

The Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time** we hear **Luke's** account of the Beatitudes and warnings. "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." As Jesus proclaims the blessings he offers us and the warnings he gives us. It all is about accepting discipleship now versus choosing our own way now.

Monday is the **Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop.**

The first reading for the Sixth and Seventh weeks of Ordinary Time is from the **Letter of James**. This is a pastoral letter to many Christian churches and focuses on good behavior. After an opening address the letter tells the value of trials and temptations, then gives many exhortations about doing good works, and ends talking about the power of prayer.

During the week, we continue with the **Gospel of Mark**. Jesus seems troubled at the responses of the religious leaders to his preaching. Mark begins to prepare us for Jesus' teaching of his disciples about his mission and their discipleship - dealing with their blindness on his journey to Jerusalem. IT begins with the difficult cure of the blind man at Bethsaida. As Jesus asks his disciples who they say he is, Peter acknowledges he is the Christ, but when Jesus reveals that he will go to Jerusalem to suffer and die before rising from the dead, Peter tries to prevent him. And, Jesus admonishes him. Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it." The week ends with Jesus, transfigured in glory, to prepare his disciples for the scandal of the cross.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can find much fruit in the readings. **James** offers us much very practical wisdom about perseverance and about our temptations. Our temptations come from our desires which are need of healing. He warns us about anger. He encourages to "humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you," and for us to "Be doers of the word and not just hearers." He warns us about showing partiality and ignoring the poor. He clearly cautions us about "faith without good works." Finally, he warns us about how our tongues can be like fire and do much harm.

In **Mark's Gospel** we can watch Jesus instructing his disciples on his mission and on our mission to be his disciples. We can ask for the grace to help us with our blindness - in whatever area where we might fail to see what Jesus is showing us about the meaning of our lives as his disciples. We can ask for the vision to see what he means when he says that if we try to save our lives we will lose them. We can ask to recognize ways we can let go of what we might be clinging to, in order to "lose our life for his sake and that of the Gospel," allowing us to really save our life.

We can let ourselves feel a renewed desire for a deeper personal encounter with Jesus that allows us both to say who he is for me - my Lord and Savior - and to follow him on the road to the Cross - where he dies for my sins and is raised so that I might have the gift of everlasting life. Where, how do I, like Peter, try to deflect Jesus from the path of saving me? How do I resist going with him along that road? How do it tend to think the way the world thinks, rather than the way God thinks?

This can be a week of growing freedom. With growing desire to be closer to him, practiced in the everyday small moments of conversations with Jesus, each of us can grow in the passion to live the word more faithfully, and feel the transforming power of this life of grace in him.

And, it can be a week of growing gratitude as each moment of closeness with the one who loves us so intimately, fills us with joy and a peace nothing else in the world can give.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

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.

WINTER EXPENSES SOAR....CAN YOU HELP?

Unfortunately we have seen a lot of snow, ice and cold weather for this winter season. For safety reasons and accessibility to both worship sites and both offices we need to keep our driveways/walkways open, clear, sanded/salted. As you can see below both December and January have been costly months. Therefore, we are appealing to the parishioners to help defray these costs. Whatever monies you donate will be credited to your 2022 income tax receipt. When the pandemic restrictions relax, hopefully more people will come back to church and we will be able to meet our expenses once again. Thank You!

Here are the totals for December & January for both worship sites.

Snow Removal - \$7,678.55 Electricity - \$7,185.74

Income Tax Receipts – will be available for pickup after Mass. Beginning the week of Feb 21st the receipts may be picked up at the parish offices. Please call the office first to make these arrangements.



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 **NOW AT 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

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| Feb 15, 2022 | Tue | St. Matthews Worship Site | 7pm | Dave Black |
| Feb 17, 2022 | Thur | St. Rose Worship Site | 12:10pm | Paul von Ritcher |
| Feb 19, 2022 | Sat | St. Rose Worship Site | 4pm | Mark Cosgrove Nicholas (Sr) & Joyce Fanelli |
| Feb 20, 2022 | Sun | St. Rose Worship Site | 9am | Mary Burns Terry Hebert |
| Feb 20, 2022 | Sun | St. Matthews Worship Site | 11am | Andrea Limkilde |

PLEASE NOTE - Weekday Masses have resumed – 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!!!

Feb 06, 2022 – Regular - \$2,546.00 Loose - \$40.00 New Years - \$40.00 eTransfers - \$60.00

Initial Offering - \$30.00 Snow Removal - \$150.00 Building Fund – \$275.00

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.

Holy Spirit Parish Women's Society – We are changing our meeting time to 1:30pm effective Monday, February 28, 2022. Hopefully this change will make it easier for more women to attend. This change will be reassessed at the end of May.

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

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

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of
Robert (Bob) Kane, Mayda Wolfe and Bertha Clements*

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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 13, 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

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:

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| 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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