

Daily Prayer This Week – July 02, 2023

The gospels offer us encouragement this week because they are so filled with imperfect people struggling to live out their lives.

The invitation to us this week comes from the heart of Jesus to ours: “Follow me.” How do we open our hearts more fully to that invitation? In our daily prayer we can name the desire we are looking for and ask Jesus for help.

Each morning as we open our eyes to face the day ahead, we can simply ask Jesus for the courage to follow him.

Lord, give me the strength today to accept your invitation to follow you. Living that invitation each moment will take patience and courage and I ask you for it because I can't supply it for myself. And, Jesus, when I fail and snap at my family or forget to be compassionate with my spouse, grant me the humility to apologize for that. Let me remember how much you love me and let me share that with everyone who comes into my life today.

In the smallest moments in the background of our day we can remember that desire and offer it to God. As we walk down the street or cook dinner or run an errand we can speak to our Lord as we would to a friend. It doesn't take more time, only more focus.

Some days it seems like I am being tossed on a boat in the darkness, Jesus. Part of me wants to be saved but another part wants to run from you. I'm not always proud of how I lead my life and sometimes I am afraid to be alone with you. Guide me through this darkness, please.

At the end of the day, we can take a few moments as we get ready for bed:

Thank you, dearest Lord, for your presence in my life today. I felt you with me in some of the more difficult moments. Thank you for being there.

Daily Prayer This Week – July 09, 2023

As Jesus heals, he gives courage. As he carries out his ministry of healing and announcing the good news of the closeness of the Kingdom of God, he is filled with compassion for all those who suffer and who need this encouraging news. So Jesus calls us to join him. This isn't the call to priesthood or religious life. This is the universal call addressed to all of us to see with the same compassionate eyes of Jesus and to reach out and heal others. As Jesus sends us, he knows that we will encounter resistance and opposition - sometimes from within our own heart first, but certainly from others. He always tells us not to be afraid. Even when things happen that take away our peace, our peace will be given back to us. He knows he is sending us like sheep among the wolves of this world, and so he asks us to be both wise and simple - two great gifts for our mission. He assures us that even when we don't know how to speak tender or reconciling words, the Spirit will speak through us. The only thing we need to fear is the stuff we get into that can actually destroy our soul.

What a great week to ask for the grace to be responsive to his call! All week, with attentive eyes, we can see with Jesus' own compassion, where he is directing our heart to love and to heal. We begin the week with such a great orientation. Jesus invites us to come to him with our burdens and the stuff that weighs us down and then he sends us. He doesn't say we are not supposed to expect burdens. He just invites us to take up his burden, the ministry he gives to each of us.

Each day, following our pattern of focusing throughout the day in brief moments of conversation and connection with the Lord, we can consciously recognize the “calls” the Lord has given us and is offering us. And we can acknowledge them, accept them, embrace them. Of course, our primary relationships are all the ways we live our discipleship call. So often though, these relationships are where we need the greatest courage to be tender, compassionate and courageous in loving, in letting the Spirit speak through us. Let's ask ourselves all week: how can I bring healing and peace to each important relationship in my life? And, where I'm afraid, or resistant, or even where I've given up, that can be the place of the deepest and most important prayer of the week. It certainly can be the place we come to Jesus to be refreshed. All week, we can try to be conscious of how our day to day work is part of our call from the Lord: to be an agent in the world for good, to make products, to offer goods and services to people, to coordinate human activities, to protect and defend others' rights, to heal others. Some of us are still available to be called to a specific work or ministry. This is a great week to ask for openness. Every one of us can find great meaning and deeper peace in placing what we do in the pattern of our response to God's call to us, through Jesus.

Daily Prayer – continued

When we do our work, we can thank the Lord for this work; ask to do it faithfully, lovingly, compassionately and justly. Some of us are struggling to find work that offers us dignity and a living wage. We can ask the Lord to send us to be his servants, with our gifts, and trust in his fidelity.

As we move through the week, growing in our relationship with the Lord all week, as we make these more conscious background moments of insight, recognition and connection, we can give thanks and trust that if we scatter his seed, with trust and with abandon, we don't have to worry. The harvest has his guarantee of abundance.

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Holy Spirit Parish Updates

On behalf of the Building and Maintenance Committee I wish to give you an update on the various projects that we have undertaken for our Parish:

- Painting of rectory exterior has been completed. Many positive comments have been received. Many thanks to Danny Pye and Company.
- Windows at St. Matthew's Worship Site have been refurbished. This should make a noticeable difference in our heating costs. Thank you Metcalf Glass.
- Painting of the exterior of St. Rose Worship Site has begun. Due to the inclement weather this project has been delayed.
- This past week St. Augustine's Memorial Garden began its first phase of construction.

Thanks again to the Building and Maintenance Committee, and all committees for their ongoing care and concern making Holy Spirit Parish more welcoming.

Fr. David

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Audrey Flynn, Cindy O’Neill, Ralph McCormick and Carol Laughton

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

Blessings and Congratulations to Mary Bridget (Flynn) MacDougall who will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 7, 2023.

Mary is mother to Donna Abbott from our parish.

**Diocese of Saint John - Chancery Office Move
The Chancery Office has moved from One Bayard Drive, Saint John to the Villa Madonna 115 Villa Madonna Road, Rothesay, NB E2H**

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jun 25, 2023 – Regular - \$2,377.00 Loose Collection \$246.85 Food Bank - \$40.00 eTransfer - \$80.00

PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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Blessings and congratulations to the 2023 graduates!!

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Jul 04, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Shirley Woodhouse
Jul 06, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Jeannine Brideau
Jul 08, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Edgar Gogan Helen Ferguson Hughes
Jul 09, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Eva & Joe Murphy Ervine Buckley
Jul 09, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Jayne Cormier
Jul 11, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Shirley Woodhouse
Jul 13, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Jeanette Cosgrove
Jul 15, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Margo Ouellette Ellen Upton
Jul 16, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Adrice LeBlanc
Jul 16, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Mathieu Robichaud

EFFECTIVE JUL 01, 2023 THE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE TUES, WED & THUR 9AM – 4PM – BULLETINS WILL BE BI-WEEKLY FOR JULY & AUGUST

SUMMER FUN – HOLY SPIRIT PARISH IS HOSTING A PHOTO CONTEST

The photos submitted will be used to create a Parish Calendar for 2024
Send your photos to Special.Events@holyspiritrcparish.ca

- *Contest Theme! You are on a Treasure Hunt and the treasure to find are photos that match the 12 scriptures which will be used for each calendar month.*
- *The scriptures and contest rules are listed on our inside bulletin boards, on Faithbook (Facebook) www.facebook.com/HolySpiritRCParish and our Website www.holyspiritrcparish.ca*
- *Contest is open to everyone – not just parish members - your friends and neighbours and strangers can participate. Open to ages 6 to 106.*
- *Send in photos new and old. Please identify the scripture that your photo aligns with.*
- *There will be cool prizes for First, Second and Third, as well as winners for the photo for each of the 12 scriptures. Winners will be announced later in the fall when the calendar will be available.*
- *Any questions or if you require the list of scriptures – send inquires to Special.Events@holyspiritrcparish.ca*
- *Contest ends September 30th, 2023.*
- *Happy Hunting – have fun! Lots of treasure to be found!*

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
SMWS - Office Number - 738-2320
SRWS - Office Number - 653-6850
Monday: both offices closed

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

“THOSE WHO LOVE MORE CAN DO MORE” (St. Gregory the Great)
13th & 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 02 & 09, 2023

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Jul 02, 09, 16, and 23 at St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2pm

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

The Bread/Wine/Bulletin & Sanctuary Light at St. Matthews Worship Site for the month of July is in memory of David Goddard donated by Irene & John Goddard

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

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