

UPDATE ON ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE

A few weeks ago, I announced at each Mass some changes that are coming to our faith community, in particular, St. Rose Worship Site. At that time, I shared with you a proposal that our parish received for St. Rose Place (former rectory). The City College Saint John Inc., a duly authorized agent of Atlantic Education International (AEI) made a proposal to our Finance Committee regarding the use of the former St. Rose Rectory. They want to use it for one year as housing for International High School Students coming from outside Canada. They are in urgent need of housing for their students and many of these students are helping to support our inner-city high schools. Since we have the space to offer and they are willing to take on all expenses of this building for one year. In June 2023 we will re-evaluate this agreement and if both parties are in favour, we will come up with some sort of 'lease agreement.'

There will be a rental fee of \$1.00 per month so that our parish will have the coverage of the Provincial NB rental agreement and by-laws. We have also ensured that the required insurance coverage is in place. A proposal was sent to our bishop and he has approved this project. This will 'lighten' our financial responsibilities of this building which are approximately **\$20,000.00 per year**. This will be a great monetary savings for our community while at the same time, provide much needed housing for students and support to our local school system.

As well, I announced that the offices for St. Rose Worship Site (only) will be moved to the church next door. Since we are heating this building 24/7, it only makes sense to use the space that we have again, reducing costs. Signage for entrance with a power locked door will be put in place. The secretary will be on one side of the foyer to serve clerical needs while the pastor's office will be on the other side. At the same time, this will allow people to come and spend time in prayer during office hours. The back sacristy will become a storage area for vestments, decorations and music stands and so on. Both front and rear washrooms will stay in place for public use. Roofing repairs will address the leakage in our church foyer. While qualifying for various rebates, new energy efficient lights and a heat pump will be installed in the church to cut down our electrical expenses.

I am asking you to bear with us as we will become a 'temporary construction zone.' Next summer we will be addressing the exterior of St. Rose Worship Site as it is in need of painting and work on its grounds. We have a beautiful new parish with four major building that are in constant need of attention. On your behalf, I want to thank those involved who are helping us to pursue these various upgrades and projects. I encourage you to keep our beautiful parish and all its properties in your prayers.

Fr. David

Thank You

On August 6th, following the 4 pm Mass, I tested positive for the covid virus. What I thought was a scratchy throat from the air conditioner in my car was not the cause. Immediately I tried to call for retired priests to fill in for me-none were available. I was able to contact Fr. Aaron Knox who was able to do the Sunday 9 am Mass at St. Rose Worship Site. On your behalf, I thank Fr. Aaron for helping us out.

However, as the evening went on, the sicker I got and I was running out of time for the 11am Mass for St. Matthews Worship Site. Therefore, I called upon our Lay Ministers who were able to provide a prayerful service of the Word in my absence.

I want to thank **Doug Hubbard, Teresa Mittelholtz, Amanda Muise, Sue Ogden and Mary Rose Daigle** and anyone else who was able to jump in at last minute notice. I have heard nothing but positive feedback about the prayerful celebration. We are so fortunate to have such stellar leadership in our parish that can provide prayerful and thought-provoking Liturgies in the absence of the priest.

As well, I want to thank the community who came and stayed for the service. It shows me your spiritual maturity and your desire to praise and thank God for both our blessings and our needs. I am grateful to God for both worship sites because you have shown me your ability to share your gifts and to embrace a change of ritual in the absence of a priest. Once again, thank you for not only sharing your baptismal gifts and the pastoral needs of our faith community but as well, your willingness to help evangelize!

Thank You to Fr. Tom Fowler and Bernice Martin for supporting our faith communities during my illness.

Fr. David

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

For all of you waiting with baited breath, registration for Religious Education for 2022-23 is now open at <https://www.holyspiritparish.ca/catechism/> Yearly registration is necessary, and names will not be carried forward from previous years.

Details regarding scheduling will be determined as we see the numbers registered according to age/grade, and I hope to have that available by mid September

THERE IS A NEW CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS: holyspiriteducationsj@gmail.com

Thanks You

Linda Spinney

Religious Education Coordinator – Holy Spirit Parish

Holy Spirit Women's Society

Holy Spirit Women's Society will be having its monthly meeting on Tuesday August 30 at 1:30pm in the Rectory Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

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

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Aug 23, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Aug 25, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Aug 27, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Agnes & Paddy Addison Salonge Robichaud Kimberly Ann Melanson
Aug 28, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Mary Robinson Romeo & Madeline Cyr Reg Thibodeau
Aug 28, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Doug Hanson
Aug 30, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Sep 01, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Sep 03, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Adrice & Jean LeBlanc Tum & Doreen Wallace Fr. Paul LeBlanc
Sep 04, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Fred & Gladys Williams Charlie & Robert Williams
Sep 04, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	John White

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

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: August 21 - St. Rose of Lima 1-2 p.m.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Aug -07, 2022 – Regular \$1,715.00 Loose - \$284.20 Food Bank - \$20.00 Building Fund - \$1,275.00
eTransfers - \$60.00 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,694.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

Aug 14, 2022 – Regular \$1,975.00 Loose - \$234.40 Food Bank - \$40.00 Building Fund - \$575.00
eTransfers - \$80.00 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.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Patricia McIntyre, Vienna Black, Arlene Powell and Justin Breau

Thank You

Special thanks to the Irene & John Goddard for having the Statue of Mary at the entrance of St. Augustine’s Cemetery refurbished.

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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(506)738-2320 Fax: (506)653-6865
Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS)
(506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865
Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

WEBSITE: www.holyspiritrcparish.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.

Ordinary Time – August 21 & 28, 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 holyspiriteducationsj@gmail.com

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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