

The Beginning of Holy Week

Sunday begins Holy Week with **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole **Passion**, this year from **Luke's Gospel**.

The next three days - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - are the final days of Lent. The first readings are from the **Suffering Servant Songs** of **Isaiah**. Though originally sung about Israel, God's servant, and perhaps a specific servant, they clearly spoke to the early Christian community about Jesus and his mission.

Monday and Tuesday's gospels are from **John's Gospel**. The anointing at Bethany - at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus - has taken place at a wonderful celebration of Lazarus' return to life and a fine thanksgiving to Jesus. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with the precious oil that reminds us of his burial. Then, at the Last Supper Jesus identifies his betrayer. Finally, Jesus talks with Peter who professes his loyalty to Jesus who predicts Peter would deny him three times later that night.

Wednesday's Gospel is the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, from **Matthew's** perspective. We can feel the tension and pressure Jesus is under. There is a sadness at hearing the arrangement Judas makes - 30 pieces of silver - to deliver Jesus into the hands of his enemies.

The stage is now set for the Triduum - **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday**.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally." Then, throughout the day, in many backgrounds, in between moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

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EASTER TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

Chrism Mass – April 12, 2022 – Cathedral – 3pm

Holy Thursday – April 14, 2022 – St. Matthews Worship Site – 7pm

Good Friday – April 15, 2022 – St. Rose Worship Site – 10am

Good Friday - April 15, 2022 – St. Matthews Worship Site - 2pm (NEW TIME)

Holy Saturday – April 16, 2022 – St. Rose Worship Site - 4pm

Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022 – St. Rose Worship Site – 9am

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022 – St. Matthews Worship Site – 11am

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Apr 12, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Apr 13, 2022	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Apr 14, 2022	Thur	St. Matthews Worship Site (Holy Thursday)	7pm	Kenny Martin
Apr 15, 2022	Fri	St. Rose Worship Site	10am	GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 15, 2022	Fri	St. Matthews Worship Site	2pm	GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 16, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site (Holy Saturday)	4pm	Jean & Tex Hughes Barbara Blanchard
Apr 17, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site (Easter Sunday)	9am	Annie McRae Adrice Leblanc
Apr 17, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site (Easter Sunday)	11am	Leonard, Eldora, Leonard Jr. & Joseph Martin

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS – ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE

The Liturgical Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Easter Decorations on Good Friday at 12 Noon.

Way of the Cross: There will be an outdoor procession of the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 15, 2022, 1:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The procession will begin at the front of the Church and proceed around the Cathedral block (via Golding Street, Bayard Drive and Cliff Street) before ending back at the Cathedral.

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.

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday: The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to canadahelps.org and searching for "Commissariat of the Holy Land" or by Interac e-transfers to terresainte@bellnet.ca Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land,
I sincerely thank you for your support,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Apr 03, 10 & 17, 2022 - St. Rose Worship Site 1-2 p.m

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Apr 03, 2022 – Regular - \$2,027.00 Loose - \$288.50 eTransfers - \$120.00

Initial Offering - \$30.00 Snow Removal - \$120.00 Food Bank - \$120.00 Building Fund - \$765.00

Dev & Peace - \$355.00 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.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are pleased to announce this position has been filled. David Johnson will be joining us again this summer.

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). As we approach the Easter Triduum – why not spread the word and invite others to our celebrations?

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE

HOLY SPIRIT BURSARY - Correction

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

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."



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!

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Jean Gauthier

2021 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The following committees have not submitted their report for 2021:

Finance Committee, Religious Education, Ave 'B' Outreach & Prolife, Building & Maintenance, Responsible Ministry, K of C 9176 & 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.

Palm Sunday – Apr 10, 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

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