

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**, as the readings and the whole Church celebrate the coming and ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Jesus breathes on his jittery followers and tells them, "Peace be with you" and fills them with courage. This marks the end of the Easter Season and the return to Ordinary Time.

Monday is the **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**. Wednesday is the **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

The first readings this week are from **Sirach**, with their beautiful seeking of Wisdom.

During the week, **Mark's Gospel** offers us stories about sacrificing part of ourselves. We hear of the Rich Young Man: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Peter tells Jesus, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus responds, "There is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more." When the disciples squabble over who will sit in glory with Jesus, he tells them, "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Bartimaeus, a blind man recognizes Jesus as "Son of David," is healed and follows Jesus. Jesus turns over the sellers' tables in the temple as the religious authorities look for a way to put him to death. When they try to entrap him with their questions, Jesus asks them about John the Baptist's baptism. They refuse to answer and Jesus says, "Neither shall I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a week we can look at letting go -- of riches, honors, pride. In these days we can hand it all over to Jesus and ask for the trust we need in our lives. We can hand over our fears and jealousy, our titles and our possessions - anything that has become too important in our lives can get in the way of how close we allow ourselves to be with Jesus.

As we go through our week, in the smallest moments of the day, we can beg Jesus for the strength of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we awaken in the morning, and in the everyday moments of our lives, an awareness of our desires before Jesus can change our attitudes toward these chores and see them as sacred moments of invitation from the God who loves us with such fire and compassion.

Dear Lord, you know how filled I am with fears. Let each moment of anxiety today be a reminder to open my life, my heart and my soul to the love and courage you offer me. I know that if only I could trust in you more, it would change my life.

"He went away sad, for he had many possessions!" Let me turn these apprehensions over to you. I beg you to give me the wisdom and strength I need to trust more and to fear less. Teach me that it's OK to stop clinging to the fears I have known for so long and that I can embrace the freedom you offer me. Let me be less fear-full and more generous.

We can ask for the grace to be among my family, friends, colleagues, even strangers, not to be served but to serve. We can ask to be healed of whatever blindness stands in the way of our following Jesus.

And all day long, as we run our errands or sit at our desks, we can take a moment to say "Thank you" to the God on whom we have such an utter dependence and who loves us with such abandon.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

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.

Deadline to submit your resume is June 02, 2023.

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

The **Women's Society's** monthly meeting is on Tuesday May 30, 2023 at 1:30pm in the Hall of the Rectory. **All women are welcome to attend.**

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 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

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!

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 30, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jun 01, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jun 03, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Gert, Reg Johnston & Children
Jun 04, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	June Knight Roland Joseph LeBlanc
Jun 04, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

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

Time is running out for STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC! Registration closes on *June 7th, 2023*. This annual youth event for young people ages 14-18 will be offered this year on the theme of Refuge, a very timely topic in this life that is full of responsibilities and craziness for young people. Steubenville Atlantic youth conference takes place this summer from July 7-9 on the campus of Dalhousie University. The cost is \$280.00 with transportation provided from a pick location in Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton. If you have any questions, please contact your local church or Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis, at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or 506 627-6465.

In two weeks, on the weekend of the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi (June 10-11)**, we will take up our **annual second collection for the Cathedral Restoration**. Additional envelopes for this special collection are available at the entrance of both worship sites. Please provide your name, address and/or envelope number so this can be included be part of your 2023 income tax receipt.

Cheques to be made out to Holy Spirit Parish

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

May 21, 2023 – Regular - \$1,435.00 Loose Collection \$184.00
 Papal Charities - \$445.00 Food Bank - \$70.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,794.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Alec Tays and Jeannine Brideau (sister of Yvonne Theriault)

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

Email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com
 Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin
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 (506)738-2320 Fax: (506)653-6865
 Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS)
 (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865
 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)

Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 2023

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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