

## The Third Week of Lent

We now begin the time in Lent when on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, at least one Mass may use the Cycle A readings for the Scrutinies of the RCIA program. On the **Third Sunday**, that includes **John's gospel** of the woman at the well.

For those not attending the Mass with those readings, the **Third Sunday of Lent** offers Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush. The Lord promises Moses that he will lead the captive Israelites out of Egypt and into "a land flowing with milk and honey." **Luke's Gospel** tells us of Jesus' warning that we must be willing to repent now and that our lives could end by accident or through the evil of someone else. The parable of the barren fig tree reminds us of God's patient love for us, even when we show no signs of changing our lives.

In the weekday readings, Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way - "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal, Jesus responds "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house." When asked to name the "greatest" commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

## Daily Prayer This Week

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle. We are likely uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness face-to-face.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.

This is a week about God's love for us and our call to love others the same way. It is a week to keep our daily focus on naming a desire each morning. The day ahead will shape what we ask for as our feet hit the floor in the morning. We can pause now and then to thank the Lord for this day and to ask for the grace to let our mind and heart be renewed in the concrete circumstances, relationships and obligations of our day. Throughout the day, we can then return to those desires in the background of our awareness. Our request for the Lord's help is always there and our consciousness of it will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and a sense of our need for a Savior, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for.

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](#)

## 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 homeroom 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

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

*God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the Ukrainian and Russian People and their leadership today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.*

## 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.**

## HOLY SPIRIT BURSARY

Holy Spirit Parish is awarding 5 bursaries amounting to \$500.00 each. Applicants must be an **active member** of Holy Spirit Parish and will be required to submit a short paper including: name of secondary institution for the fall of 2022, current activities in the parish and goals for the future. This Bursary is offered to those who are graduating from High School and are attending a secondary level of education (University or College). Please submit to parish office by May 20, 2022 by email: [holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com](mailto:holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com)

**MASS SCHEDULE 2022**

Mar 22, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Simonne LeClair
Mar 23, 2022	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Cecile Landry
Mar 24, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Doug & Sarah Wilkes
Mar 26, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Margerit Robichaud Ginette Breau Comeau
Mar 27, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Medore & Alice Arseneault
Mar 27, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Ron Dorcas

**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.

**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)

**K of C Council 8094** will be resuming their monthly rosary and adoration service. We will be praying the rosary for peace, especially important as we watch current events. The service is Thursday, Mar 24, 2022 at 6:30pm at St. Rose Worship Site. All are welcome.

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

Mar 06 & 13, 2022 – Regular - \$3,843.00 Loose - \$321.00 eTransfers - \$205.00  
 Initial Offering - \$75.00 Snow Removal - \$1,270.00 Indigenous Solidarity - \$50.00  
 Food Bank - \$120.00 Mission Sunday - \$540.00 Building Fund - \$1,342.00  
 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.

**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 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 Simonne LeClair and Cecile Landry*

**WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP - SNOW REMOVAL & HEAT**

We are still appealing to the parishioners to help us with snow removal expenses.

St. Rose Worship Site January & February amounts to \$9,158.06

St. Matthews Worship Site January & February amounts to \$5,065.75

As well, the electricity for both worship sites and St Rose Place (former rectory) is \$5,558.91 for March. This does not include the rectory in Grand Bay-Westfield.

**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)  
 (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865  
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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.*

*Third Sunday of Lent – Mar 20, 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)

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