

Here is a St. Augustine's Memorial Garden update:

The garden is being developed in 3 Phases, over 3 years. Phase 1 has been completed, barberry bushes are lining the edge along the sidewalk, the rosebush hedge outlines the back & north side of the site, & 6 beautiful maples have been planted along the edge of the parking lot.

Unfortunately we discovered a runoff problem during all the heavy rains we experienced this summer. Thanks go out to Jim Gatién for, more than once, scooping up soil & mulch that washed out as far as the centre line of Nerepis Road. A plan is underway to address the problem through creating a swale or small dip to direct the runoff & laying sod along the edge to hold everything in.

The actual build of the garden will cost just over \$26,000 dollars before tax; that price has been locked in. \$2700 has been added to address the drainage, so the total is almost \$29,000 before tax. This does not include 3 benches & the plaques we hope to install.

We have been successful in receiving 2 government grants, \$1000 from the Town of GB-W, & a provincial government grant of \$2472. We have not yet received the cash from the provincial grant as the paperwork is being processed.

Fundraising to date has brought in \$3294.65, and we have donations totaling \$7835.

So once the provincial grant money has been received, our balance to date will be \$14,601.65!!! We are almost halfway there!

This amount does include money earmarked for 2 benches. There will be 3 benches in the final phase, that are not included in the actual cost of the garden, and I'm very pleased to say that all 3 have been spoken for, there will be a memorial or dedication plaque on the back of each bench.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a tree, please speak with myself or Bernice, each tree is \$200 & there are only 2 trees left!

Finally, we have a fundraiser planned for Saturday October 14. The Women's Society is participating in the Town's sponsored Fall Fest week, & we are hosting a Fall Flavours Café here at St. Matthews. Come relax & enjoy the BEST apple crisp or pumpkin spice coffee cake, with hot mulled cider, tea or coffee (with pumpkin spice coffee creamer), as well as miniature bundt cakes or mini loaves of zucchini bread "to go". Gluten friendly options will be available.

We are looking for anyone who would like to bake for the café, either the apple crisp or the coffee cake. Recipes will be provided, and if you are able to do so, please contact me at 639-0007.

I'd like to thank everyone for all your support on this garden project. It has simply been wonderful. It is a massive project that is coming along incredibly well. There have been so many comments on how good the site looks already, including many from outside of our faith community, which has been heart-warming, and demonstrates that the project is also valued by the GB-W community.

Thank you.
Jill Robillard

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Oct 01, 2023 – Regular - \$2,085.00 Loose Collection - \$365.00 Building Fund - \$1,540.00
Food Bank - \$70.00 eTransfers - \$80.00 Needs of Cda Church - \$25.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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Daily Prayer This Week

Jesus is so full of surprises. This week, we can let his surprising ways interact with our daily lives. All of us, in some ways, tend to want to trap - or at least intensely resist - the prophets who call us to conversion. We are all asking our Lord to tell us what we need to do to have eternal life. We might all know the ways we don't like his answer. The invitation to love our neighbor, the way the lowly Samaritan did, can be a revealing question for us this week. Who is the neighbor or stranger or enemy whom I'm called to help, care for their wounds, and provide for their recovery? Or, we can reflect upon whether we are too busy, and not focused enough on what really matters - spending some time just listening to Jesus. Perhaps, we have some desire, need, struggle that we very much want to turn to the Lord with. This could be the week we ask, seek and knock - persistently and confidently. All week, we can ask for the grace to be "with" Jesus and to "gather" with him, perhaps especially alert to ways we are "against" Jesus or "scatter" in different things we do or attitudes we take.

All it takes for us busy people is a little focus. We will get into the habit of beginning each day by bringing our attention to these strong desires with practice. At first, it may work best to rely on a line from one of these Guides - letting it be our expression of what we need and returning to it consciously throughout the day.

With practice, we will grow in comfort with naming our own desires more precisely. For example, I might already be more like Mary than Martha. I might want to be asking our Lord, "Help me keep listening to you, Lord, throughout this day." It may be that I haven't said the Rosary with devotion in years. This may be a week to rediscover that powerful prayer, a decade at a time, throughout the day, reflecting much more deliberately on the traditional mysteries or the reflections of this week.

Every night, we can all express our thanks to the Lord for the faithful way we are being invited to a closer relationship, in the midst of our busy, daily lives.

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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.

HVHS: the donated school supplies & non-perishable foods were delivered to Harbour View High School this past week. Thank you for your generosity. The school was very appreciative; the items will go a long way to help students in need. Thank you

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Wendy Whynot, Don Drew and Juliette Kingston

The Prayer Shawl Group

We are in need of knitters & crocheters! Every year in December the Women's Society donates handmade mittens to local school children in need. We could really use some help in knitting the mittens. We also are low on prayer shawls. If you like to knit or crochet, we'd love to hear from you. Yarn, needles, & patterns will be supplied, you can create from the comfort of your own home or join us Wednesday mornings from 10-12. Call Jill (639-0007) or Angie (639-6582) if you're interested.

NEW PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Oct 10, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Leo Wallace
Oct 12, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Oct 14, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Dorothy, Wilbur & David Doyle Don Sullivan
Oct 15, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Ray Connolly
Oct 15, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Norbert Mittelholtz Edith Parker

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE IS MANNED TUE, WED & THURS. ANY EMAILS SENT TO OUR OFFICE EMAIL WILL NOT BE SEEN UNTIL THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY

CRIBBAGE AT ST. MATTHEWS HALL WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM

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!

Fall Flavours Cafe - the **Women's Society** is holding a fundraiser for St. Augustine's garden. Come join us at the cafe in St. Matthew's Hall on Saturday October 14, 12-4 pm to enjoy some delicious fall flavours: the cost is \$10 for either **The Best Apple Crisp** or **Pumpkin Spice Coffee Cake**, with hot mulled cider or tea/coffee (and pumpkin spice coffee creamer, of course!), as well as mini Bundt cakes & loaves available "To Go".

CALLING ALL BAKERS! If you enjoy baking, perhaps you could make a pan of apple crisp or pumpkin spice coffee cake for the **Fall Flavours Cafe** Memorial Garden fundraiser. Recipes will be provided. Please contact Jill at 639-0007 if you can help out. Thanks!

The Blessing of Animals... It's time to bless your pet!

Join us as we gather on the front steps of both worship sites on October 21, 2023 – 1pm at St. Matthew's Worship Site and St. Rose Worship Site at 2 PM.

Pets are not things, but are living creatures who belong to God and who grace our lives with their presence. The prophet Danial calls on "*All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord!*" (DAN 3:81). In their own way, animals honour the creator and it is fitting that we give God thanks for them.

**BLESSINGS ON THIS
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

OFFICE HOURS 9 am to 4 pm
SMWS – Tues & Thur – 506-738-2320 SRWS - Wed -506- 653-6850
Mon & Fri: BOTH OFFICES CLOSED
Mailing Address: 279 Nerepis Rd, Grand Bay-Westfield, NB E5K 2Z9

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Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive
St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS) (506)653-6850
Civic Address: 541 Milford Road
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Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

"Where we WELCOME everyone, WORSHIP together and WITNESS to Jesus Christ"

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time – October 08, 2023

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Oct 08, 2023 at St. Rose Worship Site from 1-2pm

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 506-636-0677 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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