

## The Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time** in **Luke** we hear Jesus follow up on the Beatitudes by telling his disciples to love their enemies and to do good to those who persecute them. "Do to others as you would have them do to you." He says "Stop judging and you will not be judged." "Forgive and you will be forgiven."

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle**. Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**.

We continue to read from the **Letter of James**. This is pastoral letter to many Christian churches focuses on good behavior. This week has a daily guide to better living in this Christ-like way of life.

During the week, we continue with the **Gospel of Mark**. Jesus drives out a demon his disciples are unable to, saying it requires prayer to do so. The disciples want to stop someone - not of their group - driving out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus tells them, "For whoever is not against us is for us." Jesus warns of severe punishment for scandalizing little ones, and he calls us to rid ourselves of everything that leads us to sin. The Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking him about divorce. He defends marriage. People try to stop people from bringing children to Jesus. He insists "Let them come to me," and adds, "whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

### Daily Prayer This Week

We can find much to pray with from **James** this week. We can reflect on "bitter jealousy and selfish ambition," and how divisive it is. If we know what to do, he says, we should do it. Riches can truly lead to all kinds of sadness. We are not to "complain about one another." James says we should pray if we are suffering, sing songs of praise if we are in good spirits, and if we are sick, we should ask to be anointed with healing and the forgiveness of our sins. James is like an examination of conscience for our continuing to grow in closeness with our Lord and for a community to continue to grow in his Spirit.

We could spend the whole week reflecting on Jesus' calling us to not judge one another. We can turn to the one who drove out evil spirits and ask for his help, his grace, to be freer to let go of those judgements and the habit of being critical and severe. We can ask for the grace to get rid of everything that leads us to sin. Most of all, we can keep asking to let our hearts be touched by his love for us - as imperfect as we ourselves are - so that we can learn the kind of compassionate and mercifully love he desires we share with others. He loves us because we need loving and he wants us to love others who need loving. He wants us to be healers, where healing is needed.

Where we feel most resistant, we can pray all the more earnestly for his healing of our hearts. Old habits can be healed. It takes openness to his grace and practicing new patterns of behavior - doing it a different way. So, if I feel I can't, or don't know how to change, I can turn to him and ask for the healing I need for a fresh start, a new beginning in reacting differently, and treating others differently. I can ask for the grace to trust his grace as I practice greater patience, forgiveness, compassion and love. We can trust that asking for these gifts will be successful because we are asking for what he wants to give us.

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

**Feb 13, 2022 – Regular - \$2,800.00 Loose - \$95.00 New Years - \$35.00 Food Bank - \$20.00  
Initial Offering - \$105.00 Snow Removal - \$300.00 Building Fund – \$240.00  
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.**

**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.

### RETREAT

We aren't all able to go on retreat. But we can, each and every one of us, find some place where we can be still and undisturbed for a few minutes every day, to "touch base" with our God, and to hear again who we are. To say, "My Lord and my God!" and to hear "You are my beloved child and I love you."

~Br. Geoffrey Tristram



**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

Feb 22, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Feb 24, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Feb 26, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Wayne Guitard Debra Gogan
Feb 27, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Adrice LeBlanc
Feb 27, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Pat Sheils

**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.

**Prayer Shawls** – The Women's Society has set up a rack for prayer shawls in the entrance of **St. Rose Worship Site**; the blessed shawls are now available at both of our worship sites. If you know of someone in need of spiritual comfort & warmth that a shawl could provide, please take one. We ask that you fill in the sheet attached to the rack so that we have a record of the shawls that have been given out.

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

### SPECIAL COLLECTION – INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

Next weekend, Feb 26 & 27, 2022 at the request of the Diocese, we will be taking up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five year, \$30 million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives.

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRY WAY NEXT WEEKEND**

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Norma Logue, Walter Page, Barb Howard and those who lost their lives from the sinking of the Spanish Fishing Vessel*

# HAPPY FAMILY DAY

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CEMETERY CLOSED UNTIL MAY 2022**



### CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE IRISH SUPPER – TAKE OUT SPONSORED BY K OF C 9176

When: March 17, 2022 4pm – 6:30pm  
Pre-sold tickets - \$15.00 - available at both church offices  
Tuesday & Wednesday at St. Matthews Worship Site Office  
Thursday & Friday at St. Rose Worships Site Office  
Where: Take-out orders to be picked up at the back door of St. Matthews  
Worship Site, 45 Dollard Drive (on the border of the Saint John, Grand Bay-  
Westfield border)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

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.*

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 20, 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](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)

**Gentle Path Counselling Services, Ltd.**  
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