

The Third Week of Lent

In the weekday readings, Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way - "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal, Jesus responds "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house." When asked to name the "greatest" commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle. We are likely uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness face-to-face.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.

This is a week about God's love for us and our call to love others the same way. It is a week to keep our daily focus on naming a desire each morning. The day ahead will shape what we ask for as our feet hit the floor in the morning. Pausing to thank the Lord for this day and to ask for the grace to let our mind and heart be renewed in the concrete circumstances, relationships and obligations of our day. Throughout the day, we can then return to those desires in background of our awareness. Our request for the Lord's help is always there and our consciousness of it will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and a sense of our need for a Savior, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for.

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LEGION OF MARY GATHERS FOR ACIES CONSECRATION CEREMONY

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization in the Catholic Church with a twofold purpose of the spiritual development of its members and the advancement of the reign of Christ through the Virgin Mary. Fr. Daren Bryk CC, the diocesan spiritual director of the Legion of Mary will celebrate the Acies service and speak on the importance of Marian Consecration for the turbulent times in which we live. All are invited to come out and join the Legion of Mary members to consecrate and renew their consecration to Jesus through Mary. This celebration will take place at St. Matthews Worship Site on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 2pm. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinic Church of the Resurrection 20 McDonald Ave
Free basic Tax only Every Saturday from 10 to 2 until April 29, 2023
For more info call 506 647 6532

The Prayer Shawl Group meets Wednesdays 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**

Holy Spirit parish is pleased to announce our Lenten theme for 2023 is
"Enlarging the space of your tent," (Isaiah 54:2). This theme title is taken from our global Synod. I want to thank the Liturgical Committee for their input and support. ~Fr. David

LENT 2023

"Enlarging the Space of Your Tent"

This Lent, as we had done in previous years (before the pandemic) we have decided to have a theme to help us in our Lenten season. Hopefully, you have noticed the 'Large Tent' in each worship site, to help us to focus on our "journey together". This quote from Isaiah 54:2 which is the translation of the word "SYNOD". Based on the document from the Vatican, "Enlarging the Space of Your Tent," informing us on the survey that the whole world was invited to take. This report is providing valuable feedback to the People of God (Church) regarding the survey. It was decided that this would not only be a great theme for our Lent, but also keep us connected to the Synodal process that will end in 2024. Below are some things that you're invited to keep in mind and to put in your calendar for the beautiful season of Lent.

- Each week, emphasis will be placed on one of 5 themes that have come from the Synod Document: Week 1, **Listening**; Week 2, **Mission**; Week 3, **Dignity**; Week 4, **Communion**; and Week 5, **Liturgy**. All designed to expand our understanding of what it means to be "Church". While at the same time, bringing us closer to God and one another.
- Each Weekend Mass will begin with the announcement of our theme followed by a 2-3 sentence reflection, to help focus us for the Liturgy.
- For the next 40 days, emphasis will be placed on **SILENCE**. We are invited to save our conversations for after Mass (tough one for me!!).
- You are invited to use the whole church space for prayer... a lot of time and effort has gone into preparing our worship sites for our Lenten Season, look at the tent... bring our younger companions! Please, take advantage of it to help us in our Lenten journey!
- Be sure to see the beautiful sign made by our Religious Education Program: some very thought-provoking tidbits can be found here!!
- Some dates to keep in mind:

March 15: Evening Prayer 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's WS

March 22: Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm St. Rose WS

April 4: Chrism Mass Cathedral Immaculate Conception

Have a Holy and Blessed Lent!

Fr. David

LISTENING SESSIONS: SAINT JOHN REGION

Join us at one of our Saint John region listening sessions to give your thoughts about a potential diocesan capital campaign to support:

- Cathedral Restoration
- Endowment for Parish Evangelization Efforts
- Individual Parish Needs

We want to hear from you!

- March 14: Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 7:00pm
- March 15: St. Pius Church (Holy Redeemer Parish), 6:30pm
- March 18: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1:30pm
- March 19: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 2:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Mar 14, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Gary Mittelholtz
Mar 16, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Mr. & Mrs. George Randall
Mar 18, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Elizabeth Gaudet David Butler
Mar 19, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Parishioners
Mar 19, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Duncan Keenan

WE ARE IN NEED OF MASS INTENTIONS – ESPECIALLY WEEKDAY!!!!

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

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS - TIME CHANGE THIS WEEKEND

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Mar 05, 2023 - Regular - \$2,942.00 Loose Collection \$248.00 Building Fund - \$1,399.00
 Food Bank - \$80.00 eTransfer - \$80.00 Catholic Missions in Canada - \$125.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,794.00 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.

SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSESCAN YOU HELP?

Once again, we are appealing to your generosity. As you can see below both December and January have been costly months for snow removal. Whatever monies you donate will be credited to your 2023 income tax receipt. Thank You!

Here are the totals for December & January for both worship sites.
 Snow Removal - \$10,006.72

2022 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

It is that time of year again when I ask you to submit a report from your respective committees so we can prepare our Accountability Report for the parish.

Please submit your Report to the office via email by March 31, 2021.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A GUEST AT THE HOLY SPIRIT ALPHA PROGRAM

When: Thursday, April 13, 2023 **Duration:** Every Thursday Evening for 11 weeks:
Where: St. Matthews Worship Site, Holy Spirit Parish – 45 Dollard Drive **For whom:** Everyone and bring a friend!!

To register or if you have questions: email alphaholyspiritparish@gmail.com or call 506-738-1994

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Jean Lockhart and Charles “Charlie” Campbell

LET US DREAM - THE PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE

Francis of Rome in conversation with Austen Ivereigh
 Sunday – March 19 or March 26 from 2 to 4 at Villa Madonna
 Session facilitated by Muriel Jarvis of Chamcook
 To register and receive book: call:506-642-3152 (Doreen/weekdays)

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

“THOSE WHO LOVE MORE CAN DO MORE” (St. Gregory the Great)
Third Sunday of Lent - March 12, 2023

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAS RESUMED AT ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE BEGINNING AT 3:15PM PRIOR TO THE 4PM SATURDAY MASS

For the month of March the Sanctuary light at St. Matthews Worship Site is in memory of Jacqueline Pitre

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Mar 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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