

Most Holy Trinity

Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is not a theological feast, but rather a celebration that our God reveals to us the three persons: a Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Gospel is from John 3:16, which we see on banners at sporting events: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

As we resume Ordinary Time this week, we begin reading from the Book of Tobit - a righteous man in the midst of those deported to Assyria. It is a story of great faith and fidelity in the midst of persecution.

We return to reading from Mark's Gospel this week. Jesus is speaking "to the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders in parables." He reveals that he is the "stone rejected by the builders." They try to snare him in traps and he tells them to give "to God what belongs to God." He defends the resurrection, against the Sadducees who mock it. He's asked, what is the greatest commandment and he gives them two: "The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." While these religious leaders spurn him, the ordinary people take delight in Jesus. He denounces the showy corruption of some of the religious leaders which recognizing the small but powerful donation of a poor widow.

Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This week is a great preparation for our journey with Jesus more deeply into the mystery of self-giving love. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Daily Prayer This Week

We can reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit to us all week. Throughout the week, we can reflect on the gifts the Holy Spirit gives us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This isn't to notice what we lack, but to notice what we desire. Who among us doesn't need more wisdom, or my fortitude - in the midst of the challenges we face? Asking for these graces can fill our week. Similarly, we can ask for the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which Paul describes: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We can certainly imagine desiring - and being open to these all week.

Tobit is a great story. Listening to this story can certainly help us ask ourselves what being a person of integrity would look like for us, in our place in life at this time.

We can also enjoy the way Jesus resists the insincerity of the religious leaders of his day. They have a hard time with his being so merciful and the very human manifestation of God in their midst. It is wonderful to ask for the grace to be as open as I can to receiving him as the Lord of my life - embracing his pattern and example of mercy and love.

We can let ourselves relate with each person of the Trinity this week, to prepare for Sunday's celebration. Speaking with our Father, in our own words, especially giving thanks for the gift of all creation, can renew that relationship with our Father. Talking with Jesus, friend to friend this week can be a great grace. And, asking the Holy Spirit to fill our heart with the fire of his love, that the Spirit might renew us and help in the mission of renewing the face of the earth.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

This past weekend we celebrated Pentecost, God's presence among us. Since Pentecost closes the Easter season it is a movable Feast Day (and that means the date changes every year).

As you know, this was also our Feast Day. Since it was also First Communion Sunday it was decided that we would celebrate everything at the 11am Mass. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so hard to prepare and those who made the effort to celebrate with us. Our Worship Spaces and Hall were very beautifully decorated and very welcoming. We enjoyed a beautiful lunch and cake and the company of one and other.

With that being said we are still in our infancy as a new parish, we are only 5 years old and we are still trying to establish new traditions. It is my feeling that we should celebrate our Feast Day following each Pentecost Mass. What do you think??

Perhaps you could offer feedback to our Revitalization Committee in how we want to proceed next year.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

This summer we will be preparing a 'Welcome Back Sunday' for this coming September. We will be extending an invitation to parishioners who have not been with us for a while. As well, this will be a time to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Reconciliation for those who may have missed these sacraments due to the pandemic. More information to follow.....

~Fr. David

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!

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

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Laurette Gogan and Agathe Powers-O'Regan

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

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Jun 06, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jun 08, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jun 10, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Yvonne & Leo David Robert & Catherine Williams
Jun 11, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Lloyd & Margaret Dickson
Jun 11, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Blanche McGowan

****PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEEK DAY MASSES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE****

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

May 28, 2023 – Regular - \$2,260.00 Loose Collection \$643.65.00
 Papal Charities - \$57.00 Food Bank - \$40.00 Snow Removal - \$500.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,794.00 PAD BLDG - \$179.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

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

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.

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)

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

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Jun 04, 11, 18, and 25 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 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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