

Second Week of Ordinary Time

The **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time** offers us beautiful readings. From the **Prophet Isaiah**: "I will make you a light to the nations..." In **John's Gospel** John the Baptist and his followers see Jesus as he walks toward them. John says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbott**. Saturday is the **Memorial of Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr**.

The first reading this week continues with the **Letter to the Hebrews**. Written to inspire and encourage the community in its faith, he exhorts them "not become sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises."

As we continue **Mark's Gospel** on the weekdays, Jesus is asked why his disciples don't fast. He challenges the religious leaders to have a completely open mind and heart to his teaching because "new wine is poured into fresh wineskins." Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, bringing a new freedom. It is only chapter 3 in the gospel, but we already see the tension with religious leaders building. Because Jesus heals a withered hand on the Sabbath, the Pharisees seek to kill him. Jesus withdraws and people from the surrounding regions come to him, and even the demons know who he is. Jesus names twelve Apostles to be with him, to preach and to drive out demons. Jesus' relatives think he's "out of his mind" because so many people are coming to him that he can't even eat.

Daily Prayer This Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. Week after week, we are following the scriptures, and learning from them. It is important to focus our desires early in the day and talk with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "Contemplatives in Action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of the real circumstances of our lives.

Sometimes we protest: "I don't have time to pray." But if we change our focus to the moments we have free, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious that what we do this day responds to his call to us to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk with God about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific in this or that set of events.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

Dear Lord, at times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today. What are the opportunities to preach your Word today? Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division? Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Jan 17, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Susan Hickey
Jan 19, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Noella Doucet
Jan 21, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Helen & Steward Allen Albenie & Solonge Robichaud Gert Johnston
Jan 22, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Margaret Norwood
Jan 22, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Blanche McGowan Emery Duperre Jeanne Ringuette

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jan 08, 2023 - Regular - \$2,655.00 Loose Collection \$206.00 Initial Offering - \$215.00

Christmas Day - \$475.00 New Year's Day - \$180.00 Building Fund - \$1,460.00

Donation from Wednesday Night Crib - \$1,300.00

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 Women's Society is holding a food drive for HVHS, until February 12, 2023

Requested items are:

Canned sandwich meat (chicken, ham, tuna, etc), Canned milk, Creamed corn and canned corn (already have lots of canned peas and beans), Mayonnaise, **NUT FREE** healthy cereals and granola bars, oatmeal. Pasta (already have lots of KD). Rice, red lentils, barley (already have lots of kidney beans).

Soups (canned or dried): Chicken noodle, vegetable, cream of mushroom (already have lots of tomato soup), boxed soup broths.

HVHS regularly distributes food and gift cards for groceries to students and their families in need, as well as winter wear, footwear, and personal items. They would gladly take donations of winter outerwear, are always in need of men's footwear, as well as personal items, such as deodorant, tampons, and laundry soap.

The Prayer Shawl group meet weekly at the Rectory from 10am to 12pm. We provide all the materials as well as lots of fun. **New people are always welcome!** Prayer shawls, hats, and mittens can also be made from the comfort of your own home. Please contact Jill if interested: 639-0007.

***Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."** Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Geraldine (Gerry Abbott), Fr. Brian Hansen, Sylvain Thidodeau and Sharon Kilfoil*

Knights of Columbus 17984 Breakfast: Sunday, January 15th, 2023 from 9am – 1pm at the Assumption Centre. Adults - \$10, children (12 years and under) - \$4.

Diocesan Census Mid-December 2022 through Mid-January 2023

All parishes across the diocese are participating in the "I Know My Sheep" census over the next month, when there is typically increased Mass attendance. The goal of the census is to update each parish database with current and accurate contact information for our parish families, to update the diocesan database, and to prepare for a planning study to test a potential diocesan wide capital campaign in 2023. Having updated information will also give our parishes a better idea of who is in our parish and hopefully improve communication. This weekend, and every weekend through to January 15, there will be census cards made available. We are asking each family to take just a couple minutes to complete a card. These can be returned by placing them in the offertory basket, dropping them off at the parish office or sending them by mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort.

WORKSHOP...WORKSHOP...WORKSHOP...

For some time a request has been made to have a workshop for the various liturgical ministries i.e. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters... The purpose of these workshops are to enhance our ministries thus creating a welcoming inclusive Mass. As well, these workshops will help to make us more comfortable with both the ministry entrusted to us and with one another. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that on **Jan 28th /29th**, following each Mass we will have a **workshop for Lectors**. Then on **Feb 4th/5th** after each Mass we will have a **workshop for Eucharistic Ministers and Greeters**. It is very important that if you are involved in any one of these ministries your presence is needed.

ALTAR SERVERS

Another important ministry are Altar Servers. Traditionally Altar Servers come to us via Religious Education. We are hoping that those who have made their 1st Communion will take this into consideration. We need people to help serve at Mass and at present we have very few. For those who are interested training will be provided.

SCHEDULES

Please note – the schedules for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Greeters is now posted on our website – holyspiritrcparish.ca under the ‘**about us**’ tab.

GREETERS

We are in the looking for people to be “Greeters” at the beginning and ending of 11am Mass at St. Matthew’s Worship Site. Please contact Cathy Thornton at 506-757-8788 or call the office at 506-738-2320

THURSDAY NOON MASS – SRWS

There has been a growing decrease in Mass attendance at the Thursday noon Mass. I realize that at times I have had to cancel this Mass because of a funeral or my commitment to other priestly committees. As well I know that the Assumption has Mass Thursday at 9am and that some others go to the noon Mass at the Cathedral. Perhaps Thursday noon at SRWS is not a good day or time. Would Wednesday noon be better? Please call the office and let me know your thoughts.

Fr. David

We are looking for someone to shovel the Rectory & St. Matthews Worship Site Entrances. Please call the office. This is a paid position!!

Avenue ‘B’ are looking for clean, gently used, blankets and/or sleeping bags. If you have any to donate you can drop them off at either Worship Site office, Tue/Wed SMWS Office or Thur/Fri at SRWS Office or you can bring them with you to Mass. We will ensure they are given to Avenue ‘B’. Thanking you in advance! God Bless!!

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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15, 2023

For the month of January 2023 the Sanctuary Light at St. Matthews Worship is in memory of Elizee Robichaud from his wife Carmelle.

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Jan 15 & 22, 2023 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

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