

The Seventh Week of Easter

The **Seventh Sunday of Easter** sets the tone for next week's Pentecost Sunday as we read in **Acts of the Apostles** of Mary, the Apostles and other followers waiting in the upper room after the Ascension. In **John's Gospel**, Jesus prays to the Father, claiming us as his own: "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me." In some dioceses, Sunday is the **Solemnity of the Ascension**.

The first reading continues from the **Acts of the Apostles**. We are following the preaching and ministry of Paul. We can feel his intensity as he urges the Ephesians to follow his example in living the faith "I served the Lord with all humility and with the tears and trials that came to me..." He returns to Jerusalem to face persecution but remains under house arrest, teaching and meeting with followers.

The gospels continue from **John's Gospel**. Jesus warns his disciples that they will be scattered and says they will find trouble in the world but assures them he has conquered the world. Jesus' prayer reflects the passionate, inseparable nature between him and his Father. "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do." "I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely." "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me." Jesus challenges Peter three times to "feed my sheep" and the Easter season comes to a close as **John's gospel** concludes on Saturday. These poetic readings end: "There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written."

Daily Prayer This Week

We can hardly believe the message from this week's gospel. It is one of complete invitation to us. Jesus tells us of his intimate bond with the Father and invites us into the same kind of close relationship with Jesus himself.

He does not promise us a trouble-free life, and is clear about the challenges we will face as his followers. He cautions us that the world will want to make us one of "its own" and Jesus lovingly protests that we are his, not the world's. He prays to the Father of us, "they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me..."

This kind of loving dialogue with the Father is what Jesus wants with us. It does not mean our lives will be trouble-free but we are offered the peace in our hearts that Jesus longs to give us.

Some days we may feel anything but peace in our hearts. That is the time to pause and open our hands and our hearts to the Lord. Just the simple physical act of opening our hands can send a signal to our hearts. We can stop thinking and start feeling the love that Jesus has for us.

We can begin each morning at the side of our beds, aware of the sacredness of the day ahead of us, and ask for peace, courage and guidance. On our way to work or while taking care of our family, cooking or running errands, we can stop for the briefest moment and ask again: "Lord, help me to feel how much you love me. Help me to accept that love and carry it to all those you send into my life today."

And at the end of the day, we can pause again at the side of our bed, reflect for a moment on our day and offer thanks for the moments where we felt in our hearts the love of Jesus. And, we can ask that tomorrow we can feel the Lord's own love and compassion for us - and beg that we can pass that along.

Like Peter in Friday's gospel, we have denied Jesus many times in our lives but he looks at us again with love and simply says, "Follow me."

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Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Catherine (Kay) Losier, Paula Woodworth and Mary Worden

Come and join in our Celebration!

Pentecost Sunday May 28th

Following the 11am Mass at St. Matthews Worship Site Hall

Our parish will be celebrating Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year, where we celebrate the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered in the Upper Room. Pentecost is also the parish "Feast Day".

If you can, wear clothing with colours of fire (red, orange, yellow) to honour the Holy Spirit.

And there is more - Twelve of our cherished children are receiving their First Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday. These children will be our special guests at our celebration.

Holy Spirit Parish has so many blessings and so much to celebrate all in one day! **"Celebrating Who We Are" is important for our faith and fellowship.**

No matter which Holy Spirit Parish Mass you plan to attend, you are welcome to join us for the Celebration at St Matthew's Hall at noon Sunday, May 28th!"

Refreshments and Celebration Cake will be provided.

If you wish to, please provide food for our table.

St. Augustine's Memorial Garden - How to make a donation: if you would like to financially support the garden, simply put your donation in a clearly marked envelope with your name & envelope number (if you have one), & drop it in the collection basket any time. Or contact the office for other options such as e-transfer.

Cheques to be made out to St. Augustine's Cemetery

Saint John High School Choir

Under the direction of Trish Gallagher, the Students from SJHS will come and perform for us at St. Rose Worship Site, Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:30pm. A free will offering will be taken.

BLESSINGS ON THIS VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

May 14, 2023 – Regular - \$2,670.00 Loose Collection \$334.00
eTransfer - \$80.00 Cemetery - \$460.00 Memorial Garden - \$400.00

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

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HOLY SPIRIT BURSARY

Holy Spirit Parish is awarding 2 bursaries amounting to \$500.00 each. Applicants must be an active member of Holy Spirit Parish and will be required to submit a short paper including: name of secondary institution for the fall of 2023, current activities in the parish and goals for the future. This Bursary is offered to those who are graduating from High School and are attending a secondary level of education (University or College). Please submit to parish office by June 06, 2022 by email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

May 23, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
May 25, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
May 27, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Charles Campbell Leo Paul & Gerry LeBlanc
May 28, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Laurette Gogan
May 28, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Doreen & Malcolm McGovern Jessica Anderson

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Once again we have been approved for a government grant to hire a summer student. The applicant must be registered to attend post-secondary education in the fall. The position is for a Landscaping & Maintenance Person to work primarily in our cemetery (St. Augustine's Cemetery). Please send your resume directly to the office via email to holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com.

On Sunday May 28, 2023 during the 11am Mass at St. Matthews Worship Site the following candidates will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

<i>Carlos Daniel Avila-Rivas</i>	<i>Zoey Therese Cybulskie</i>	<i>Carter Gregory Thompson</i>
<i>Emmy Bennett</i>	<i>James Christopher McLeod</i>	<i>Zachary David Thornton</i>
<i>Sophie Bennett</i>	<i>Cassie Pearl McSorley</i>	<i>Ivan Enrique Turkali-Arrioja</i>
<i>Austin Boudreau</i>	<i>Hillary Catherine Melanson</i>	<i>Pedro Enrique Turkali-Arrioja</i>
	<i>Leo Gordon Mittelholtz</i>	

The **Women's Society** is holding its year end pot luck on Friday June 2, at 12 noon in the hall of the Rectory. We would love to see lots of women there. Great food, good fun, & even prizes are guaranteed!

The **K of C council 17984** monthly Rosary and Adoration service will be held on Thursday, May 25th, 6:30 pm, at St. Rose Worship Site. The theme for this month is pro-life. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary gathers for Acies Consecration Ceremony: 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 troubled and 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 ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 04, 2023 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at St. Matthew's Worship Site. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony. See you there!

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)

7th Sunday of Easter - May 21, 2023

SUNDAY EXPOSITION/ADORATION: May 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 SAT MASS

During the month of May the Bulletin/Wine/Host at St. Matthews Worship Site is in memory of Rose Anna Pitre

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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