

Daily Prayer This Week – July 16, 2023

This is a great week to grow in a sense of not being alone. It is so difficult to find intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday lives if we go through our lives, either trying to do it alone or simply not acknowledging the fact that God is always with us. We could make this the special gift we ask for each week: “Lord, let me know and experience that you are with me, every day, all the time.” If we only came to realize that God is as faithful to us in our slavery as God was in the Exodus story, we’d feel so different each day. We’d express our gratitude more. We’d sing God’s praises.

If we walk through each day this week with a little more confidence in God’s presence, God’s merciful love for us, God’s protection and care for us, then the Gospel message of Jesus can find a way into our hearts much more freely. Imagine if with this confidence, we could start asking Jesus:

Lord, I don't want to keep seeking myself this week. I don't want to be so absorbed in my needs, in winning, in manipulating, in criticizing, in using my power to protect myself. I want to find myself, the life you offer me, by surrendering more, by letting go of what I cling to. Help me be freer this afternoon and when I get home from work.

We could make this prayer, have this conversation with Jesus, while walking from one place to another, while shopping, over a lunch break, while doing laundry, sitting at an airport or driving to a meeting. Sometimes it is easiest to make this request precisely when I catch myself failing in some way, being particularly selfish or demanding in some way. When the Word can confront us, this is the doorway to naming a new desire. This week, we can find concrete times in our week, in real encounters and responsibilities of our very busy lives to say these or similar words:

Lord, help me to be more childlike today. Help me simply come to you when I'm burdened or just tired, rather than all the other places I tend to go for relief. Let me be yoked to you as I carry out the promises of my life today. Free me from my impatience and tendency to judge others. Teach me how showing others the mercy you have showed me is more important than my hard driving sacrifice.

One day this week, one of these prayers will be just right. Another day, a much more personal request will come to us. What is important is that we grow in the habit of connecting with Jesus throughout the day, in these brief moments in the background of our lives. We have these moments, and we can easily get better at finding them. Then we can quickly grow in recognizing how the desires in our hearts can get formed and deepened through letting the Word into our hearts. We can practice beginning each day with a moment of prayer, asking for a desire and then repeating and refining that desire throughout the day.

We will discover that this is very consoling and enjoyable. We will experience ourselves growing in gratitude as God is generously giving us what we ask for, and we are indeed finding intimacy with Jesus each day. And when we get ready for bed each night, we can develop a habit of simply giving thanks – telling Jesus we are so grateful that we were not alone this day and how much we are grateful for his presence, mercy and for the mission he’s sharing with us.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

Congratulations to Emily Vicars and John Burnham who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend at St. Rose Worship Site.

Parish Picnic and Welcome Back Celebration

In September we are having a party and everyone is invited! Invitations will be sent out in August to everyone we have an addresses for. Because we are missing some of our parishioners, we need your help. If you have family and friends who do not attend Mass regularly, who might not see the notices in the bulletin and if you think that they might appreciate an invitation to the celebration please pass on their names. Either email special.events@holyspiritparish.ca or write their names on a piece of paper and drop it into the box in the foyer at the church. Stay tuned for more updates. It’ll be a lot of fun.

THANK YOU!!

A special thank you Emile Comeau for all the work you do clearing back the brush from the road into St. Matthews Worship site

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Congratulations to this year’s recipients of the Holy Spirit Parish Bursary.
Alexandra Quinn and Sarah MacDonald
Blessings to you both as you enter post-secondary education this fall!!!**

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Agnes Parlee, Lucienne Noel, Alex Richard and Inez McGovern

**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 Trish Sennett’s parents, Maura & Gerard Keenan, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary
Blessings and Congratulations to Donna Blanchard LeBlanc’s parents, Annette & Melvin Blanchard, who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary***

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jul 02, 2023 – Regular - \$2,175.00 Loose Collection \$274.55 Food Bank - \$40.00

Building Fund - \$1,713.75 eTransfers - \$20.00

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

Jul 09, 2023 – Regular - \$2,400.00 Loose Collection - \$325.00 Food Bank - \$60.00

Building Fund - \$1,236.00 eTransfers - \$60.00

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

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MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Jul 18, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Lucienne Noel
Jul 20, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Violet Legere
Jul 22, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Anthony (Tony) McGraw Albert & Rosalie Melanson
Jul 23, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Bernadine Robinson
Jul 23, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Blanche McGowan
Jul 25, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Joseph Landry
Jul 27, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Jeannette Cosgrove
Jul 29, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Lino Pascon Jeannine Brideau
Jul 30, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Lisa Hebert
Jul 30, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Emma & Gabriel Blanchard

**EFFECTIVE JUL 01, 2023 THE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE TUES, WED & THUR
9AM – 4PM**

BULLETINS WILL BE BI-WEEKLY FOR JULY & AUGUST

THANK YOU TO THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRIB CLUB AT ST. MATTHEWS HALL FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$1,932.00 FROM THEIR PROCEEDS TO OUR BUILDING FUND.

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

9 am to 4 pm
SMWS – Tues & Thur - 738-2320
SRWS - Wed - 653-6850
Mon & Fri: BOTH OFFICES CLOSED

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS)
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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)
15th & 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 16 & 23, 2023

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Jul 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

(Subsidies are available)
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