

## The First Week of Lent

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, we recall in the reading from the **book of Deuteronomy** how God was faithful to Israel, leading them out of Egypt to a land of "milk and honey." **Luke's gospel** gives us the temptation of Jesus when he was "led by the Spirit" into the desert. Jesus resists the devil. "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for "signs." He is the sign - a call to repentance. On the day we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of **Esther**, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

### Daily Prayer This Week

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the "background" about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

### 2021 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

It is that time of year again when I ask you to submit a report from your respective committees so we can prepare our **Accountability Report** for the parish.

**Please submit your Report to the office via email by April 08, 2021.**

Fr. David

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

Feb 27, 2022 – Regular - \$3,356.00 Loose - \$159.00  
Initial Offering - \$64.00 Snow Removal - \$830.00 Indigenous Solidarity - \$375.00  
Food Bank - \$40.00 Building Fund - \$190.00  
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.**

## HARBOUR VIEW HIGH SCHOOL SUNSHINE CAFE

**Once again Holy Spirit Parish Women's Society are collecting supplies for the  
Sunshine Café – HVHS.**

**Harbour View High School is in need of our help. They are providing lunch to 25-35 students in need each day in the Sunshine Café, mainly vegetarian soups/stews in order to accommodate all needs, including cultural and religious dietary restrictions In addition they have started supplying breakfast boxes to roughly 25 students in their homerooms classes.**

### The following items are needed:

**Canned: tomatoes (crushed, diced), corn, creamed corn, and other vegetables.**

**Soups: vegetable and chicken soups and stocks.**

**Canned chicken, tuna, canned milk (evaporated and coconut)**

**Hot sauce, mayonnaise**

**Canned fruits**

**Boxed cereals: must be NUT-FREE, preferably ones that can be eaten dry  
Crackers, pocket snacks (granola bars, fruit cups, applesauce etc), must be NUT-FREE**

**Black beans (no other canned beans are needed at this time), lentils**

**Non-food items: dixie cups, napkins, dish soap, snack baggies, saran wrap**

**\*\*\*NOT NEEDED\*\*\*: pasta, instant noodles, tomato/pasta sauces, creamed soups.**

**Any monetary donations received will be given to HVHS as grocery store gift cards, used to purchase any perishable items they may require.**

**This donation drive will continue until April 3, 2022 at both worship sites.**

**Thank you for your support in feeding hungry students.**

**Jill Robillard – Holy Spirit Parish Women's Society Chairperson**



**There are plenty of coins available. Contact the office during office hours to  
arrange for pick-up of this wonderful tribute to our former  
St. Augustine church.**

***HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED MARCH BREAK***

**MASS SCHEDULE 2022**

|              |      |                           |         |   |
|--------------|------|---------------------------|---------|---|
| Mar 08, 2022 | Tue  | St. Matthews Worship Site | 7pm     | DFM of the Fury Family                            |
| Mar 09, 2022 | Wed  | St. Matthews Worship Site | 7pm     | Bertha Clements                                   |
| Mar 10, 2022 | Thur | St. Rose Worship Site     | 12:10pm | Doug Wilkes                                       |
| Mar 12, 2022 | Sat  | St. Rose Worship Site     | 4pm     | Mary Burns<br>Albinie Robichaud                   |
| Mar 13, 2022 | Sun  | St. Rose Worship Site     | 9am     | Adrice LeBlanc<br>Dough Hanson                    |
| Mar 13, 2022 | Sun  | St. Matthews Worship Site | 11am    | Rachel Quinn<br>Gary Mittelholtz<br>Jayne Cormier |

**PLEASE NOTE - WEEKDAY MASSES COULD BE CANCELLED IF WEATHER IS BAD**

**STILL LOOKING FOR WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS – ESPECIALLY FOR THE LENTEN SEASON**

**Choir** – The choir at St. Matthews Worship Site is always looking for new recruits. *“To sing is to pray twice – St. Augustine.”* Contact Mary Rose Daigle to join 506-738-2435.

**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: March 6, 13 & 20, 2022 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m.**

**Lenten Revitalization Series** – The Diocese are pleased to offer a Revitalization Series for Lent on Tuesday evenings following the 5:30pm Mass at the Cathedral. Check out their website for more information - [www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org](http://www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org)

**2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - HAVE BEEN MAILED**



**CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE IRISH SUPPER – TAKE OUT  
SPONSORED BY K OF C 9176  
WITH SUPPORT FROM THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY,  
REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE & K of C 8094**

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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Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

WEBSITE: [www.holyspiritreparish.ca](http://www.holyspiritreparish.ca)

**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.*

*First Sunday of Lent – Mar 06, 2022*

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

**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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