

St. Augustine's Memorial Garden



How we arrived here ... St. Augustine's church was closed in 2018 when the three parishes of St. Augustine's, St. Matthew's, and St. Rose were merged, to form Holy Spirit Parish. In 2021 the building was demolished, with a plan to create a memorial garden in the footprint of St. Augustine's church. A year has passed since demolition, which allowed the ground to sufficiently settle. Now on to the next steps...

This past winter, 4 landscaping companies were contacted to provide designs and quotes for the garden project. The chosen company is Lawrence Landscaping. The proposed design is in the form of a Celtic cross. There will be a bench placed on each "arm" of the cross (the cost of the benches is not included in the garden quote). In the centre of the cross there will be 3 large boulders representing the Trinity. In the middle of the boulders we are hoping the place the cross from the top of St. Augustine's, which survived the demolition and can be seen in the above photo. The boulders may be used to support plaques, such as an etching of St. Augustine's, the history of the church, and a list of donors. Perennial plants will be chosen and added in and around the cross and boulders, so as to be attractive to pollinators. The old asphalt from the back driveway will be removed, and the entire property will be surrounded by beautiful hedges, with maple trees lining the edge leading to the cemetery. It will be a warm, welcoming, and peaceful spot for one and all.

The garden will have a cost of \$26,000 before tax. It will be carried out in 3 phases, to begin this spring and to be completed in 2025. Details on the phases will be coming soon.

The money to finance this project will come from donations, grants, and fundraising events.

Ideas for income:

- ❖ Applications for available grant money will be made to both the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield and Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc., as well as any other existing grant opportunities.
- ❖ Donors will be sought to purchase items such as trees, benches, boulders, etc., in memory of a family member, loved one, or simply through spiritual generosity. A plaque(s) will be incorporated in the garden to identify donors.
- ❖ Corporate or local business sponsorship will be investigated.
- ❖ Fundraising ideas or suggestions will be sought out.
- ❖ Parish contributions

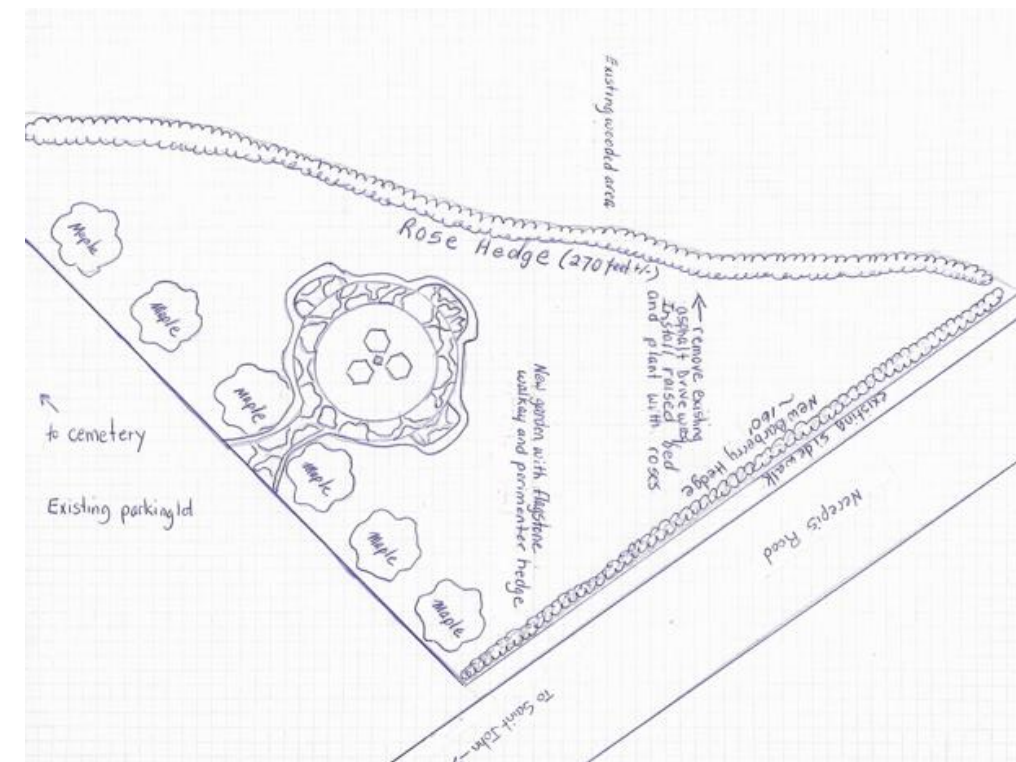
*****Income tax receipts will be available

Stewardship of the garden is needed. The plan is to form a garden "club", bringing together anyone who has a love of gardening or would like to participate in any other way. Men, women, families, everyone and anyone is welcome! Stay tuned for further information.

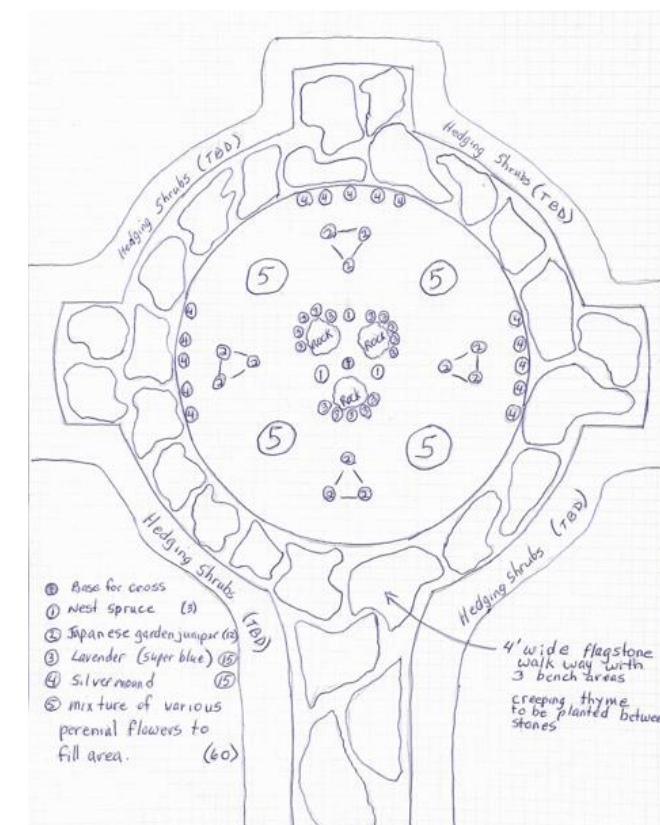
If you have any questions, comments, ideas, or would like to join the gardening club, please contact Jill Robillard (506-639-0007 or jillrobillard5@gmail.com), Patti Blake (506-609-1318 or pattiblake07@outlook.com), or leave a message with Bernice in the office (506-738-2320 or holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com).

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Roland Joseph LeBlanc and Alice Vicars

Arial view of the property:



Close-up view of the garden and proposed plants:



MASS SCHEDULE 2023

May 02, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Lorraine Lynch
May 04, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Theresa & William Hart
May 06, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Kevin & Susan Sullivan
May 07, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Anita Barnes
May 07, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Blanche McGowan Rose Ann Frigault

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Apr 23, 2023 – Regular - \$2,420.00 Loose Collection \$333.05 Building Fund - \$125.00
Easter Sunday - \$60.00 Food Bank - \$60.00 eTransfer - \$20.00 Snow/Elec - \$70.00

PAD Weekly Average - \$1,794.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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**

ST. BRENDANS UPDATE

We are in the process of requesting quotes to have a monument installed at St. Brendan's Cemetery to commemorate St. Brendan's Church that was taken down in the spring of 2021.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We accept it if we let his availability to us seep more and more deeply into our consciousness each day. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: "Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love." This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us to surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - especially when we approach a particularly challenging responsibility, or an occasion or situation in which we habitually lose our peace or give in to temptation - we can be renewed by another 20 second prayer. Each time we turn to the Lord, our "moment of connection" can become more specific, more intimate, and more confident.

If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, or for several days, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will quickly return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, again, that we are never alone.

We are rejoicing in this Easter season and asking God to shower us with the light of salvation that John's Gospel refers to so often. Even now, weeks after Easter, we rejoice!

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

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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Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

WEBSITE: www.holyspiritrcparish.ca

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

“THOSE WHO LOVE MORE CAN DO MORE” (St. Gregory the Great)

4th Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023

SUNDAY EXPOSITION/ADORATION: May 7, 14 & 21, 2023
at St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2 PM

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

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 199 Chesley Drive, Saint John 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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