

Thirty-fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the **Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** and the last week of the liturgical year. As always on this last Sunday, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. The readings remind us of God's faithfulness to us as he promises to shepherd the people of Israel. In **Luke's Gospel** we are taken to the crucifixion and Jesus being mocked as "King of the Jews." The man crucified next to him asks Jesus to remember him when he gets into his Kingdom. Jesus replies, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Monday is the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr**. Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs**. The US on Thursday celebrates **Thanksgiving Day**.

The first reading all week is continues from the mystical **Book of Revelation**.

In this last week of Ordinary Time, we have readings from **Luke's Gospel**, which grow more explicit about the end time as Jesus and his disciples draw closer to Jerusalem. Jesus watches rich people make donations at the Temple but when a poor widow drops in two small coins he notes that her donation is far larger for "she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood." He speaks of the end time, and cautions that many will claim to come in Jesus' name. "Do not follow them!" He says that the cost of following him may be high, and may lead to trials and divisions in families. But, he says, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." In a dramatic look at the end time, Jesus says, "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Just as we know what the signs in nature tell us - fig trees in bloom announce the coming of summer - Jesus want us to be aware of the signs of the coming of the Kingdom: "when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near." Finally, he tells us not to let our "hearts be drowsy" from drunkenness or anxiety but to be vigilant at all times and to pray for the strength we will need for the "tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Daily Prayer This Week

This week we might be inspired by the gospels to ask God to help us be attentive for the signs of God's presence in our lives each day.

We can ask Jesus to help us open our hearts and be more generous in our daily lives. Inspired by the poor widow, we can ask ourselves, in faith, "How willing am I to share? Do I give from my surplus or is it a real sacrifice?" Are we generous with our time and talents? Perhaps we spend too much time at the computer or at work or in various other projects, neglecting our family or other relationships. Are there places where we could give more of ourselves to people who need us?

When Jesus speaks of the "tribulations" that are ahead for all Christians, this might prompt me to ask myself how willing I am to live my faith courageously. Caring for the poor, seeking justice and self-giving love are basic elements of following Jesus, but they are not valued by our culture. Am I willing to face the objections of family and friends for being so "counter-cultural" in following the gospel?

Perhaps we are distracted by the pressures of daily life, or as Jesus says so aptly, we allow our hearts to grow drowsy from "carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise...." What is it in our lives that keeps us from recognizing God's Kingdom here on earth? Maybe we abuse alcohol, are greedy or know deep inside there is a basic selfishness we don't even want to recognize in ourselves. We can only rely on Jesus for an "awareness" that will help us to see ourselves as Jesus sees us, with love and forgiveness. It is in that moment, when we recognize that we are "loved sinners" that we can ask for the strength to make changes in our lives.

As we "awake" each morning and sit by the side of the bed before we begin our day, we can ask Jesus for the grace to see his presence in our lives in this day, and beg him for the help that we need. And in all of the smallest moments of the day, we can ask him from the deepest part of our hearts for the mercy and grace that will keep our eyes and hearts open this day. Then we can say, from our hearts, Thank you.

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MASS SCHEDULE 2022

Nov 22, 2022	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Peter & John Leger
Nov 24, 2022	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Nov 26, 2022	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Mary C. Palmer Patricia McIntyre
Nov 27, 2022	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Edmond & Elizabeth LeBlanc DFM of Arthur & Jeanne LeBlanc
Nov 27, 2022	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Tess Sewell

Thank you!

- Our thanks go out to Saint John High School choir and their director Trish Gallagher for enhancing our liturgical celebration last week in such a beautiful way. Although I was out sick I heard that it was beautiful. We are grateful that both Trish and her choir have found a home in our community. Just a reminder there will be a Christmas concert held at St. Rose Worship Site on Dec 15, 2022 at 6:30pm. To help the choir to cover some of their expenses we will be accepting a free will offering. Once again, your support and your generosity will be greatly appreciated.
- I want to thank everyone for their prayerful support while I was out sick. Thank you to those who brought soups, biscuits and other treats to me. Your compassion and goodness will never be forgotten.
- I want to thank Patti Blake for her leadership in facilitating the workshop this past Saturday. Also, thank you to all who participated in this workshop.

~Fr. David

K of C council 17894 will be having their monthly rosary and adoration service this Thursday evening, on Nov. 24, 2022 at St. Rose worship site, starting at 6:30pm. We will be praying for all souls. Everyone is welcome to attend."

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Robert McNamee

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

Liturgical Meeting

Next Tuesday Nov. 22, 2022, following the 7pm Mass at SMWS we will be holding an important liturgical meeting in preparation for Advent and Christmas. It is important for the members to be there especially anyone connected with art & environment....decorating.

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.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Nov 13, 2022 Regular \$2,296.00 Loose - \$266.00 Food Bank - \$60.00 Missals - \$161.00
Christmas Donation - \$1,000.00 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.

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

HORIZON RECOVERY CENTRE (LONEWATER FARM)

The Women’s Society is coordinating donations for Horizon's Recovery Centre. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the altar of both worship sites up to and including Sunday December 11, 2022. If you have any questions please contact Jill at 639-0007.

PLEASE NO mouthwash, aftershave or cologne as they often contain alcohol.

Suggested items are:

Shampoo, conditioner, other hair products, combs, hair brushes, toothpaste, tooth brushes, floss, safety razors, shaving cream, deodorant/antiperspirant, face cloths, nail clippers, winter hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, socks, gift bags, candy or any type of treats for stockings, board games, DVDs, small gift cards for prizes. Also appreciated is goodies, snacks, or restaurant takeout gift cards that the boys could enjoy at our little party!

Any extra items are used throughout the year as many of our clients arrive with little to nothing in the way of possessions and are commonly in need of basic toiletries.

Letter from Horizon Recovery Centre (formerly Lonewater Farm):

We would like to sincerely thank Holy Spirit Parish for graciously supporting us year after year during the Christmas season with wonderful gifts for our clients’ stockings, gifts that allowed us to have a memorable Christmas party with lots of snacks, games and movies. Words could not begin to express our gratitude and feeling of community that all of you have shown us. The love and humanity carries on throughout every year! As you may remember, Lonewater Farm has closed, our program has changed names to Horizon Recovery Centre (Early Recovery Program) and is located on the Ridgewood campus in South Bay, in a newly renovated building, where we continue our work with addictions/ mental health/ vulnerable populations. Again this year we will be having Christmas celebrations, providing Christmas stockings for our clients of personal hygiene items and small gifts. We are graciously and humbly asking for your support, if possible, for both the celebrations and to help us fill the men's stockings. Horizon Recovery Centre is an early recovery long-term men’s rehabilitation and community reintegration program for Addiction and Mental Health Services. We have a capacity of 14 male residents who are in various stages of recovery from addiction. Many of our clients do not have families or are unable to visit at Christmas. I personally believe it is by the grace of God that these men are guided to our humble facility. We aim to make it a Christmas with no loss of comfort and love.

On behalf of all the Clients and staff of Horizon Recovery Centre, I wish to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Joshua Holden
Addiction Service Attendant

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
SMWS - Office Number - 738-2320
SRWS - Office Number - 653-6850
Monday: both offices closed

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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.

Christ the King –November 20, 2022

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Nov 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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