

Daily Prayer This Week – Aug 07 - 13, 2022- [Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

Finding intimacy with our God is not limited to people who can go away on a retreat. We can all be contemplatives in action, if only we can focus on our relationship with the Lord in the background, every day. This week we can feed on the words of life which Jesus gives us. And, we can ask for the graces we need, in the midst of our busy lives.

Throughout this week, we can wake up and go through our morning routine asking for the grace that God's mercy might flow through us this day. One day, I might take notice of those in my life who need my forgiveness. I might pay attention to the one who frustrates me or has hurt me or has hurt those I love - real people I know (living or dead) or the anonymous people who represent the systems, institutions and structures that seem unjust or sinful. There are people who benefit from war, the poverty or slavery of others, the sacrilege against the dignity of life itself, the drug trade and the destruction of the environment. I can actually take the grace filled moments of brief intimacy with Jesus this week to forgive! This week of mercy can be a powerful blessing for our whole lives.

This can be a wonderful week for us to remember how many times we are called to forgive. And, we might want to take a few extra moments to reinforce this by re-reading the parable of the servant who has been forgiven himself but refuses to forgive. If we are really stuck in our struggle to forgive, we can find times to beg for the grace: "Dear Lord, you keep forgiving me, please let me experience the intimacy of forgiving as you have forgiven me."

Throughout this week, we'll be embracing little children and other "little ones" because we will be delighting in being one with him and his being one with us. And, we'll give thanks and praise.

Daily Prayer This Week – Aug 14 - 20, 2022 - [Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

We pray through our everyday life this week, with this image in the background of our consciousness: Jesus offers us intimacy with him and gives us life, as shown in our relationship with him in the gospels.

Each day, we begin our day with the practice of briefly pausing, at our bedside to focus the day with a 15-30 second prayer. It is so helpful to develop this habit by simply doing it three or four days in a row. Even if we say that we are half-awake at this time, we can discover what a difference this way of beginning the day can be. With practice, it gets easier to say, "Thank you for this day, Lord. Please, be with me today, especially when I do _____ this morning and this afternoon as I _____. Give me more patience, love and trust in you." While washing up and dressing, we can expand this prayer, in a simple friend-to-friend conversation with our Lord. This kind of connecting or checking-in with our Lord at the beginning of the day lets a background connection with our Lord develop and grow, while I'm doing many things. It changes our consciousness and connects and integrates this fundamental relationship I desire with the things I'm doing, whether they are pleasant, routine or quite difficult.

Throughout the week I might be thinking of what it would mean for me to sell what I have, give it to the poor, and really follow Jesus. What is preventing me from following the Lord more completely? Are there "riches" that I know are barriers to my surrendering to God's will more freely? What seems to possess me? Recognizing our lack of freedom in this area or that is the first step in being able to ask our Lord for the grace of freedom in that area.

We might also ask the Lord to show us what he desires that we be "free for." "Freedom from" is the first part of our relationship. Then, we are free to be sent. What am I being freed for? What loving am I being freed for? What new generosity, what type of self-giving? What neighbor, in my family, or the poor of the world, am I being called to notice and serve? We might ask the Lord to reveal to us this week how we are called to be servant.

We will still do what is on our schedule, respond to all our commitments. The difference will be that we will do it more in touch with the Lord. Staying focused and connecting with our Lord throughout the day is at the heart of prayer, "Raising our minds and hearts to God." And, at the end of each day, we give thanks for this gifted presence that day.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH... UPDATE

Over the summer months, many of our committees continue to offer support and guidance for the pastoral needs of our parish. As well, groups continue to meet, pray and offer 'outreach' to those in need. For example, just because it is summer, the need to feed the hungry is still there. Therefore Soup is being made for 'Avenue B'. Also to those who continue to welcome those to our Liturgies, and those who do so much 'behind' the scene without acknowledgement such as watering our plants or fixing something that is broken. I want to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to our faith community.

At the same time, I wish to bring you up-to-date with some recommendations that have been offered to enhance our parish community. The following projects have received approval by our Finance Committee. I want to thank Wayne Connell from Building and Maintenance, Finance Committee, Ralph Folkins and Bernice for their help in these recommendations.

Projects at St. Rose Worship Site:

1. Repairs to the flat roof over the entrance.
2. In keeping with the traditional design of the church building, we will be installing new light fixtures. As well, new low cost LED light bulbs have been installed to help with cost reduction and better lighting (notice our stain glass windows). Currently there are ongoing discussions regarding rebate programs.
3. A Heat Pump will be installed to help cut down on heating cost and at the same time, provide air conditioning for the summer months. Once again, we will look into any rebate programs available for the total cost of this project, including labour.
4. Since the church is heated 24/7, we will be moving the offices from the rectory to St. Rose Worship Site. The church has a ramp available for those who may have difficulty entering. Bernice's office will be on the right coming in the front doors and mine will be on the left. We will keep the same office hours and the church will be open for prayer and reflection. The current sacristy (left of the sanctuary) will be converted into storage area. Construction will begin very soon. The office at St. Matthew's Worship Site will stay the same.
5. The former St. Rose Rectory: we are currently in conversation with non-profit group(s) who want to use this facility, with the expectation that they take over the expenses to operate this building (\$20,000 per year). This will be a huge saving for our parish. The challenge, however, is to ensure that proper insurance is obtained to cover everyone involved.

Other needs that will need to be addressed in the near future:

1. The exterior of the rectory and garage in Grand Bay-Westfield is in need of paint.
2. Heating system to be updated.
3. St. Matthew's Worship Site interior to be painted.
4. Windows at St. Matthew's Worship Site in need of attention
5. New chairs for St. Matthew's Worship Site. They are 40 years old and are not only showing their wear but as well are uncomfortable to sit in.
6. Exterior of St. Rose Worship Site in need of painting.
7. Grounds of St. Rose Worship Site are tired and in need of updating.

These are some of the things that we need to address... sooner than later. Of course, this does not include the "unforeseeable" expenses which may occur at any time. If we do not keep up with these required repairs and maintenance we will be overwhelmed. Therefore, if we do various projects each year, we can manage. We have a beautiful and welcoming parish and our building need to reflect that. Please continue to pray for those who serve on the various committees that help keep Holy Spirit Parish a beacon of hope to so many!

Blessings,

Fr. David

****THIS BULLETIN IS FOR THE TWO WEEKS****

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Aug 09, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Aug 11, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Aug 13, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Alvetta Keary Mr. & Mrs. Ned Gogan Clifford & Mildred Gogan Noella Doucet
Aug 14, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Lloyd Dickson & Margaret Dickson-Hamilton
Aug 14, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Mildred Chase
Aug 16, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Aug 18, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Aug 20, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	DFM of Fred L & Ellen Roderick James Butler
Aug 21, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Doreen Beale Billy & Verra Bradbin
Aug 21, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Cathy Lagos

PLEASE NOTE – SUMMER HOURS ARE NOW IN EFFECT
OFFICE IS OPENED TUE 9AM – 4PM @ SMWS
WED & THUR – 9AM – 4PM @ SRWS

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Aug 7, 14 & 21, 2022 - St. Rose of Lima 1-2 p.m.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jul 24, 2022 – Regular \$3,825.00 Loose - \$228.00 Food Bank - \$20.00
 eTransfers - \$100.00 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,694.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

Jul 31, 2022 – Regular \$1,820.00 Loose - \$299.00 Food Bank - \$40.00
 eTransfers - \$240.00 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.

We welcome into our Faith Community through the waters of Baptism

Joseph Allan Graham & Holland Violet Balemans – August 13, 2022

Aulden Arthur Robert Perry & Devyn May Bramall – August 17, 2022

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Evelyn Roper and Evelyn Watters

There are still 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.

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.

Ordinary Time – August 07 & 14, 2022

For the Month of August the Sanctuary Light 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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