

## Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

The powerful story of the rich young man will be repeated in the gospel in the **Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. He asks Jesus what he can do to inherit eternal life and already keeps the commandments. Jesus offers him the challenge of the gospel: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor ... then come, follow me." **Mark's gospel** tells us that the young man "went away sad, for he had many possessions." When Jesus tells his followers how hard it will be for a rich person to be saved they are astonished - and worried. They wondered how they could ever be saved. "All things are possible for God," was Jesus' response.

Friday we remember Saint Teresa Avila, formally known as **Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**.

We begin reading Paul's **Letter to the Romans** for our first reading this week. After a powerful introduction, Paul writes this community in Rome about God's righteousness (mercy or kindness) and justification (making us holy or one with God) which comes to us, not through the law but through faith in Jesus.

Each day we move through **Luke's gospel** as people gather around Jesus. He declines to give a sign other than the sign of Jonah. At a Pharisee's house Jesus calls for authenticity: "give alms and everything will be clean for you." He challenges the religious practices of the Pharisees which miss the heart of fidelity to God and mercy toward others. Jesus tries to get them to see that, while they honor the prophets, they are no better than their ancestors who ignored and killed the prophets. Instead of hearing him, the religious leaders plot to trap Jesus. Warning his disciples about imitating religious hypocrisy, Jesus tells them not to be afraid, even of death, but to only fear losing their souls. Acknowledging Jesus is enough to save us. When we make our defense of our faith and way of life, the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say.

### Daily Prayer This Week

With Sunday's gospel fresh in our hearts, we can ask for the grace to not "go away sad," because we had "many possessions." We are encouraged to remember that "All things are possible for God."

All week long, the readings offer us so much about authenticity. Jesus invites us to simplicity. He wants to take us beyond obedience to the law or acts of piety. These are not bad in themselves, but they can hold a particular vulnerability to in-authenticity or hypocrisy, unless they are rooted in deep reliance upon God and faith in Jesus as our Savior. Mere cleanliness on the outside or placing burdens on people's shoulders leaves us still far away from an experience of God's love that overflows into love and mercy for others.

This week, let's wake up each day and ask God for the grace to be more authentic. While putting on our slippers, standing next to the bed for just 30 seconds, let's give this special focus to our day. While washing up or getting dressed, on the way to work, while doing laundry or walking down the hall to a meeting, saying a brief grace before even a quick meal, we can remind ourselves of this desire in our hearts. Choosing humility is simply choosing honesty in very small ways. Throughout our days, each of us can find words to express to God our desire to be more honest and transparent with ourselves and with others.

*"Lord, let me be just who I am today. I know that in your eyes I'm a loved sinner. In grateful humility, don't let me be harsh or judgmental with my family, with friends or co-workers. Let me give up bragging, shading the truth, any kind of falsehood. I want to abstain today from even thoughts that take me down a road of cheating on my relationships, my commitments and my relationship with you."*

This is all about focus and choosing to place our attention on our relationship with Jesus in the most ordinary moments of our day. As we end each day, we can give thanks that our desire was given to us - that whenever we open our hearts, our God is always there, ready to bless our desires.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

## 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.

## HVHS (SUNSHINE ROOM) DONATIONS

The school supply donations have been delivered to Harbour View High School, and once again parishioners from both worship sites have been very generous. Harbour View is very grateful for the kindness shown to them. Thank you!

**\* 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.**

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

Oct 02 & 03, 2021 – Regular \$1,432.00 Loose \$283.50 eTransfers - \$60.00

Food Bank - \$40.00 Needs of Catholic Church - \$70.00 Building Fund - \$1,552.00

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.**

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Dave Black*

**MASS SCHEDULE 2021**

Oct 12, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Joseph Martin
Oct 14, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Ralph Clements
Oct 16, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Don Sullivan
Oct 17, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Adrice Leblanc
Oct 17, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	John & Peter Leger Tess Sewell

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

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration:** October 10 & 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** - 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

***Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Candidates  
(October 02 & 03, 2021)***

*Sadie DesRoche  
Emma Garland  
Anna Griffin*

*Kathleen Hillier  
Landon King  
Aidan Landers*

*Kaylee Martin  
Andie Mason  
Mitchell McNulty*

**HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED  
THANKSGIVING**



***Holy Spirit Parish***

***St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites***

***28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 10, 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**

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**St. Matthew Worship Site – (506)738-2320 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website**

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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](mailto:linspin@nbnet.nb.ca)**

**PANDEMIC TEAM CHAIRPERSON**

**Mark Palmer – 506-635-5742 or email him at [markj@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto: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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