

Daily Prayer This Week – January 29 – February 04, 2023

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, I can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.

Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments this week when we plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of one part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, pure again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become “my” sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.

This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in my life. It may be the reason we don't ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.

This week, like so many, can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called - placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others, rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforting us for being his disciple there. We can “come away with him” for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.

When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.

Daily Prayer The Week of February 05 – 11, 2023

Every week we are trying to find intimacy with our Lord in the midst of our everyday lives. We use the stories about Jesus in the readings of the week to help us. Because our days are so busy, those stories make connections among what we are experiencing, God's Word to us and the desires that are coming to the surface in us.

This week we can let various parts of this week's rich scripture readings touch us, depending on what is going on in us. It all begins with our beginning the day, establishing a connection. With the briefest of rising prayers, we can talk with our Lord about what we anticipate needing that day.

One day I might know that, with what I have to face that day, I need to ask that the healing Jesus be with me. I might be able to name what needs healing. “Lord, you know the fear that is developing in me as I face this meeting today.” “Lord, take this anger away from my heart.” “Most loving Lord, have mercy on me and heal this pattern that plagues me and takes away my happiness, my freedom, my ability to love.”

On another day, I may know that I'm right in the middle of the struggle over my disregarding what God really wants me to do, using legalistic excuses to avoid God's will. I might beg, “Lord, I've become such a hypocrite. Purify my heart so I can see as you see, judge as you judge and love as you love. Help me be truly religious, truly compassionate, truly your disciple today.”

On other days, I might be in a “foreign” territory, or at least one that seems quite a distance from believing territory. I might ask, “Dear Lord, keep me safe here. Give me courage here. Help me find intimacy with you here. And let me see the faith of so many of your people here.”

Some day this week, let's imagine how Jesus has pity on our hunger and feeds us. And every night this week, let's express our gratitude for receiving what we asked for in faith, from the One who is waiting to give us what we need.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

The position to shovel the rectory stairs and St. Matthew’s Worship site has been filled.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of David Vicars and Stephen Patterson

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Jan 31, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Richard McLean
Feb 02, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Robert Smith
Feb 04, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Noella Doucet Sharon Kilfoil
Feb 05, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Sylvain Thibodeau
Feb 05, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Perry Peddle
Feb 07, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Rev. Brian Hansen
Feb 09, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Evelyn Ann Watters
Feb 11, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Frances Hooley
Feb 12, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Medore & Alice Arsenault
Feb 12, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Sean & Richard O’Neill

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM JAN 31 – FEB 16, 2023

****PLEASE NOTE: IF SCHOOL IS CANCELLED SO IS THE WEEKDAY MASS FOR THAT DAY****

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.

2022 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE ENTRY WAY OF BOTH WORSHIP SITES

Holy Spirit Parish welcomes into our faith community through the Waters of Baptism the following:
Luna Rain Mersereau – January 28, 2023 Jacob Theodore McAdam – February 5, 2023
Parker Lvnn Brabant – February 11, 2023

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jan 23, 2023 - Regular - \$2,242.00 Loose Collection \$189.50 Initial Offering - \$65.00
 Food Bank - \$140.00 New Year’s Day - \$80.00 eTransfers - \$140.00
 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. 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 this ministry 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 – holyspiritparish.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.

THANK YOU!!!!

Our thanks go out to Norm Saulnier for making and donating a lovely wood carving of the former St. Augustine’s Church. Currently it is hanging on the back wall of St. Matthews Worship Site. Be sure to take a look.

The **Women's Society** is having its monthly meeting on Tuesday January 31 at 1:30pm in the Rectory Hall. All women of both worship sites are welcome.

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 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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WEBSITE: www.holyspiritparish.ca

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.

4th & 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 29 & , Feb 05, 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: Feb 5, 12 & 19, 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

(Subsidies are available)

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