

## Fourth Week of Easter

On the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, the **Acts of the Apostles** shows us Paul and Barnabas and the turmoil they faced. The Gentiles were delighted with the good news of Jesus but the Jews were angry and expelled them from their territory. In a brief, but powerful story from **John's Gospel**, Jesus offers comfort to those who follow him: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

For the gospels this week, we read from **John's Gospel**, chapters 10, 12, 13 and 14 - all emphasizing who Jesus is - from the Father and one with the Father. He has come to bring us light and life. He promises us that he is the gate, the way to life. And, he assures us that if we make our home in him, he will be in us, and we will thereby be one with Jesus and the Father. He says, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me." "From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM." "Do not let your hearts be troubled." "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." "If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

### Daily Prayer This Week

This will be a powerful week to reflect upon Jesus as our gate, our gate keeper and our shepherd.

Who among us hasn't felt threatened or fearful or lost at one time or another? To the degree we have any of that in our hearts this week; we can bring it all to the Lord. The words of the beautiful song by Marty Haugen come to mind: "Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life." Beyond what we want and what we fear is where each one of us can ask to be guided, cared for. The intimacy of knowledge is a wonderful grace to ask for each day, as well. Lord, I want to enjoy how you know me through and through, so much more than I know myself - even what I don't admit, acknowledge or accept in myself. You know and love me. O Lord, how I desire to know you. Show yourself to me. Let me recognize your voice, your urgings, your comfort and your call.

We can ask for graces about the areas of darkness we are going to have to walk through, engage in and wrestle with each day this week. We can ask to be brought to the Father by Jesus. We can confidently ask that we might be able to do what Jesus does - in the very places we find ourselves this week.

Imagine how helped we will be this week to wake each morning and just have these kind of prayers on our lips. As we focus them throughout each day, we will be doing two things: letting these desires deepen in our hearts in the background of our consciousness, and we will let them interact and transform the options before us and the choices we make. We will be able to feel how good this feels, how it lightens our spirits and how it helps us end each day feeling a gifted intimacy with our Lord.

Each night we can look back over the day with gratitude, even as we get ready for bed. Later in the week, we can begin to want to hear the upcoming Sunday gospel, longing to hear Jesus say to us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

### Easter Joy for Everyday Life

More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful - even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love - with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more... when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can't take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast."

We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love.

That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

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### MASS SCHEDULE 2022 (TWO WEEKS)

May 10, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
May 12, 2022	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
May 14, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Dorothy & Wilbur Doyle & DFM Ralph Magee
May 15, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Bary & Gerry D'Amour Donald Wallace
May 15, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners
May 17, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Sean & Richie O'Neill
May 19, 2022	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Stie	12:10pm	Alyer Brideau Hugh MacDonald
May 21, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Murdoch, Melba & Donald King Hazel Palmer

**This bulletin is for 2 weeks - the office will be closed next week - for urgent issues please leave a message on the office phone - I will be checking messages and emails periodically**

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

**PLEASE KEEP ALL OUR PRIESTS AND OUR BISHOP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK AS THEY ENTER THEIR YEARLY PRIEST RETREAT**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE**

**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).**

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

May 01, 2022 – Regular \$2,884.00 Loose - \$281.00 eTransfers - \$230.00 Food Bank - \$70.00  
 Easter Sunday - \$130.00 Building Fund - \$900.00 Cemetery - \$1,535.00  
 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.

**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](mailto:holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com)

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the clergy and the family of Fr. Monty Peters and the families of Mike McIntosh and John McNamara*



The Women's Society is holding a fundraiser bake sale, to support our activities, on May 29th in the entrance of St. Matthew's worship site, both before and after the 11am mass. All items will be \$5, sold as a pie, a cake, a plate of cookies, a pan of squares, etc. There will also be homemade jams, jellies, pickles, and handmade dishcloths. Come buy some delicious goodies and help support what we do! Donated items to sell would be greatly appreciated, please call or text Jill 639-0007 or Angie 639-6582. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**OUR LADY OF THE CAPE PILGRIM STATUE TOUR** - The Marian Devotional Movement is visiting various dioceses in Canada in 2022 as it spearheads pilgrim statue tours of Our Lady of the Cape to provide opportunities for Canadians to venerate Canada's National Madonna, to promote consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to promote enrollment in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. Bishop Riesbeck will welcome pilgrims at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John, New Brunswick, on Friday, May 13, beginning with a procession at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm. The tour then proceeds to the Miramichi region with stops at St. Michael's Basilica on May 14 (before the 4:00 pm Mass) and St. Mary's Church on May 15 at 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

**Bridge of Roses:** In preparation for the Pilgrim Statue Tour come and watch the movie that explains the history of Our Lady of the Cape. Two nights: May 11th or 12th in the dining room at St. Rose Place (former rectory) at 6:30pm. For more info contact Helen LeBlanc # 506-333-9509

**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.*

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - May 08 & 15, 2022**

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

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL MOTHERS, GRAND MOTHERS, GREAT GRAND MOTHERS AND ALL MOTHER FIGURES**

**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)

**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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