

## Twenty-ninth Week of Ordinary Time

For the **Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**, through the parable of the persistent widow wearing down the unjust judge, Jesus urges us to have faith. “Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them?”

Monday is the **Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch**. **Tuesday is the Feast of Saint Luke, evangelist**, with its own special readings. Wednesday we remember **Saint John de Brébeuf and Saint Isaac Jogues, priests and martyrs, and their companions**.

**Paul's Letter to the Ephesians** speaks about God's mercy and grace, calling us “members of the household of God” and saying that as a community we “are being built together into a dwelling place” of the Spirit. Paul, who was probably a prisoner at the time he wrote this letter, urges us to live “in a manner worthy of the call you have received” and calling us to patience and humility.

This week in **Luke's Gospel** we hear Jesus giving us his challenging message: be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom, be unencumbered enough to follow Jesus freely. He says, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.” Our faith and calling as Christians means we are called to go beyond what our world and culture requires: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Jesus envisions his mission on earth as a purifying fire, “and how I wish it were already blazing!” He tells us, “If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate, make an effort to settle the matter on the way.” The weekday gospels end with the parable of the gardener who saves the barren fig tree from being cut down, saying to his owner “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.”

### Daily Prayer This Week

As Jesus continues to head toward Jerusalem in this week's readings, it can be easy to pray, if we can focus. For simple thoughts and feelings to make their way into the background of our reflections this week we have to make a conscious choice to do it. Once we choose to let ourselves be reflective in this way, we can let this week's readings into our consciousness.

It becomes real when I realize that I am on the road with Jesus to Jerusalem in my life. I can sense the resistance in me to face all that it means. I resist the call to greatness that Jesus offers – to be a servant for others. Greed can take a serious role in my life – unconscious, of course, but once I experience how many things I “want,” I'll sense the role of greed within me.

I see the potential for my fruitfully connecting with my Lord throughout this busy week when I hear the call to be “vigilant” and to be aware of the “signs” of times today. Some days we can begin our days like getting on a treadmill and going all day. If I'm only attentive to what is immediately in front of me, I start to lose perspective. With reflection, I can see the “big picture” again and why I'm here and for whom I am responsible. Sometimes I'll have the courage not to be a “peace at all costs” person, but will actually take steps, say things, come together with others to “set the earth on fire.”

Finally, perhaps this week I can simply get back in touch with being “called” and respond in a dozen simple ways, to thank the Lord for calling me and asking for the grace to be faithful.

We can prepare for Sunday later this week by begging our Lord to heal our blindness – our blindness to who we are and to the needs of those around us – and to follow him on the road to Jerusalem.

*Dear Lord, sometimes I can be so dense. Thanks so much for getting through to me now and again. When I “get it,” it seems that I want to be your disciple with every ounce of being within me. I really get the “fire” image you use. At other times, all I see is my needs and the ways I seem to be unfulfilled or falling short in some way. Release me from myself, that I might be free to give myself to my brothers and sisters who need my love and care. Then, I'll follow you into the toughest of situations with courage and hope.*

## MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Oct 18, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Susanne Pelletier
Oct 20, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Peter Wong
Oct 22, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	DFM of Vitale Family Jean Gauthier Nathan Worden
Oct 23, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Jean Doyle Patricia McIntyre
Oct 23, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Wenonah MacDonald Bob Parker

**PLEASE NOTE –ST. ROSE PLACE (FORMER RECTORY) IS CLOSED TO THE PARISH & PUBLIC**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – LIMITED SPACE – IMPORTANT WORKSHOP!!!!!!

In order to grow we need to be listening to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. We need to be asking ourselves what is the Spirit asking of us or calling us to embrace. Questioning and evaluating, also known as discernment, is an integral part of the Christian Tradition. As baptised people, sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ, we need to be discerning at all times. We need to be looking for hope-filled ways to respond to the Holy Spirit. That means asking ourselves what opportunities lay before us. As a parish ‘**what are we doing**’ and ‘**where are we going**’? ‘**Who are we serving**’ and ‘**who are we not**’? These are some of the questions that many, including the Revitalization Committee, are discerning.

Therefore, in response to these questions and opportunities, the Revitalization Committee is hosting a workshop on **November 12, 2022** at St. Matthews Worship Site Hall. This will be a time for us to brainstorm, talk about our faith community, our worship sites, our needs and the needs of the greater faith community.

As you know prior to the pandemic Holy Spirit Parish was on a positive path and gaining momentum through active participation at Mass, various groups meeting regularly while of course focusing on Jesus Christ. Unfortunately the pandemic has basically “pulled the rug out from beneath us”. We are no different than any other parish or any other faith tradition who find themselves in the same situation. As Church (People of God) this is a time of opportunity and new beginnings. As you have heard me say many times before, this is a time for us to “rebuild our church...following the example of Pope Francis...and Francis of Assisi.”

**We need your input for the future of our parish.** If you are willing to attend this workshop please contact the office to sign up. **Seating is limited!!**

*~Fr. David*

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

**Oct 09, 2022 Regular \$2,357.00 Loose - \$164.00 Food Bank - \$60.00 eTransfers - \$140.00  
Building Fund - \$165.00 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  
Jack Duplisea and Richard MacLean*

### Holy Spirit Parish Religious Education for 2022-23

<https://www.holyspiritparish.ca/catechism/>

We are delighted to have started the 2022-23 Religious Education year, And have already completed four weeks of classes, and two weeks of special preparation for our Reconciliation class, with Angie MacDonald. Additionally, the fall session of ALPHA Youth is underway online, to continue preparation for our Confirmation class. In person classes are held downstairs at St Matthew's Worship Site on Sunday Morning at 10, and finish before the 11 o'clock Mass, while the Confirmation meetings are online by invitation.

It has been especially gratifying to see the young people return to Mass and eagerly take an active part.

It isn't too late to enroll, and start classes now. The registration form can be found on the Holy Spirit website at <https://www.holyspiritparish.ca/> under the Religious Education /catechism tab.

**It's also not too late to volunteer to help out, all that's required is a current police record check and an eagerness to share your Faith!**

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Thanks You - Linda Spinney - Religious Education Coordinator – Holy Spirit Parish

### Knights of Columbus Council 17984



Do you remember the delicious breakfasts that used to be at the Assumption Centre?? They are making a comeback!!!! All are welcome!!!!

Sun., October 23, from 9 am – 1 pm at the Assumption Centre.  
Adults - \$8, Children - \$4.

Cribbage Games at St. Matthews Hall Wednesday evenings at 7pm.All Welcome!!

### WE NEED YOU!!

**All training/mentoring will be given as long as needed!!!**

**Sacristans** (SMWS) – Some responsibilities include, making sure Altar candles are lit before Mass and extinguished at end of Mass, turn on/off all lights. Open/Close windows, turn up/down heat, set out vessels and return to cupboard after Mass. Check to make sure that all persons scheduled for that ministry are present. (Team of 2 people)

**Greeters** – Greet parishioners and any visitors that may be attending that week. Assist visitors as to washrooms locations. Distribute weekly bulletin at end of Mass. (Teams of 2 people)

**Lectors** – Perform weekly readings, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Prayer of the Faithful. Team of 2 (Note - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader will also read the Prayer of Faithful)

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Distribute Holy Eucharistic, (Teams of 3 plus Priest)

St. Matthews Worship Site - Please contact Cathy Thornton@ 506-757-8788 or email [thorntca@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:thorntca@nbnet.nb.ca) for more details or to add your name to the schedule.

St. Rose Worship Site – Contact Maureen Hughes @ 506-672-5149 for more details or to add your name to the schedule

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** enables adults who are non-Catholic and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to attend regular sessions. This will be a time of teaching, faith-sharing and exploration. If you are interested please contact the parish office by phone 506-650-7320/506-653-6850 or email [holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com](mailto:holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com)

### 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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St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS)  
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WEBSITE: [www.holyspiritparish.ca](http://www.holyspiritparish.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.*

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –October 16, 2022**

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Oct 23, 2022 at St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2pm

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at [holyspiriteducationsj@gmail.com](mailto: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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