

The Second Week of Lent

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God made a covenant with Abraham. In **Luke's gospel** we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

Saturday is the **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

Each day the first reading is chosen to prepare for the gospel and the theme of both readings is complementary.

The second week begins with Jesus telling us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, "whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant." Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Then Jesus tells the scribes and religious leaders the parable about the farmer whose servants were abused by his tenants. Finally, they killed his own son. Jesus concludes, "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus the Pharisees complain, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus tells them the wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son.

Daily Prayer This Week

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

[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.

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

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Denise Robichaud, Berne Robertson and David Green

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

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

COMMUNITY PRAYER VIGIL FOR UKRAINE

The community of Grand Bay-Westfield is invited to a prayer vigil for Ukraine on **Friday, March 18 at 7:00pm**. The event will take place in the parking lot at the Work Safe NB Rehab facility across from Foodland. This is an opportunity for you to "stand in the cold" with the many Ukrainian families who have been forced from their homes, and to pray for their country, their peace and their safety. *(Led by the churches of Grand Bay-Westfield.)*



CONGRATULATIONS ROXANNE

Roxanne Fairweather's commitment to advancing research and innovation and creating new economic opportunities has been recognized nationally. Accolades include (but are not limited to) the Order of Canada and an honorary doctorate from **University of New Brunswick**. And now, one of Atlantic Canada's **#25MostPowerful** Women in Business. Congratulations, Dr. Fairweather.

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Mar 15, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	DFM of the Graham Family
Mar 16, 2022	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Souls in Purgatory
Mar 17, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	David G. Palmer Albert W. Palmer
Mar 19, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	John White James Hayes
Mar 20, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Elizabeth Gaudet David Butler
Mar 20, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Joseph Martin

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

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

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SAT, MAR 19, 2022 AT MIDNIGHT – SPRING AHEAD

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.

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

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH: All are invited to a special Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. For those unable to attend in person this Mass will be livestreamed via our diocesan Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofSaintJohn>

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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

SOLD OUT

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)

COLLECTIONS

Amounts for the weekend of March 6 will be posted in next week's bulletin

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.

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.

Second Sunday of Lent – Mar 13, 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

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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