

## MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Oct 25, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Donna Butler
Oct 27, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Hermel Desjardins
Oct 29, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Fred O'Brien Jean Hughes Bob Williams
Oct 30, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Raymond Sweet
Oct 30, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Leonard & Eldora Martin

**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

**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)

The Women's Society will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday October 25, 1:30pm in the Rectory Hall. **All women of both worship sites are welcome to attend.**

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Eugenie Babineau*

## Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time** we have Jesus' dramatic story of the Pharisee and the tax collector standing in the temple, the Pharisee relieved that “I am not like the rest of humanity” and the tax collector with eyes down, begging for mercy. “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Thursday is the **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**, with its own special readings.

**Luke's Gospel** offers us lessons this week about humility. We see a vivid example of his compassion. Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath over the protests of the synagogue leaders. “This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the Sabbath day from this bondage?” He compares the Kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed which flourishes into a large bush and he compares it to yeast a woman uses to make bread, mixing until the whole batch was leavened. He cautions his followers to be humble: “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” When Pharisees warn Jesus that Herod wants to kill him, he warns the people of Jerusalem: “how many times I yearned to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were unwilling!” Jesus cures a man with dropsy under the critical eyes of the Pharisees. He turns to those at the table and tells them a story about guests at a banquet scrambling for places of honor. He tells them to take the lowest place, “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### Daily Prayer This Week

Please, Lord, anything but humility! Our instinctive reaction to humility might be the result of a culture that exalts riches, honors and pride. Yet all this week Jesus teaches that the way to salvation is through humility.

The first step might be simply asking for the desire to be humble. As we move through the simplest of moments in our everyday lives, we can stop and ask God to help us *want* to be humble. As we sit on the edge of the bed in the morning, as we head to work, sort laundry or do our errands, we can keep a running prayer in the background of our consciousness: “Lord, help me to desire the humility that will make me more aware of your saving grace.”

These same background moments offer ways for us to recognize opportunities to practice humility as we go through our days. Perhaps I can stop myself from correcting my spouse. In a disagreement, I might make an extra effort to listen to the other person's side rather than planning my rebuttal as they speak. I can let a person in line in front of me, hold the door for someone or make an extra effort to recognize and thank those who serve me. In this season of politics and elections, maybe I can even admit that I may not fully understand other's opinions and that there may be some legitimate points to them. Even these tiny gestures, when done in the spirit of Jesus' teachings this week, offer us a special grace.

All week we can continue to speak to the Lord as we would to a loving friend who listens to us. And always, we can end our day in gratitude, for the merciful God who loves us so compassionately and longs to be in our hearts.

*Lord, you know me; you know my heart. Take away my pride and any stubbornness within me. Let me surrender it to you. Let me more and more be your humble servant, full of gratitude, and rich in mercy and self-less love like yours.*

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

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

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

Oct 16, 2022 Regular \$2,305.00 Loose - \$288.00 Food Bank - 860.00 eTransfers - \$60.00  
Avenue 'B' - \$100.00 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 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

The K of C council 17984 will be having their monthly Rosary and Adoration service on Thursday, Oct. 27th, 6:30pm at St. Rose Worship site. The theme for October is Peace. All are welcome."

**Harbour View High School Donations:** Last week, the donations of school supplies were delivered to HVHS, along with a gift card for \$380, purchased from cash donations. The gift card will enable the school to buy specific items the students need. The teacher involved as well as the school principal were in awe, and expressed amazement at the generosity of our parishioners. The donations will help many students in need, and their appreciation is beyond words. **Thank you from Holy Spirit Women's Society!!**

### 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

**The Saint John High School Choir will share their voice at the 4pm Mass at St. Rose Worship Site on November 12, 2022. Some special Remembrance Day selections will be presented as well around 3:45pm.**

### 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.*

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –October 23, 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 [holyspiteducationsj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiteducationsj@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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