

Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

On the **Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time** the readings speak of marriage and partnership. In the **Book of Genesis**, Adam does not find a suitable partner until the Lord creates woman. **Psalm 128** praises the Lord who blesses home and family. In **Mark's Gospel** the Pharisees test Jesus asking if it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. The question is meant to be a trap for Jesus but he repeats the scripture in Genesis. The gospel ends with Jesus urging us to be like children were in that society - unimportant and with no status. "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Then he embraced and blessed the children.

Monday is the **Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi**. Thursday is the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**.

The first readings this week offer again a sampling of several different Old Testament sources including the reluctant prophet, **Jonah**; then **Malachi** ("But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays "); and **Joel**, ("Then shall you know that I, the LORD, am your God, dwelling on Zion, my holy mountain; Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall pass through her no more.")

Luke's Gospel continues during the weekdays with some of our most familiar and beloved stories. The Good Samaritan teaches us about loving. In the Mary and Martha story, Jesus nudges his dear friend Martha to calm her spirit and choose carefully what she spends time on. Luke offers a look at Jesus praying alone before sharing his prayer with us. With the story of the friend banging on the door in the night, Jesus encourages us to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." When his opponents try to confuse the people about Jesus' authority, he says, "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." We end the week with Jesus emphasizing his relationship with the Father as being stronger than earthly relationships.

~Creighton U Online Ministries

Daily Prayer This Week

Jesus is so full of surprises. This week, we can let his surprising ways interact with our daily lives. All of us, in some ways, tend to want to trap - or at least intensely resist - the prophets who call us to conversion. We are all asking our Lord to tell us what we need to do to have eternal life. We might all know the ways we don't like his answer. The invitation to love our neighbor, the way the lowly Samaritan did, can be a revealing question for us this week. Who is the neighbor or stranger or enemy whom I'm called to help, care for their wounds, and provide for their recovery? Or, we can reflect upon whether we are too busy, and not focused enough on what really matters - spending some time just listening to Jesus. Perhaps, we have some desire, need, struggle that we very much want to turn to the Lord with. This could be the week we ask, seek and knock - persistently and confidently. All week, we can ask for the grace to be "with" Jesus and to "gather" with him, perhaps especially alert to ways we are "against" Jesus or "scatter" in different things we do or attitudes we take.

All it takes for us busy people is a little focus. We will get into the habit of beginning each day by bringing our attention to these strong desires with practice. At first, it may work best to rely on a line from one of these Guides - letting it be our expression of what we need and returning to it consciously throughout the day.

With practice, we will grow in comfort with naming our own desires more precisely. For example, I might already be more like Mary than Martha. I might want to be asking our Lord, "Help me keep listening to you, Lord, throughout this day." It may be that I haven't said the Rosary with devotion in years. This may be a week to rediscover that powerful prayer, a decade at a time, throughout the day, reflecting much more deliberately on the traditional mysteries or the reflections of this week.

Every night, we can all express our thanks to the Lord for the faithful way we are being invited to a closer relationship, in the midst of our busy, daily lives.

Lord, bless this week to allow me to be drawn closer to you - a better neighbor, choosing the better part, learning to pray to you insistently, being with you in every way I can. Help me put my complete trust in you.

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.

Evangelism

Why does the word "evangelism" evoke such a negative emotion in many of us? I think we have misunderstood the meaning of the word. This word actually comes from the Greek word "euangelion," which means "messenger of good news." It is where we get the word "angel." The angel Gabriel was an evangelist, a bringer of good news.
-Br. Jim Woodrum

* **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!!!

Sep 25 & 26, 2021 – Regular \$1,631.00 Loose \$137.00 eTransfers - \$130.00

Needs of Catholic Church - \$382.00 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 families of Jeannita LeBlanc, Tracy McKay and Wayne MacKenny

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Oct 05, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Oct 07, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Oct 09, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Holly Hamilton Stewart & Helen Allen Ernie Blanchard
Oct 10, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Joe Martin
Oct 10, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Mathias & Leonie Daigle Charles & Mary Wallace Jerry Dupuis

PLEASE NOTE – THE OFFICE IS BACK TO REGULAR HOURS

TUE & WED - SMWS – 9AM – 4PM

THUR & FRI - SRWS – 9AM – 4PM

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: October 3, 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

****Religious Education registration is now available on the website under the Religious Education/catechism tab****

To My Parish Family,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for expressions of sympathies, Masses, prayers, phone calls, food and beautiful cards as I mourn for my brother Joseph. As well to those who came to the funeral home and/or the funeral Mass was greatly appreciated by both me and my family. Such expressions of love and goodness will never be forgotten!

Also, I want to ‘thank you’ for your ongoing support for our faith community as we continue to ‘navigate’ our way through this pandemic and continuous changes that it brings our way. On your behalf I want to thank our Pandemic Committee and their ability to implement so many changes in such a short period of time.

God Bless all of you!!

Father David

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 03, 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. Rose of Lima Worship Site – (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website

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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

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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