

The Second Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**, a beautiful reading from Isaiah promises vindication which will “shine forth like the dawn.” In the **First Letter to the Corinthians**, we are reassured that each of us has different gifts of the Spirit. “There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” The Wedding Feast of Cana is the centerpiece of **John's Gospel**. His mother told the servants to follow his orders and Jesus performed his first public miracle “and so revealed his glory.”

Monday is the **Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot**. Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**.

During the week we continue with the **First Book of Samuel**. We hear God's rejection of Saul as king. Then Samuel anoints the youngest of Jesse's sons, the shepherd boy David, as king. David kills the Philistine, winning victory for the people, in the name of the Lord. Saul becomes jealous of David and plans to kill him but Saul's son, Jonathan, changes his mind. David does not kill Saul when he finds him alone in a cave but lets him go. Saul is killed in a battle and David grieves.

In **Mark's Gospel** Jesus is asked why his disciples don't fast. He challenges the religious leaders to have a completely open mind and heart to his teaching because “new wine is poured into fresh wineskins.” Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, bringing a new freedom. It is only chapter three in the gospel, but because Jesus heals a withered hand on the Sabbath, the Pharisees already seek to kill him. Jesus withdraws and people from the surrounding regions come to him, and even the demons know who he is. Jesus names twelve Apostles to be with him, to preach and to drive out demons. Jesus' relatives think he's “out of his mind” because so many people are coming to him that he can't even eat.

Daily Prayer This Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. There are seven and a half weeks of Ordinary Time this year before Lent begins on Mark 2nd. These weeks between the Christmas season and Lent are an important time to continue to work on our habits of focusing our desires early in the day and talking with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become “contemplatives in action” and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of our real lives.

How do we do that with the hectic pace of our lives? We hear people say “I don't have time to pray.” It isn't about finding more time but more focus in our day with God. With this type of focusing and active consciousness, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the “to do” list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious of how what we do this day is responding to his call to me to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific in this or that set of events.

If we add brief reflections of the gospels this week, we will see a very attractive picture of Jesus emerge and we can talk with Jesus, in brief moments, about what draws us to him.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

Dear Members of Holy Spirit Parish,

I am writing to you on behalf of the entire staff and clients of Horizon Recover Centre (formerly Lonewater Farm) to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of your very generous donations to our clients during the holiday season again this year, especially during the difficult times of COVID. Your donations helped to provide gifts that were spread out over the holiday season, as well as a safe holiday party. For some of our clients, this is a very difficult time of the year without family or friends to visit and bring them any gifts, which can, at times dampen their spirits. The clients were very surprised and overwhelmed with your generosity and kindness. As staff, this provides us with great joy to see our clients, enjoying the holiday season in a safe and joyful manner. **God Bless You All!!**

Thank you, once again, and best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!

Joshua Holden
Addiction Attendant
Horizon Recovery Centre

St Augustine's Cemetery – It's that time of year again...the snow and ice is upon us, with that being said I just want to reiterate that St. Augustine's cemetery is closed until spring. I know some of you are bringing your pets for exercise and prayer time. But right now the cemetery is very dangerous. Under the snow is a thick layer of ice. If someone were to fall and injure themselves, would anyone know you were there? This could put everyone especially emergency personal in a precarious situation. Therefore, I am asking that you refrain from using the cemetery at this time until spring when we can resume visitation.

Fr. David

Fr. David's Cell Phone –Since Christmas I've been having trouble with my current cell phone. For those of you who may have tried to contact me on my cell without success I want to let you know I am in the process of upgrading my phone. Until that happens I ask you to please call the office or the rectory phone (506-757-8693) and leave a message. I am sorry for miss calls and inconveniences this may have caused.

Fr. David



THIS IS EXCITING....Each year River Valley Coins issues a new commemorative coin. Prior to Christmas I was invited by Corey Ryan of the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy to submit a picture of our former St. Augustine's Church for the coming 2022 year. As you can see from the image it includes the original red roof, which was so meaningful to many. I was very proud to accept this invitation. This coin will be available at the following locations when ready: The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, Westfield Gold & Country Club, Grass Roots Grill, Westfield Country Store and Holy Spirit Parish – both offices. The price will be \$3.00 per coin. What a great memento for the years of faith and service for our community. Also, this is the first time they have used color for their coins and will be a limited addition.

Alpha Course - Mark your calendars: Zoom **Alpha Course** starting on January 18, 2022 @ 6:30pm. for 11 weeks of exploration, discovery of God's great love for YOU. Making new friends, asking the tough questions in an open, non judgmental environment. Everyone is welcome to join, regardless of faith background, church affiliation (or non)! It's Free, Bring a friend- it is awesome to do this with a friend or family member (and Zoom makes it easy to join from anywhere). info and sign-up: Susan Nicol at susannicol2016@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Jan 18, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jan 20, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jan 22, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	NO MASS
Jan 23, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	NO MASS
Jan 23, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	NO MASS

PLEASE NOTE – WEEKDAY MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BEGINNING MIDNIGHT JANUARY 14, 2022 OUR WORSHIP SITES WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PREVIOUSLY BOOKED MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE RESCHEDULED

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jan 09, 2022 – Regular - \$1,222.00 Loose - \$61.00 eTransfers - \$120.00 Christmas - \$25.00
 New Years - \$10.00 Initial Offering - \$43.75
 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.

Synod Survey –You are encouraged to fill out this survey...as you are the voice...the people of God. This survey may be completed perhaps as a family or group or individually. **In the ‘name’ field just put Holy Spirit Parish as this survey is anonymous.** This process is open to all. This survey can be accessed on the diocesan website <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synod-2021-2023> there are spare copies in the entry way of each worship site. **Please return completed surveys to the parish by weekend of January 22/23, 2022**

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Betty Fudge and David Keleher

CHURCH ENVELOPES are available. We would like to thank you for your patience. We are undergoing a new numbering system. Due to the restructuring of our parish back in 2018 we are now able to come up with a numbering system for our envelopes that will work better for each worship site. The reason we have done this is there was too much waste in envelopes no longer active. **Everyone will have a new number.** We ask that you pick up a box on your way out after Mass and make sure to include your name and mailing address on the first few envelopes. Also, boxes can be picked up at the office during office hours. With that being said if you are new to our community and want a box of envelopes or prefer to sign up fo PAD (pre-authorized debit) please contact the office to make these arrangements.



By their action, you will recognize them. If you want to be part of an organization that is building a better world, family, parish, one community at a time, contact us!
 Council 9176 – Grand Knight – Keith Doiron @ 506-738-8989
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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
 SMWS - Office Number - 738-2320
 SRWS - Office Number - 653-6850
 Monday: both offices closed

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St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS)
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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

We are a welcoming community of growing disciples who share our faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 16, 2022

For the month of January 2022 the sanctuary light at St. Matthews Worship site is in memory of Victor McGowan

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)

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