

REFLECTION FROM FR. DAVID.....

Once again, we know that the hours of daylight are steadily diminishing. This weekend we turn our clocks backwards to gain an extra hour of daylight. Nature is preparing us for a new beginning. Leaves are turning colours and are falling to the ground. The temperature outdoors is getting chillier. Farmers are harvesting the last of their crops. This signals the approaching change of season—that winter is coming. The change in seasons is matched by a change in the tenor of the Church's liturgy. A few days ago, the Church observed the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. This Sunday, the Church calls our attention to signs that will point to the end of this age. The Church has us look backward as we remember our beloved dead and forward to the Lord's Second Coming. The focus of today's readings is on the resurrection of the dead—a motif that is related to both our remembrance of the dead and the end of the age.

Resurrection of the dead is at the core of our Christian belief. But what about other 'resurrections' that go on around us? For example, after 2.5 years of basic shutdown due to the pandemic... where do we see resurrection happening around us? For myself, I see 'resurrection' in vaccines that help keep us safe. I see resurrection in people returning to shopping, eating out, cruise ships with passengers returned to our city and people once again are flying around the world on a regular bases. This tells me that people are more comfortable socializing again. This is all resurrection... a new beginning. What about our parish?

Now that we are returning to our spiritual homes, where do we begin to rebuild or 'resurrect' our Faith Community. There are many that have not 'returned' to be with us for whatever reason. Perhaps a better question to ask is 'What are we inviting our brothers and sisters back to?' Weekly Mass and funerals only? Yes, these are important, but if that is all we do, then the last one out can shut the lights off. I do not believe that is what we want here at Holy Spirit Parish. Pope Francis reminds us that the "Church is a field hospital... that we need to go out to the people and bring the message of God's love." Holy Spirit Parish has so much to offer especially during these times of rising costs of everything, poverty literally on our doorsteps not to mention civil unrest around the world. I know at Holy Spirit we want to do our part ... we want to begin again... we want to 'resurrect' as well....but 'how'?

Once again, we are having a parish workshop **next Saturday, November 12 at St. Matthew's Worship Site Hall from 8:30 am– 2:00 pm.** This is a **one day commitment only** where we can share ideas, ask questions, to 'resurrect' our community and put in place a pastoral plan for the next couple of years. And we are offering free lunch!

Prior to the pandemic, we had a bus service for our Saturday afternoon Mass for St. Rose Worship Site. Do we want to continue this? The Knights of Columbus are finished at St. Matthew's Worship Site. How do we carry on without this invaluable gift? Could we start a Social Committee? Our youth are attracted to social media – what about Communication Team? What about feeding the hungry? This is the last year for the Empty Stocking Fund. How will we help address this huge gap, especially for those in our area? Remember our Breakfasts, concerts, and other activities that we once had? **THIS IS A NEW BEGINNING...** do we want to be part of something exciting that will help us on our faith journey? Or will we say, 'no thanks, I'm not interested...?' As Jesus put it so beautifully at the end of today's Gospel, "Our God is not of the dead, but of the living." How are we revealing this in our lives?

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Nov 08, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Jack Duplisea
Nov 10, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Special Intentions DFM of Kelly & Doucet Families
Nov 12, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Jean Doyle Walter Page Kimberly Melanson
Nov 13, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Joseph (Joe) Murphy
Nov 13, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Joey Bourgoin Duncan MacDonald

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.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Oct 30, 2022 Regular \$2,000.00 Loose - \$216.65 Food Bank - \$120.00 Mission Sunday - \$55.00
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/>

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.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Gloris Arseneau and Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, CSsR

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

Thirty-second Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time**, in **Luke's Gospel**, the Sadducees ask sly questions of Jesus, hoping to confuse him on the idea of a Resurrection. Jesus refutes them by quoting Moses: “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

Wednesday is the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**, with its own special readings. Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church**. Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, bishop**. Saturday is the **Memorial of Saint Josaphat, bishop and martyr**.

The first readings this week are from the pastoral letters to **Titus, Philemon**, and the **Second and Third Letter to John**.

Continuing **Luke's Gospel**, we hear Jesus talk about scandal and about forgiveness. Jesus tells us to be obedient to what God calls us to do and simply say, “we have done what we were obliged to do.” Jesus tells the confrontational Pharisees that the Kingdom of God's coming can't be “seen” and it won't be announced. “For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you.” “But first [the Son of Man] must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation.” All we can do is to be faithful: “Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it.” Finally, Jesus tells the parable “about the necessity for [his disciples] to pray always without becoming weary.” God will give justice to those who call out to him with faith.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a good week to ask Jesus what his messages are for us. What is he warning us about? What is he asking us to change? How is he encouraging us to place our trust in him? The answer will be different for each of us, but we have to pay attention and listen, in order to hear it. All of us need to hear him say, “Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it.” But each one of us needs to ask “In what ways do I seek to 'preserve my life' and in what ways do I need to 'lose' my life?”

The trouble with this kind of reflection is that we too often let ourselves off the hook by saying, “I just don't have time.” And, on some days, our day is really “booked” from morning to night. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday life and becoming a contemplative in action provides a very real way to stay in focus and to reflect, even when we are very busy. This practice is meant to make use of the “free” time we have in the background of our consciousness each day.

The key to this kind of prayer is to begin each day with a moment of consciousness of what we desire, need, are asking for. *Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me begin this day thinking of you and your love for me. Let me simply do whatever you ask me to do as your servant today.* This only takes 20 seconds. We all have 20 seconds. However, we all find that it isn't easy to do this because our Lord is not very present in our day to day awareness, and we may never have simply talked with the Lord as the first thing we do when we awake. With practice, it works.

As we prepare for Sunday, we can spend a bit more moments each day, simply talking with our Lord at brief, in between times during the day. Hopefully, we'll be seeing in all the things around us, that we are being invited by the Lord to accept him, to let him call us and open our hearts to respond generously. To what is he calling us? A great question to ask right up to the time we go into church on Sunday. When there, we can give God thanks and praise for opening our awareness and our readiness for him.

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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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time –November 06, 2022

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Nov 06, 13, 20, 2022 at St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

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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:

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