Romans**, with his teaching of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The **Gospel of Luke** offers a glimpse of Jesus healing and teaching the people, even as he continues to clash with religious leaders. He cures the “bent woman” on a Sabbath and tells of the tiny mustard seed which develops to become a full grown bush. He repeats that it will not be easy to enter the Kingdom: “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” He defies those who bring word of threats on his life and defies the silent Pharisees who watch as he cures a man on the Sabbath. Jesus encourages us to be humble: “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### Daily Prayer This Week

Please, Lord, anything but humility! Our instinctive reaction to humility might be the result of a culture that exalts riches, honors and pride. Yet all this week Jesus teaches that the way to salvation is through humility.

The first step might be simply asking for the desire to be humble. As we move through the simplest of moments in our everyday lives, we can stop and ask God to help us *want* to be humble. As we sit on the edge of the bed in the morning, as we head to work, sort laundry or do our errands, we can keep a running prayer in the background of our consciousness: “Lord, help me to desire the humility that will make me more aware of your saving grace.”

These same background moments offer ways for us to recognize opportunities to practice humility as we go through our days. Perhaps I can stop myself from correcting my spouse. In a disagreement, I might make an extra effort to listen to the other person's side rather than planning my rebuttal as they speak. I can let a person in line in front of me, hold the door for someone or make an extra effort to recognize and thank those who serve me. Maybe I can even admit that I may not fully understand the opinions of others and that there may be some legitimate points to them. Even these tiny gestures, when done in the spirit of Jesus' teachings this week, offer us a special grace.

All week we can continue to speak to the Lord as we would to a loving friend who listens to us. And always, we can end our day in gratitude, for the merciful God who loves us so compassionately and longs to be in our hearts.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

*This weekend we welcome into our Faith Community through the ‘Waters of Baptism’  
Madelyn Grace Dunham*

\* **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.**

## 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.

### Journey

It is a good idea, on any journey, to pause on the way and take stock. If you were hiking a mountain, you might reach a plateau and pause for a while, looking back to see all the places you have hiked through. What’s the journey been like so far, and what have you learned? How will you go forward; what route will you take? Call on the Spirit of Jesus. St. Augustine said, ‘We come to God not by navigation, but by love.’

*-Br. Geoffrey Tristram*

### FROM OUR BISHOP.....

These next few years of deliberations will be a privileged time to walk together as we listen to each other, look at the signs of the times, and ultimately listen to the Holy Spirit to discern what steps the Holy Spirit invites us to take to grow as a Synodal Church. This two-year process will conclude in October 2023 and will notably involve all the faithful at local Churches across the world, promising to listen to all, especially to laypeople. As we begin this diocesan phase of consultation, which is the preparatory stage for the Synod that will take place in October 2023 in Rome, I am counting on all parishes to do their best to reach out to the faithful so that we can listen and discern together. The goal is to ensure the participation of the greatest number possible, to listen to the living voice of the entire People of God. We need to actively reach out to people where they are at, especially those who are often excluded or not involved in the life of the Church. There must also be a clear focus on the participation of the poor, marginalized, vulnerable and excluded, to listen to their voices and experiences. Above all this process must be simple, accessible, and welcoming to all. DIOCESE OF SAINT JOHN 1 Bayard Drive Saint John, NB E2L 3L5 Canada Tel (506) 653-6800 • Fax (506) 653-6859 To that end a survey has been created on our diocesan website <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synod-2021-2023>

**MASS SCHEDULE 2021**

Oct 26, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Oct 28, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Bob Williams
Oct 30, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Bernard & Helen Mullins Fred O'Brien Raymond Sweet
Oct 31, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Parishioners
Oct 31, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	John & Peter Leger

**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](mailto: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** – October's Monthly meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30pm 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

**K of C Council 8094** – The monthly Rosary and Adoration service will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021, 6:30pm at St. Rose Worship Site – **Theme for October is 'peace'**.

**All are welcome and all pandemic protocols will be followed.**

**COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

Oct 16 & 17, 2021 – Regular \$2,672.00 Loose \$159.00 eTransfers - \$140.00

Food Bank - \$150.00 Building Fund - \$140.00

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***

***30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 24, 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

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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](mailto: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
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

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