

“November... Remembering Our Dead”

Once again, it is that time where the Month of November calls us to remember our dead with gratitude. On November 1 the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and on November 2 is the day we celebrate All Souls. Prior to the pandemic, we had beautiful celebrations where we would invite the families whose loved ones were buried from either one of our worship sites or funeral homes. Once again, we have had to cancel this celebration for obvious reasons. However, we set up a memorial for this occasion. If you remember, located at the front of the church near the altars were the names of people and beside each name was a candle, symbolizing the “Light” that their lives were for us. We lit these candles for each liturgy for the month of November. Also the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle anchor the display, telling us that our loved ones who were baptized into the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, now share eternal life with God. Finally, the use of “purple” symbolizes ‘our royalty,’ that at our baptism, we were anointed “Priest, Prophet and King”.

Included in this November Ritual, near the display was a book where we were invited and encouraged to write the names of all our loved ones gone before us into eternal life. This Book of Remembrance was remembered at all our Masses during the month of November. We conclude our Church Year, on the **Solemnity of Christ the King** where we remembered all our dead at Mass, giving thanks to God for blessing us with their lives and praying that all of them now share in eternal life.

Once again, we have had to simplify our décor and our celebrations but we still remember those gone before us. We still have our “Purple,” and one list of names of those gone before us this past year (37), with one light from our Baptismal/Easter Candle that burns quietly symbolizing that through baptism, we share in the one Light... the Light of Jesus Christ.

Even though the structure has changed for this year, we will still remember those who have gone before us with gratitude. One of the highest tributes that we can pay to our departed sisters and brothers is to remember them in our personal prayer and at Mass. Hopefully; things will be different enough to allow us to return to this important ritual that helps us grieve those we love. Please continue to pray for the dead and for their families who continue to mourn their loss.

Thank You

Last week, I took a few days off to take some time for myself to rest, to try and take a break from funerals, numerous demands of parish life and the pandemic. I realized that I had to do some of my own ‘mourning’ of my brother who died in September. I am surprised how hard his death has hit me; however, I never lost a sibling that I ‘knew’. Joe’s death along with several others following his funeral filled my heart with grief and disinterest in almost everything.

On the first day of my break, I learned that we would be entering into a ‘circuit breaker’ where everyone was to stay in their own region for a period of two weeks... meaning that any kind of travel was out of the question. Added to this, the ‘strike’ happened... traveling for errands in my own area revealed angry people in groups, wanting what is deserving to them, shaking “large yellow foam fists” and of course, the “honking of car horns” that offered them support. Despite all of this, I was able to rest, read and to think about life, death, and RESURRECTION. These few days were actually ‘grace time’ to renew my commitment to our God who has blessed me in countless ways.

I want to thank Patti Blake and the Revitalization Committee and the chairs of the other committees for their ongoing support and care. Also I want to thank our parish secretary, Bernice and Fr. Tom for all they do for me and our community. Finally I want to ‘Thank You’ the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish as we continue to strive forward, during these unusual times as we continue to share the message of God’s love with others!

Fr. David

Daily Prayer This Week

In this process of becoming “Contemplatives in Action” by finding intimacy with God in the background of our everyday busy lives, we are seeing more and more clearly that Prayer is not really “saying prayers” but is a relationship that needs to be nourished in an ongoing way. No matter how hectic our week is, it is easy to think about our daily relationship with Our Father, with Jesus, in the Holy Spirit.

As we look ahead to the landscape of our week - with a few big things coming up, a host of ordinary responsibilities, and perhaps several bruised or difficult relationships that trouble us - we can begin to locate and formulate into words, the desires in our hearts for our Lord’s help along the way. Perhaps we will have time to review a ‘Daily Reflection’ each day or just the readings of the day. We may only have time to have a general sense of the Word of God addressed to us - from last Sunday and what is coming up this coming Sunday. That Word will further inform and shape how we will be in an ongoing dialogue with our Lord this week.

The rest is about developing the habit of focusing more intentionally on our relationship with our Lord, anticipating the events of our day, preparing for them, and letting our Lord be there in it of God is in our midst. This is what it takes to be good stewards of all that our Lord has entrusted to us.

So, we ask for what we need and desire, each morning, as soon as we can. We return to that desire, in brief moments, throughout the day. . At day’s end, we give thanks for this gifted relationship that sustained us and allowed us to be his disciples this day.

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Remembrance Day – Next Thursday is Remembrance Day, a time to honor, with gratitude, those who gave their lives for our freedom. Someone from our parish has generously donated 2 Remembrance Day wreaths to each worship site. Is there any one attending the Remembrance Day ceremonies in each of our areas who could lay the wreath on our behalf? If so, please call the office if you are able to do this.

UPDATES FROM OUR BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Former St. Augustine’s Church – in the coming days the former St. Augustine’s church in Grand Bay-Westfield will be taken down. In September we had a yard sale to sell off anything that people might want. A total of \$4,500.00 was raised has been put into the Cemetery Fund account for future expenses. Although it is sad to see our little church go, we should be proud of its 90+ years of faith and service to our community. A special thank you to Stephen Parker – Chairperson of the Building & Maintenance committee for the extra work this involved. Many former parishioners have in their possession a pew, a window, a light as a reminder of memories made throughout its lifetime. At the entrance of each worship site, is an artist rendition of what this property could potentially look like.

A new door has been replaced at the back entrance of St. Rose Worship Site. This is a steel door without windows that has replaced the former door that had a wooden rotten frame and security issues (Window). The door will be painted come spring.

Also, the committee is in the process of checking out and updating security systems in our buildings. We are hoping that by bundling all our buildings that we may get a better rate.

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Nov 09, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Joseph Martin
Nov 11, 2021	Thu	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Rachel Butler
Nov 13, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Agnes & Paddy Addison Edmond Gaudet Millie Kingston
Nov 14, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Joseph Martin Adrice LeBlanc
Nov 14, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	John & Peter Leger John White Joey Bourgoin

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.

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: November 7, 14 & 21 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m. Please note – due to the seriousness of the pandemic anyone attending needs to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask (unless exempt by a doctor’s note). If these guidelines are not followed we will stop scheduled Exposition/Adoration until the pandemic is over.

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

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Patricia Sheils and Leandre Savoie (father of Rev. Don Savoie)

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!
 Oct 30 & 31, 2021 – Regular \$3,722.00 Loose \$110.00 eTransfers - \$85.00
 Food Bank - \$20.00 Mission Sunday - \$90.00
 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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 07, 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

Sanctuary Light at St. Matthews Worship Site – for the month of November is in memory of Domician (Joe) Robichaud

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

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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
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