

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

On the **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints**. From the **Book of Revelation** we read of “a great multitude” that stood before God. “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress...” **Matthew’s Gospel** offers us the Beatitudes: simple words but challenging teachings.

Monday is the **Solemnity of All Saints**, Tuesday is the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**, and Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**.

During the regular readings this week, we conclude a four-week series of first readings from **Paul’s Letter to the Romans**. He reminds us, “Who has known the mind of the Lord?”

In the **Gospel according to Luke** we see Jesus living out his daily life with challenging honesty. He calls us to extend an invitation out of our hearts, not with an eye on an invitation in return: “invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” Then Jesus tells the parable of the invited guests who made excuses to decline the invitation. He sends his servants to invite everyone. Jesus tells a crowd that they have to renounce their possessions to be his disciple and that to do something really important, we have to prepare and be ready. When the religious leaders complain, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them,” Jesus tells parables of the man who finds his lost sheep and the woman with the lost coin, both of whom rejoice in finding what was lost. A steward protects himself by pardoning those who owe his master. We end the week with Jesus asking which is more important, God or money? “No servant can serve two masters.”

Daily Prayer This Week

This week guides us deep into our faith in several ways. With the Solemnity of All Saints, we are reminded of all the women and men whose faithful living of the Gospel is so clear that we are sure we can imitate their lives. These are all the named saints. It would be great to name the saints whose example we desire to shape our lives. All Souls day gives us the opportunity to remember and pray for all our brothers and sisters who have died. We confidently hope and pray that they may be embraced by the love and mercy of God, poured forth in the life giving death and resurrection of Jesus. This is a wonderful day to name all those we want to pray for, and to include in our prayer those who have no one to pray for them.

As we go about our very busy lives this week, we can continue to practice focusing our attention on an ongoing conversation with our Lord throughout the day. Our desires - for union with our Lord, to know God’s love for us, to become more aware of our failings, to become more generous with our family and friends, to be more patient and forgiving, to love as we have been loved - can be expressed in these simple expressions. These expressed desires will naturally interact with the real events of our day.

The gospels this week will draw us into desiring to be more merciful and to not let money or pride dominate our behavior. We won’t be “unprepared” if we keep making openings for our Lord to enter the ordinary moments of our days. In repeated moments, we can simply open our hearts and ask God for the desire to have our lives focus on God’s desires for us, rather than what our culture wants us to focus on so constantly.

Each night, let’s look back over the day briefly, and give thanks for a God who listens to our desires.

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Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Bob Wallace, Mary Burns and Edna Sharkey

NEW PANDEMIC PROTOCOL

As you know COVID 19 continues to challenge our way of life including our place of worship. The following new government regulations 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.

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>

Empty Stocking Fund – Do you know anyone who qualifies for assistance from the Empty Stocking Fund? Children from 1 year of age (born after Jan 01, 2007) and under 13 years of age (born before Dec 31, 2020) are eligible. The cut-off date to register via Holy Spirit Parish is Noon November 12, 2020. Registration has to be done in person with proper ID for each child.

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Nov 02, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Nov 04, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Nov 06, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Joseph Martin Albert Hebert
Nov 07, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Donnie Brennan
Nov 07, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Rachel Quinn

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: November 7, 14 & 21 - 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 – November's Monthly meeting will be Monday, November 29, 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 639-0007

Advent Candles: 4 Candles, Unscented, 10 Inch Advent Taper Candle Set, Long Burning. Saint John Chapter, New Brunswick Right to Life, Fundraiser \$15.00 per set. sjrighttolife@gmail.com 506-333-9509

River Valley Lions Club – Annual Christmas Craft sale, Saturday November 6, 2021 from 8am – 1pm at St. Matthews Hall. PLEASE NOTE PROPER COVID PROTOCOL WILL BE FOLLOWED – MASKS AND PROOF OF DOUBLE VACCINATIONS IS REQUIRED.

REMINDER – NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 IS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR – DON'T FORGET!!

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Oct 23 & 24, 2021 – Regular \$1,672.00 Loose \$102.00 eTransfers - \$150.00

Food Bank - \$20.00 Mission Sunday - \$460.00

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 31, 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)

Gentle Path Counselling Services, Ltd.

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