

Prayer for Unity

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023)

Praise to You, Gracious God of new beginnings.

As one body, we honour You

in the person of your Son, Jesus . . .

in cries of those made poor and cries of Earth.

Help us heed your call --

expressed by prophets old and new –

to do good and seek justice.

Guide us to respond with courage, compassion,

loving-kindness and peace flowing with justice.

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,

we affirm our oneness in You,

with one another and all creation.

**We pray with peoples of Ukraine and many others
yearning for peace amid great suffering and oppression.**

**Together, we seek to walk with integrity and hope,
recognizing You within and beyond darkness,
divisions and unknowns.**

With thanksgiving and trust --

inspired by your unifying Spirit –

we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

(Roma De Robertis, SCIC)

Daily Prayer This Week

This week is set at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the pictures we get of how challenged and pushed he is prepare us to hear the simple parables he tells us. All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are on the right road and following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust our real mission and that our Lord will be with us through it all.

Each morning this week, we can take a moment, to ask for what we desire. The entire day will be different just by spending 20 seconds sitting at the edge of the bed saying, "Lord, I want to keep my eyes open today. Whatever comes at me today, I want to stay in touch with you. Thank you." Another morning I may be aware of a big decision I have to execute that day or a conflict I am planning to face, and I might pray, "Okay, Lord, this is the day. This is how I live out my relationship with you. Be with me and give me what I need. Keep reminding me I can't do it without you."

Each day will offer a different brief moment of connection with our Lord, but each will ground the day. Then it is so very easy, while in the shower or walking down a hall, for just brief moments here and there in the background of our day, to stay in touch with our Lord. These guides can help keep us focused on the nourishing Word which interacts with our daily life. Every day can seem like a living Parable of the Sower. There is seed being scattered all around us and we can see and experience our degrees of receptivity. And while we are doing the best we can, all day, every day, in a variety of things, we can be consoled by the Lord's smile reminding us that the Kingdom is like a mustard seed. The real graces come from very small seeds, the smallest of efforts that make a big difference. Most of all, when things get rough, during any day, we can pause and take a breath and ask him to calm the wind and sea in our hearts.

Every night we can thank him for his presence and ground our growing relationship with him.

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MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Jan 24, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Rev. Eileen Irish
Jan 26, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Stephen Doyle
Jan 28, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Gertie Johnston Tex Hughes
Jan 29, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Donald Melanson Gerard & Mary Reid
Jan 29, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Blanche McGowan

The Revitalization Committee would like to extend our warm appreciation to the 20 participants of our recent brainstorming sessions. The energy and engagement certainly showed just how much everyone cares about the future of Holy Spirit Parish. In fact, 75+ ideas were generated supporting our spiritual health, our social mandate and outreach responsibilities. The participants voted and top priorities were:

1. Run an Alpha course
2. Find a youth coordinator
3. Introduce ourselves at mass
4. Create a communications and technology sub-committee
5. Expand our outreach initiatives, perhaps with another faith community

What's next? There will be a Lenten theme simplifying our mission statement to more clearly identify who we are as Holy Spirit Parish. Our committee is now reviewing each of the ideas to determine the effort required in order to get some high impact initiatives underway. Inevitably, we will need helpers, so we ask that you open your hearts and minds to getting involved in 2023.

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.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jan 15, 2023 - Regular - \$1,925.00 Loose Collection \$189.85 Initial Offering - \$148.00

Food Bank - \$30.00 New Year's Day - \$70.00 Building Fund - \$420.00

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.

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

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Shane King

Knights of Columbus 17984 - The monthly K of C Rosary and Adoration service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26th, 6:30 pm, at St. Rose Worship site. We will be praying for families. All are welcome.”

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

The Prayer Shawl Group meets 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

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22, 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 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
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