

“Remembering Our Dead”

For the first time in three years, we will return to our annual Mass of “Remembering Our Dead.” The Month of November calls us to remember our dead with gratitude. On November 1 the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and on November 2 is the day we celebrate All Souls. On **November 1st 7:00 pm St. Matthew’s Worship Site and November 2nd at 7:00 pm St. Rose Worship Site** we will ‘Remembering Our Dead’ with a special Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

As you know we will set up a memorial for this occasion. Located at the front of each church, near the altars are the names of people whose funerals were held either at St. Matthew’s Worship Site or St. Rose of Lima Worship Site. As well, we include those funerals where I have celebrated at the funeral homes these past years. Due to the large number of deceased, we have organized their names in one frame by year in which they died. Instead of the individual ‘purple candle’ each year will have its own candle, symbolizing the “Light” that their lives were for us. These candles will remain lit for the month of November. Also, the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle will once again anchor the display, telling us that our loved ones who were baptized into the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, now share eternal life with God. Finally, the use of “purple” symbolizes ‘our royalty,’ that at our baptism, we were anointed “Priest, Prophet and King”.

Near the display is a book where we are invited and encouraged to write the names of all our loved ones gone before us into eternal life. This Book of Remembrance will be included at all our Masses during the month of November. To conclude our Church Year, on **November 20, the Solemnity of Christ the King** we will remember all our dead at Mass, giving thanks to God for blessing us with their lives and praying that all them now share in eternal life. One of the highest tributes that we can pay to our departed sisters and brothers is to remember them in our personal prayer and at Mass. Please continue to pray for the dead and for their families who continue to mourn their loss. **Please Note:** due to the time lapse since our last celebrations of “Remembering Our Dead” that anyone left off the list has been done so inadvertently.

~Fr. David

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

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Nov 01, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Remembering our Dead
Nov 02, 2022	Wed	St. Rose Worship Site	7pm	Remembering our Dead
Nov 03, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Evelyn Watters
Nov 05, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Jean Doyle Eudore Theriault Solonge Robichaud
Nov 06, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Donnie Brennan
Nov 06, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Rachel Quinn Dermot O’Toole Ron Dorcas

****DON’T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK NOVEMBER 6TH****

THE 2022/2023 SUNDAY MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRY WAY OF BOTH WORSHIP SITES – PRICE IS \$6.00

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.

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This week it is clear that Jesus is calling us to a deeper love of our neighbor. He is telling us that we need to expand the list of those we are to love. He is telling us to have more passion in our desire to love others and he is urging us to prepare for how we will do that. Finally, Jesus makes it clear that we can't try to love money or honors and, at the same time, love God.

This is a wonderful background reflection for us this week. All week we can ask the Lord to help us. The quality of our asking will make all of the difference.

Dear Lord, help me today when, in my busyness, I become self-absorbed. Help me, in my intensity, when I take things personally. Help me, in the burdens I bear, to give up my escape into self-pity.

Dear Lord, thank you for loving me and for showering so many gifts on me and my family. Help me to be more grateful and more generous. Today, help me to notice the needs of others. Help me to hear the news with more compassion. Help me imagine what I can do for others in need. I know the cost of discipleship with you will be easy when I remember your love.

Dear Lord, I am really getting it that the lure of “riches and honors” can easily seduce my heart. Why is it so tempting to like and be with the beautiful people, the “successful” people? Why do I get tricked into these values and these ways of valuing myself and others? Let me choose “simple,” Lord. Let me choose “solidarity.” And, when I resist, let me know.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

Holy Spirit Parish Religious Education for 2022-23

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

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

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

The **Women's Society** is having another bake sale, on **Sunday November 27** before and after the 11am mass at St. Matthew's Worship Site.

We will have the usual favourites of breads, rolls, biscuits, and pies (yes, pies!) as well as lots of Christmas goodies. Everything will be priced at \$5.00.

If there is something specific you are hoping for, let us know and we'll see what we can do!

We are hoping that parishioners will help us out once again with donations of baked items.

Please call Jill (639-0007) or Angie (639-6582) if you are able to bake to donate. Thank you in advance.

The Annual Christmas Craft Sale hosted by the River Valley Lions Club is next Saturday, November 05, 2022 from 8:30am -2pm at St. Matthews Hall

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Oct 23, 2022 Regular \$2,170.00 Loose - \$251.00 Food Bank - \$30.00 Mission Sunday - \$490.00
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.

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), Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers

St. Matthews Worship Site - Please contact Cathy Thornton@ 506-757-8788 or email 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

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF OUR LITTLE ONES TRICK OR TREATING ON MONDAY EVENING!!

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

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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time –October 30, 2022

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Nov 06, 13, 20, 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

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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