

Third Week of Easter

John's Gospel brings us a wonderful story for the **Third Sunday of Easter**. After the events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday, Peter longs to return to his old life. "I am going fishing," he says. In a scene reminiscent of the original call of Peter, Jesus appears to the group after a futile night of fishing but is unrecognized by his followers. He calls out to Peter in the boat and tells him where to drop his fishing nets. The fish overflow the nets and they suddenly recognize him: "It is the Lord!" Jesus cooks them breakfast and asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter, puzzled, affirms three times that he loves Jesus - just as he denied him three times during the Passion. "Feed my sheep," Jesus says to him.

Monday is the **Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**. Tuesday is the **Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles**.

In our first readings from **Acts of the Apostles** this week, we read of Stephen, one of the earliest martyrs, and of Philip converting an Ethiopian slave along the road. Next is the story of Saul, persecutor of Christians being blinded and then healed by Ananias in the name of Jesus. The week ends with Peter traveling the region and healing.

The gospel for this week is from Chapter 6 of **John's Gospel** on Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Like so many stories in this gospel, Jesus teaches from one layer of understanding to another, taking us deeper into understanding his gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus says, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him." This marvelous dialogue ends with this exchange with his disciples: "Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"

Daily Prayer This Week

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a "contemplative in the midst of action." We have almost a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the "Bread of Life." This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it "contemplative" is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activity interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we "work for food that perishes." The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can simply open our hearts and desire to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day.

If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew that desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begin to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with Jesus, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face, or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

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MASS SCHEDULE 2022

May 03, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Annie Williams
May 05, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Walter Page
May 07, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Kevin & Susan Sullivan Norman Gogan Gerald & Leo Paul LeBlanc
May 08, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Medore & Alice Arseneau Walter Page
May 08, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners

K OF C Council 9176 – Cribbage has resumed at SMWS – New time slot at St. Matthew's Worship Site Hall Wednesday Afternoons @ 1:30pm. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Pilgrimage - Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life. This year the Silver Rose will be in the Diocese of Saint John on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Faithful are invited to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 pm for a Silver Rose prayer service, which will include the recitation of the diocesan rosary. The Knights are hoping for a wide congregation of the faithful to pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Revitalization Committee - Mark Palmer has completed his term on the Revitalization Committee. We would like to thank him for his many contributions. He will be missed. We wish to thank Tom Paisley for stepping in to join the Committee.

Holy Spirit Women's Society - 19 prayer shawls were blessed at St. Matthew's Worship site on April 24. The shawls are always available in the main entrance of both worship sites, for anyone in need of spiritual comfort and love. If you are interested in creating a shawl, please reach out. Yarn is provided, and shawls can be made from the comfort of your own home.

Holy Spirit Parish Presents Our 1st Communion Candidates

Sarah Adams
Nora Crowley
Tiernan Gasse



Richard Joyce
Madison Morrissey
Mariah McNulty

Open invitation... Thankfully, each week brings more parishioners to our worship sites. Even though covid restrictions' have been lifted, we at Holy Spirit Parish are remaining cautious – hand sanitizing and face masks are encouraged (but not mandatory).

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord... Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of **Kimberly Melanson, Andrew Arseneau, Reverend Jonathan Springthorpe and Hermel Desjardins.**

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Apr 17, 2022 – Regular - \$2,135.00 Loose - \$378.15

Initial Offering - \$25.00 Snow Removal - \$1,130.00 Good Friday - \$1,256.00 Easter Sunday - \$2,325.00

Dev & Peace - \$120.00 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,694.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

Apr 24, 2022 – Regular \$2,800.00 Loose - \$261.00 Initial Offering - \$25.00 Food Bank - \$70.00

Good Friday - \$355.00 Easter Sunday - \$570.00

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.

HOLY SPIRIT BURSARY

Holy Spirit Parish is awarding 2 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

ST. AUGUSTINE’S CEMETERY CLOSED UNTIL MAY 2022

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

For those waiting patiently for First Communion, Home study has started, to be used in combination with in person classes over the next 6 weeks, with a goal of celebrating First Communion will be Saturday April 30, 2022 at St. Rose Worship Site 4pm Mass and at St. Matthews Worship Site on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the 11am Mass. With regard to First Reconciliation, there is only one candidate fully prepared for our Parish, and we will have to postpone that Sacrament, at least for the rest of the class, until next year when hopefully, there will be no further concerns about restrictions, or whatever other concerns are preventing full participation."

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: May 08, 15 & 22 2022 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m.



In the entrance of both worship sites there is a basket of mini colouring books with a small pack of crayons for our young (or young at heart) parishioners. Please help yourself!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE

2021 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The following committees have not submitted their report for 2021:

Finance Committee, Outreach & Pro-life, Building & Maintenance, Responsible Ministry, K of C 8094

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

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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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.

3rd Sunday of Easter - May 01, 2022

For the Month of May the bulletin, altar wine, bread is in memory of Rose Anna Pitre

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at linspin@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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