

## Daily Prayer This Week

This is a great week to be reminded that the call to be a Christian is not a simple path. We are called to serve boldly and without worrying about material needs. This week's readings have a clear call for us to examine how we share God's love for us with others.

How do we do such serious reflection when it seems we don't have time for it? We can be "contemplatives in action" by beginning our day with a desire, letting that desire come to our consciousness throughout the day in the "background" moments, and by giving thanks for what graces we received at the end of the day.

How do we come up with the desire? The first step to finding "intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives" is to develop the habit of naming a desire for the day, while we are still just getting started with the day, before our concentration becomes pre-occupied with the worries of the day. These guides can help by suggesting desires that flow from the readings of the week, but the best desires are in the very needs and anxieties that are deep in our hearts. That is where God is working in us, revealing things we can turn over to the Lord and form into a prayer. It can often be just 45 seconds, when we throw on a robe or slippers, or while in the shower or getting dressed. It is deep prayer if we can just say, "Help me, today, Lord. My day is so full. Give me courage, and let me know you are with me all day."

We can use the readings of the week in a variety of ways. We can take a day to imagine being part of Jesus' family, with a desire to hear his word and keep it. We can let Jesus address us one day this week, asking us who we say he is. The words don't need to be complicated - it's just starting conversation with God who loves you deeply, then listening.

*Gracious God, I ask you to heal me today as you healed so many others. Bless my eyes that I might appreciate all that I see around me; and my mouth that I may not judge others and speak harshly of them. And bless my feet as you send me on this journey of grace in my life each day.*

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## Holy Spirit Parish Fall 2023 Alpha Program

**You are invited to be our guest!**

Guests who attended the Spring 2023 Alpha Program encouraged us to run the program again. We are excited to offer it starting September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-8:15pm for a duration of 11 weeks. Supper is included at no cost to you.

Alpha is a proven international Program for all Christians worldwide. In 2022 nearly 600 alphas were run in Catholic churches, schools, communities, and through collaborative Diocesan initiatives. For more information, check out the Alpha page on the Saint John Diocesan website, <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/alpha>.

There is still time to register! There is always room for more guests. To help us with meal planning we would prefer you to preregister; however it is not mandatory, and it is OK that you just "show up". Everyone is welcome.

To register contact Roberta Crawford – 506-399-1978, or John & Caroline Doubt – 506-738-1994

Email [AlphaHolySpiritParish@gmail.com](mailto:AlphaHolySpiritParish@gmail.com),

Or through the Parish Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritRCParish>

**Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Rosemary (Mary) Landry-Nicoles and Magdolna Nyers**

## Holy Spirit Parish Welcome Back Party

**(We are having a party at St. Matthews Worship Site, and everyone is invited!)**

For over a month we have been advertising in the bulletin about our 'Welcome Back Party' being held on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass. 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 leaving St. Matthews Worship Site to return to St. Rose Worship site at 2:30pm.

One of our biggest challenges as a parish is communications...to reach all our parishioners!! On September 6<sup>th</sup> we issued over 200 invitations to past parishioners who are no longer with us for whatever reason. We did our best by using the information gathered from our parish database. **So if you know someone who may have received an invitation and you are wondering why 'I did not get one'??** Our bulletin announcement is considered your invitation, so please don't feel we were not including you – we want **EVERYONE** to come!!!! **This important event is sponsored by the Parish at no cost to you!!!!**

At the party there will be parishioner information forms. We ask you to please fill one out per family. This will help us update our parish database. **This is very important for future communications.**

**WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**"You are invited to explore and discuss the Bible**, in particular the New Testament, through the showing of the series "The Chosen" at St. Matthew's Hall starting Monday, September 25 at 6:30 pm and finishing November 27. We will watch one episode per week, following which we will break into small groups for discussion. Looking forward to seeing you there."

## COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Sep 17, 2023 – Regular - \$1,983.00 Loose Collection - \$ 254.00

Food Bank - \$50.00 eTransfers - \$100.00

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## Holy Spirit Parish Photo Contest

**The photos submitted will be used to create a Parish Calendar for 2024**

**Send your photos to [Special.Events@holyspiritrcparish.ca](mailto:Special.Events@holyspiritrcparish.ca)**

***There is still time to send in your photos. Contest Ends September 30<sup>th</sup>.***

- **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](https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritRCParish) and our Website [www.holyspiritrcparish.ca](http://www.holyspiritrcparish.ca)**
- **Happy Hunting – have fun! Lots of treasure still to be found!**

**Evening Prayer of September in Carmel Chapel Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

103 Burpee Avenue, behind Chateau Saint John

**Parking:** Both sides of Burpee Ave. and Park St. area behind Rocmaura.

**Attention all Cursillistas.** Ultreyas will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 27 at 7 pm at St. Marks Catholic Church on Pettingill. We would love to see everyone there. If you know someone who might not see this, please let them know. They will be held on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Mark your calendars. DeColores.

**MASS SCHEDULE 2023**

Sep 26, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Jacqueline Pitre
Sep 28, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Anita Barnes
Sep 30, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Helen Upton Hal Arbeau
Oct 01, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Anita Barnes
Oct 01, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Medric Hachey

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL GRADES ARE SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM AT ST MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE. THIS IS FOR BOTH WORSHIP SITES.**

**Knights of Columbus council 17984 monthly rosary and adoration service for September will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:30pm at St. Rose Worship site. Theme for September is Pro-Life**

**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**

**Holy Spirit Women's Society**

We are holding our annual school supplies drive for **Harbour View High School**, from Sept 9-Oct 1. They are in need of the following items: Duo tangs, pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, scissors, calculators, highlighters, markers, loose-leaf, math sets. Non-perishable food items would also be appreciated. **Please note all food items must be NUT-FREE:** Breakfast cereals, packaged pocket snacks, canned fish & meat, canned milk, canned fruit, thick & hearty soups. Dried or canned legumes (chickpeas, black beans, and kidney beans), rice, pasta, pasta sauces. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

**The Prayer Shawl Group** meets each 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**

**Cribbage Games resumes at St. Matthews Hall Wednesday, Sep 20, 2023 at 7pm. All Welcome!!**

**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.**

**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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**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

**ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES**

*“Where we WELCOME everyone, WORSHIP together and WITNESS to Jesus Christ”*

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 24, 2023**

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Sep 24, 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](mailto: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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