

## Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time – “Christ the King”

On the **Thirty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. In the first reading from the **Book of Daniel**, we read of a vision he has of “one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven.” In **John’s Gospel** Jesus tells Pilate, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saint Cecilia, martyr**, on Wednesday it is the memorial of **Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**. Thursday in the US, it is **Thanksgiving Day**, with its own set of readings.

The first reading this last week of the liturgical year is from the **Book of Daniel**. These apocalyptic and mystical readings were written to give encouragement to the Jewish people in the face of persecution.

The stories in the **Gospel of Luke** this week offer a look at the meaning of generosity as the poor widow offers her two small coins. Jesus cautions against those who will come in his name promising salvation: “Do not follow them!” The cost of following his teaching is made clear, “You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.” In a dramatic look at the end time, echoing the Daniel readings, Jesus says, “And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” Jesus continues the “end time” message saying, “know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.” He cautions, “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.”

### Daily Prayer This Week

The old and the new come together this week as we bring this liturgical year to a close and look ahead to Advent, which begins Sunday. We reflect that Jesus is our Savior and King. This means we are called to help build up the kingdom by loving Jesus in our poorest brothers and sisters. We will encounter readings about the generosity of a poor widow and the warning of the approaching end of time. This is meant to help us begin our preparations for Advent. The actual end of the world may not be at hand, but the Kingdom of God is always at hand for us. It takes focus and paying attention to notice the signs, the ways the Lord makes himself available to us in the midst of our busy days.

We prepare for Advent this week when we can begin a small, but honest prayer, “Come, Lord, Jesus. Come into this place and into the conflict in my life. Let me be attentive and open to see the places where I am restless, distracted and too busy. Come into my real situation - not the way I present myself to others. Come to me - the real me that needs you.” We need this kind of preparation. These are challenging times. Holidays stretch us and test us. Sometimes, under the stress of it all, we regress into behaviors that are bad and destructive, because they are familiar and what so many others are doing. Relationships get strained. Alcohol rarely brings cheer without at times risking bad patterns. So, praying these days - while very busy - praying out of our needs and even our pain - roots us in relationship with the One who always comes to save us.

For those of us in the U.S., we shouldn’t miss reflecting on the meaning of Thanksgiving Day. It is an important time to be grateful for what we have received and to accept our responsibility for being good stewards of what we have, sharing God's gifts to us in loving service to others.

For all of us, this is a week to be grateful and to experience the beginning of Advent on Sunday. We can prepare to walk into Church more alert, more ready to explore our longing. We can take advantage of the many resources offered on the [“Praying Advent”](#) pages.

As we grow in our practice of connecting with our Lord and friend in brief moments throughout each day, we can develop the habit of giving thanks each night for what we have received.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

## RECOVERY CENTRE (LONEWATER FARM)

This past September Lonewater Farm moved from their Nerepis location to a newly renovated facility on Horizon’s Ridgewood Addiction and Mental Health Services Campus in South Bay, under their new name **Recovery Centre**.

The Recovery Centre continues to be a long-term men’s rehabilitation and community reintegration program for Addiction Services of Horizon Health Network. There are 14 male residents in various stages of recovery from addiction, many without support from families or loved ones. The dedicated staff works hard to provide their clients with comfort and love at Christmas. As in previous years, there will be a Christmas party for the men, along with Christmas stockings filled with personal hygiene items and small gifts.

Holy Spirit Women’s Society is coordinating this outreach project. Donations can be brought to either worship site between November 20 and December 12, 2021.

### Suggested donations:

Bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, nail clippers  
Toothbrushes, floss, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream  
Winter hats, scarves, gloves, socks  
Coffee mugs, playing cards, board games, DVDs, books, puzzles  
Candy or treats, gift bags

Please **NO** mouthwash, aftershave, or cologne as they contain alcohol.

The staff will also be accepting any goodies, snacks, or appetizers for the clients to enjoy at their party!  
Thank you for your support.

Jill Robillard – Holy Spirit Parish Women’s Society Chairperson.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Patricia Kleinke, Fr. Matthew George (London, Ontario) and Paul James*

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

Nov 14, 2021 – Regular \$2,406.00 Loose \$135.00 eTransfers - \$180.00

Food Bank - \$100.00 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.**

## SAINT JOHN CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE 2021

Once again this year we will be sponsoring several families for the Christmas Exchange. This is in the form of a gift card from Sobeys for the family to purchase food/necessities to help get them through the holidays. These past few years, with the fall out of the pandemic, has been especially tough on people’s income. Any assistance from you to help defray the costs would be greatly appreciated. Just drop it in an envelope into the weekly collection with your envelope number and this will be included in your yearly tax receipt. Thank you for your generosity now and in the past for your support.

Fr. David Martin

## MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Nov 23, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Art Sullivan
Nov 25, 2021	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Joe Martin
Nov 27, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Mary C. Palmer Eva Gogan
Nov 28, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Pineau Family
Nov 28, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Ira, Alice & Cyril Hamilton Armond & Gussy Goudreau

**In the absence of Fr. Tom, I will be saying Mass for the residence of Chateau Champlain each Wednesday at 11:00 am**

### Advent 2021

Next weekend we begin the new liturgical year with the season of Advent. During Advent we celebrate Jesus Christ coming among us as a human being; we acknowledge the presence of Jesus who walks with us daily and we prepare for His Second Coming. We will light our Advent Wreaths for Mass acknowledging that the "Light of Christ" was, is and will be among us. This is a time of preparation... preparing our hearts or as in ancient carol, **Joy to the World** states "...let every heart prepare Him room..." During these challenging times of a pandemic and inflation, let us continue to be the presence of Jesus to others, especially those in need. If we can do this than truly, "heaven and nature " will sing and God will continue to bless us in countless ways!

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration: November 21, 2021 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m.**

**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.

Contact Helen Leblanc at 506-674-1548 or 506-333-9509

**K of C – Council 8094** - Nov. 25, 2021 the monthly Rosary and Adoration service is 6:30 pm at St. Rose Worship Site. We will be praying for all souls. All are welcome.

**Christ the King Collection - November 21, 2021:** This collection is taken up in every parish and mission church in our diocese to help support our priests who, on sick leave, need special care. Your generosity will be a way of saying "thank you" to those priests and all priests who have responded to God's call to serve and be there for you. Know that your contribution, large or small, is eligible for an income tax receipt.

## *Holy Spirit Parish*

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

*"Christ the King" - November 21, 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](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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