

Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

Our week begins as we look to the **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We see a glimpse of the Prophet **Jeremiah** who understands the pain of following the Lord and decides not to speak the Lord's name again, "but then it becomes like fire burning in my heart." Paul's letter to the **Romans** encourages those ancient Romans - and us - not to conform to this age but to discern the will of God. In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus corrects his disciples' resistance to his own passion and death, telling them that if they try to save their lives, they'll lose them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**.

Paul's **First Letter to the Thessalonians** concludes on Tuesday. Wednesday, we begin a week of readings from the **Letter to the Colossians**, with its gracious salutation and encouragement. The readers are exhorted to see Christ as the "head of the body" noting that all is created "in and through him."

We now move from Matthew to **Luke's Gospel**, which we will read on weekdays from now until Advent begins. We will feel the special way the evangelist will highlight healing, mercy, the poor, women, prayer, the Spirit and a gospel for a new, all inclusive, Israel.

Jesus teaches in the synagogue and reads from Isaiah: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus heals a man with demons. He heals Simon's mother-in-law, and all the sick they brought him. "I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." He calls out to three discouraged fishermen to lower their nets, to show them his power. Peter is overwhelmed and protests he is unworthy. "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." At Jesus' persistence, Peter, James and John leave their nets to follow Jesus. The week ends with Jesus' tangling with the Pharisees who challenge the fasting of his disciples. "Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?" He deflects the criticism by telling them "no one pours new wine into old wineskins." When his critics note that his disciples were "unlawful" by picking heads of grain to eat, he tells them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

Daily Prayer This Week

As we get into this pattern of letting the readings interact with the desires of our hearts, one week flows into the next. So, we begin this week continuing to reflect on the purpose of our lives. We can measure our resistance to self-denial for the sake of loving others more and ask for the Lord's healing and grace.

Our pattern of finding intimacy with our Lord in the unique context of our busy, complicated days begins with a morning moment of focus, the earlier the better. Soon after we wake up, we can pause briefly to give a faith filled shape to our day. While making coffee, starting a load of wash, taking a shower, getting dressed, we can begin our day with the Lord, begin our day in a relationship. At first, it may take practice to replace what usually goes on in our heads and hearts, with this kind of prayerful desiring. It can quickly become a very natural way to anticipate, plan and prepare for our day.

Reading this guide over the weekend or early in the week helps, as does reading the [Daily Reflection](#) for the day. But these resources work best when they provide a support for our inner conversation with the Lord as we go through the real experiences, relationships, conflicts and challenges of our day. Then the scriptures, the unique details of our lives, and the desires of our hearts simply come together in an ongoing dialogue with the Lord that takes place in the background of our days and shapes our choices and reveals deeper desires.

This week, we might ask Jesus to confront the demons that seem to dominate the upcoming week. We may have many mothers-in-law or friends that need healing that we can entrust to the Lord's care. We might experience discouragement in our work, with our spouses or parents or in our jobs or ministries. We can take those discouragements and use them as an opportunity to ask the Lord to show us his power there. And, when we are tempted to feel unworthy or to be humbled by the task ahead, we can let Jesus call us again to follow him. Perhaps this week we will feel the call to a real renewal, to not just keep trying to pour new wine into our old wineskins but to ask the Lord to make us new, and ready for the new calls, new graces he is offering us. With the smallest of efforts, we can find a few moments every evening to look back on these days of connecting with our Lord, and to express our gratitude for his presence and the new freedom and graces we are receiving.

By Saturday, we might find ourselves turning to Mary to ask for the graces we need from our Lord. "I thank God for your life, Mary. Please place me with your Son."

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

THANK YOU

On behalf of my family and me, we would like to thank you, the parishioners, for your prayers, sympathies and Mass cards in the death of my brother in-law, Harold Arbeau. Your kindness continues to help us in our grieving process. God Bless you All!

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!!!

Aug 27, 2023 – Regular - \$1,845.00 Loose Collection - \$312.50

Food Bank - \$45.00

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

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SENIOR CITIZENS – 50 PLUS

The president for the NB Senior Citizens Federation (NBSCF) are hosting an information session on the benefits of this membership

Where: Assumption Center (721 Chapel St.)

When: September 09, 2023 @ 2pm

Speakers: Percy Huntington & Robea Cormier

Bienvenue to all!

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Sep 05, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Sep 07, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Sep 09, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	DFM of the LeBlanc & Lambert Family
Sep 10, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Medore & Alice Arsenault
Sep 10, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Lloyd Crawford

Thank you to K of C – Our Lady of the Rosary Council 17984 for their generous donation!

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Leo Wallace, Sister Young, S.C.I.C and Miriam Hunter

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!*



BLESSINGS ON THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND

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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St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS)
(506)653-6850
Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

WEBSITE: www.holyspiritrcparish.ca

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

Where we WELCOME, WORSHIP together and WITNESS

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 03, 2023

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Sep 03, 2023 @ St. Rose Worship Site 1 – 2 pm

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

Sanctuary Light and Bulletin/Wine/Host at St. Matthews Worship Site for September is in memory Blanche & Victor McGowan

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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