

“Welcome, Worship and Witness... And Summer!”

Dear Parishioners,

I just wanted to inform you of all that is happening at Holy Spirit Parish. Even in the lull of summer, our parish is still working and planning in various ways. As always, in ministry, the results have been more than expected! It is with gratitude in my heart when people tell me, “How welcoming our parish is.” As you know, “**Welcome**” is one of the three legs of the stool that supports our parish mandate as followers of Christ. New parishioners continue to join us, those who are on vacation, those who are home visiting family, and finally, those who have moved to our area, making Holy Spirit Parish your ‘spiritual home.’ But these homes need constant upkeep and care.

The outside entrance of St. Matthew’s Worship Site has been painted and updated. The exterior of St. Rose Worship Site continues to receive a ‘freshening up’ with the replacement of rotted wood and a fresh coat of paint. Parking lot lines have been repainted at both worship sites, helping to ensure a welcoming presence within our community. As a side note, our costs of doing anything continue to rise. Last week, I received a letter from the diocese informing all parishes that our insurance has gone up 40%! International Students (AEI) will continue to use the former St. Rose Rectory for another year, which will help with our outside maintenance expenses.

Another leg of our mandate is “**Worship.**” On average, over the summer we have 100 people attending each Mass. Wonderful! One of the goals of our Liturgy Committee is to ensure that we ‘have active involvement by the worshipping community’ (Vat II). At Holy Spirit Parish we involve as many people as we can into our Masses; Greeters, Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and those who bring forth our gifts to the altar. We encourage others to join the different rosters of various ministries. Also, if you would like to bring up our gifts during the Mass, please let one of our “Greeters” know.

For the first time in many years, we have had 2 inquirers for RCIA. Would you like to be part of this exciting ministry? Let us know.

The third and final leg of our mandate is “**Witness.**” Holy Spirit is known for its witnessing both within and beyond our borders. On your behalf, I want to welcome Tom Paisley as the new chair to our Revitalization Committee. He receives this torch of leadership from Patti Blake who has led us in this capacity for the past 7 years. Again, we are grateful to Patti for her great work among us!

The memorial garden, the former St. Augustine’s Church, has come to the end of its first of a three-year project. As well, a monument is planned for the former St. Brendan’s Mission Church in Dipper Harbour.

Also, a new website for our parish is under construction by our “**Technology and Communications Team**” (Perhaps you feel drawn to this vital ministry? Let us know!). Hopefully, this new website will ensure quick and updated communications.

Finally, on September 24 we are planning a “Welcome Back” for the whole parish, emphasis place on those who have not been with us since before covid. It will be held at St. Matthew’s Worship Site consisting of a BBQ, music and lots of fun. We are planning to bus people from and to St. Rose Worship Site. Stay tuned for more information on this celebration!

To say that I am grateful to those who continue to work so hard for our parish mandate, to be a community of “Welcome, Worship and Witness,” is an understatement. Your desire to evangelize by your gifts and service is wonderful for me to see! It builds community! I encourage you to continue to keep on doing what you are doing!” as it makes our parish a great place to be... to pray, and play.

Summer Blessings,

Fr. David

Holy Spirit Parish Welcome 2023 - 2024 Party

On Sunday September 24th after the 11:00 am Mass we are having a party at St. Matthews Worship Site, and everyone is invited! Starting at 12:00 noon there will be food and music followed by games and prizes! Transportation will be provided for West Saint John parishioners @11:45am from St. Rose Worship Site to St. Matthews Worship Site with a departure time of 2:30PM.

Tom Paisley has volunteered to be the Event Coordinator and planning has started with a small group of volunteers. To roll out the plans made thus far we need help with hospitality including food and beverage, greeters, games for children, our youth and games for adults, donations for prizes, venue set-up/clean-up. Please email special.events@holyspiritparish.ca and let us know if you can help. Your energy and support are greatly needed.

We also need your help in another way. Because we are missing some of our parishioners, that may be known to you such as family and friends, and who do not attend Mass regularly and do not see the bulletin and you think 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.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

What is RCIA? (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) RCIA is a journey through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This consists of steps, periods, and rites that make up the model of Christian Initiation as restored in the second Vatican Council.

Invitation to participate? Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So this is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person.

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jul 30, 2023 – Regular - \$2,131.00 Loose Collection \$335.00 Food Bank - \$60.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

Aug 06, 2023 – Regular - \$2,044.00 Loose Collection - \$406.25
Food Bank - \$60.00 eTransfers – \$100.00 eTransfer - \$60.00 Building Fund - \$1,347.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Edith Parker, Marjorie Gatien, Medric Hachey and Douglas Beale

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Aug 15, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Aug 17, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Aug 19, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Fred L & Ellen Roderick & DFM James (Jim) Butler
Aug 20, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Anita Barnes
Aug 20, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Gary Mittelholtz
Aug 22, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Aug 24, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Aug 26, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Jeannine Bideau Agnes & Paddy Addison
Aug 27, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Lino Pascon
Aug 27, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Jayne Cormier

****NO WEEKDAY MASSES DURING 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!*

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

"Your Faith Family loves to celebrate your special moments with you in church, so why not share them through the Faithbook page or the Parish Website online? Please, if you celebrate a baptism, wedding, anniversary, milestone birthday, reunion, or other special occasion, send a photo you'd like to share, with the pertinent information, to special.events@holyspiritrcparish.ca"

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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(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)

19th & 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Aug 13 & 20, 2023

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Aug 13 & 20, 2023 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**

**Sanctuary Light at St. Matthews Worship Site for August is in memory
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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