

The Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**, we reflect on **Luke's Gospel's** marvelous call of Peter. Jesus preaches from Peter's boat, invites Peter out into "deeper water" and shows him his power to catch fish. When Peter recoils in fear, Jesus calls him to gather people with Jesus' same power. "Do not be afraid," Jesus tells him, and says that from now on he will be catching people instead of fish.

Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Scholastica, virgin** .

The first reading this week is from the **First Book of Kings** continues the story of David's family as his son the wise Solomon is now King of Israel. He is honored and praised for his wisdom, but falls away from the Lord and worships false gods, and for that the Lord tells him he will lose the Kingdom of Israel.

During the week, the fast-paced **Gospel of Mark** continues with stories of Jesus healing, teaching and challenging the authorities. As Jesus and his disciples step on shore, people scurry from all over to bring those in need of healing. The Pharisees, watching for Jesus to break rules, criticize his followers for not washing their hands. Jesus responds, "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." Jesus teaches his followers, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." Jesus goes to Tyre and tries to slip into a house unnoticed, but a foreign woman finds him and Jesus, impressed by her faith, heals her daughter. He heals a man of his deafness and speech impediment and like so many others he healed, he orders him not to tell anyone. "But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it." Moved with pity, Jesus feeds the huge crowds who had followed him for three days. "They ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over – seven baskets. There were about four thousand people."

Daily Prayer This Week

"My heart is moved with pity," Jesus says in one of the gospels this week, and we see his compassion in the healing stories in this week's gospels. This seems like the perfect time for us to ask Jesus for the healing we need in our lives.

We can take one gospel - for example the Monday gospel - and pray with it as if we were in the story. Jesus and his disciples cross the sea and as soon as they land, people rush to bring those who need healing to him. We can imagine ourselves seeing Jesus, the crowds gathering, the jostle of people bringing their sick on mats. People yelling for Jesus' attention.

Then we can imagine a moment where Jesus steps away from the throng and takes us aside. With loving eyes he looks at us and asks us, "Where do you need healing? Where can I be with you?"

It is there, in that powerful moment, that we can speak to Jesus as we would a friend. We can search our hearts and ask Jesus for the healing he already knows we need:

- "Help me, Jesus, with my impatience with my family. Let me not nag at those I love so much. Heal my lack of compassion for them."
- "Touch my heart, Jesus. Give me the selfless love I need in my marriage not to 'keep score.' Only with your help can I continue to be loving, even when it feels like some days I am the only one carrying my marriage."
- "Jesus, I become afraid of failing and I feel like one of those people lying on a mat, waiting for you to touch my life. Yet when I sense your healing presence coming close, I roll away from you so you don't see me. Give me the courage I need to ask for your healing and to get up and answer your call for me to serve."

When we pray with a gospel, we can carry an image from that prayer with us all day long. As we get out of bed in the morning, cook meals or go about our day, we can be aware of Jesus' standing with us, ready to heal us, if only we would ask.

What is it that needs healing in me this week? Where will I allow Jesus to touch my life?

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SYNOD – Since the beginning of the Synod process many have expressed the disappointment with the way the questions were given to communities to answer. I totally agree. Below are 5 questions which summarize the original questionnaire. No doubt you will find these easier to express your response. Hopefully you will take this opportunity to share your own feelings and concerns for our church.

These are the five questions:

1. In your opinion, what issues in the Church should we be paying attention to?
2. Attendance at Church is dwindling. What are your thoughts and feelings about this?
3. How do we become more welcoming & inclusive?
4. Words are important. What are the words that would inspire us as people of the Church?
5. Do we live our Faith Mission: to feed the hungry, clothe the poor and care for the sick?

We would like to have your responses submitted by the weekend of February 26 & 27, 2022. You have the choice of dropping your response into the office or you may drop them in the collection basket. If you have already submitted your survey we thank you in advance.

LET'S HOLD EACH OTHER UP...

"...I miss my church family..." These were the sentiments that were expressed to me as I made my way to the grocery lineup. Obviously, I agreed with her. I miss the familiar faces that once filled our worship sites. I miss the laughter and conversations prior to and after our Masses. I miss our younger companions and the life they brought with them. With that being said this is a time to think about and express our gratitude to God for what we had and hopefully will have again...even better! These are challenging times for all of us. However, we need to continue to hold each other up in prayer and thanksgiving. Please know that you are kept in prayer each day and we will continue to get through this together. God Bless you all!! Fr. David

Income Tax Receipts – will be available for pickup next weekend at Mass.

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



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.

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Feb 05, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Annie McRae Gertrude Johnston Theresia Hoellwarth
Feb 06, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Parishioners
Feb 06, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Rachel Quinn Joseph Martin
Feb 08, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Dave Black
Feb 10, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Patti Klenike
Feb 12, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Robert Fredericks Tex Hughes
Feb 13, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Francis Hooley Larry Joudry
Feb 13, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Dave Black

PLEASE NOTE - Weekday Masses resume the week of Feb 7, 2022 – we are in need of Mass intentions for weekday Masses. If schools are closed due to weather conditions then the weekday Mass for that day is cancelled as well.

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

Jan 16, 2022 – Regular \$1,200.00 eTransfers - \$100.00

Jan 23, 2022 – Regular - \$100.00 New Years - \$10.00 Initial Offering - \$20.00 eTransfers - \$60.00

Jan 30, 2022 – Regular - \$835.00 New Years - \$20.00 eTransfers - \$75.00

PAD Weekly Average - \$1,694.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

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.

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: February 6, 13 & 20, 2022 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Gary Clements, June MacEachern, Enoil Bourgoin, Lynn McCabe, Ruby Cusack, Celeste Cormier and Dr. Don Farrell

CHURCH ENVELOPES 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 for PAD (pre-authorized debit) please contact the office to make these arrangements.

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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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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 06, 2022

For the month of February 2022 the bread/wine/bulletin 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

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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
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

(Subsidies are available)

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