

Daily Prayer – Oct 22, 2023

This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer. There's freedom "from" and freedom "for." We can ask to be released *from* what has a hold on us. If we ask, we can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. We can pray to be free *for* whatever God desires of us. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others and to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

The Word helps us each week. Sometimes, one phrase or one story will carry us for several days. Other weeks, we will have to look back at the readings to hear a reminder, an encouragement, a call. I might stay with the words, "give to God what is God's." On a given day it might be a great grace to realize all is gift, including the members of my family, the gifts I've been given to do my work, the graces offered me this very day. If I hear the words of Jesus, "life does not consist in possessions," we might ask him to show me how this is meant for me this week. Perhaps I will imagine myself as that tree that isn't bearing much fruit. Instead of cutting me down, our Lord is patient and willing to nourish me and cultivate me, so that I can bear fruit.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.

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Daily Prayer – Oct 29, 2023

Please, Lord, anything but humility! Our instinctive reaction to humility might be the result of a culture that exalts riches, honors and pride. Yet all this week Jesus teaches that the way to salvation is through humility.

The first step might be simply asking for the desire to be humble. As we move through the simplest of moments in our everyday lives, we can stop and ask God to help us *want* to be humble. As we sit on the edge of the bed in the morning, as we head to work, sort laundry or do our errands, we can keep a running prayer in the background of our consciousness: "Lord, help me to desire the humility that will make me more aware of your saving grace."

These same background moments offer ways for us to recognize opportunities to practice humility as we go through our days. Perhaps I can stop myself from correcting my spouse. In a disagreement, I might make an extra effort to listen to the other person's side rather than planning my rebuttal as they speak. I can let a person in line in front of me, hold the door for someone or make an extra effort to recognize and thank those who serve me. Even these tiny gestures, when done in the spirit of Jesus' teachings this week, offer us a special grace.

With the Solemnity of All Saints, we are reminded of all the women and men whose faithful living of the Gospel is so clear that we are sure we can imitate their lives. These are all the named saints. It would be great to name the saints whose example we desire to shape our lives. All Souls day gives us the opportunity to remember and pray for all our brothers and sisters who have died. We confidently hope and pray that they may be embraced by the love and mercy of God, poured forth in the life giving death and resurrection of Jesus. This is a wonderful day to name all those we want to pray for, and to include in our prayer those who have no one to pray for them.

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The **Holy Spirit Parish Women's Society** monthly meeting is on Tuesday October 31 at 1:30pm in the Rectory Hall. All women from both worship sites are most welcome to join this very active ministry. For more information please contact ill Robillard at 506-639-0007

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

Horizon Recovery Centre (former Lonewater Farm)

Dear Holy Spirit Parish

We would like to sincerely thank the church, its parishioners, and members for graciously supporting us year after year during the Christmas season with wonderful gifts for our client's stockings. Gifts that have allowed us to have a memorable Christmas party with lots of snacks, games and movies. Words cannot begin to explain our gratitude, and feelings of community that all of you have shown us. The love and humanity carries on throughout every year!

The number of clients is now 14, allowing for more focus, resources and opportunities for the clients. Last year with your generous donations I was able to also support the Ridgewood Detox program which has 16 beds co-ed (male and female) and also the Ridgewood Concurrent disorder program also co-ed with 12 beds. That's 42 people in total supported over the holidays! Thank you so much!

Again, this year we will be having Christmas celebrations and Christmas stockings for our clients including personal hygiene items and small gifts. We are graciously and humbly asking for your support again this year if possible, for both the celebrations and to help us fill the stockings.

As you know, I have been with the former program Lonewater Farm, now Horizon Recovery Centre, for a long time, it is my home and it is my true love, to serve our community and help the humans in it to prosper. So I always like to say a little something about our program here.

Horizon Recovery Centre is an early recovery long-term men's rehabilitation and community reintegration program for Addiction and Mental Health Services, of Horizon Health Network. We have 14 male residence, in various stages of recovery from addiction.

We are located at the Ridgewood campus in a newly renovated building where we have continued our work with addictions/ mental health/ vulnerable populations, providing them with a second chance to live their best lives.

Many of our clients do not have families or are unable to visit at Christmas. I personally believe it is by the grace of God that these men are guided to our humble facility. We aim to make it a Christmas with no loss of comfort and love.

On behalf of all the clients and staff of Horizon Recovery Centre, and all of Ridgewood programs, I wish to thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Joshua Holden, Addiction Service Attendant
Ridgewood Horizon Recovery Centre

MORE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC NEEDS WILL FOLLOW IN NOVEMBER

Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations on celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

Julie Meade & Martyn Bell – October 07, 2023

Kayla Nice & Nicholas Dobbelsteyn – Oct 20, 2023

CRIBBAGE AT ST. MATTHEWS HALL WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM

K of C council 17894 will be having their monthly rosary and adoration service on Thursday evening, Oct.26th, 6:30 pm, at St. Rose Worship Site. Our theme for this month is Praying for Peace. All are welcome

MASS SCHEDULE 2023 – 2 WEEKS

Oct 24, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Sr. Therese Kergoat
Oct 26, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Fillippo Rocca
Oct 28, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Raymond Sweet Leo Wallace
Oct 29, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Bobby Williams
Oct 29, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Hal Arbeau Edith Parker
Oct 31, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Nov 02, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Anita Barnes
Nov 04, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Edward Ackerson Hal Arbeau
Nov 05, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Donnie Brennan
Nov 05, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Malcom Taylor Lloyd Cosman

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEEK (OCT 24 – 26). PLEASE CALL 506-757-8693 FOR ANY EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

The following prayer is a prayer that Fr. Tom used while he was here in my absence. Some of you have been asking for it – please let us continue to pray for peace

Two peoples, one land, three faiths, one root.
One earth, one mother, one sky, one beginning, one future, one destiny.
One broken heart, one God.

We pray to You:
Grant us a vision of unity.
May we see the many in the one and the one in the many.
May you, Life of all the Worlds, Source of all Amazing Differences,
Help us to see clearly.
Guide us gently and firmly toward each other,
Toward peace. Amen.

The **Women's Society** held a fundraiser for St. Augustine's Memorial Garden on Saturday Oct 14, the **Fall Flavours Cafe**. The event was very successful, raising almost \$1,500.00. We appreciate all the hard work and support that went into making this event such a success, from outdoor decor and signage, to indoor cleaning and set up as well as take down, the many talented bakers, all the volunteers that made it happen, and of course our customers in the cafe. An additional measure of success was the fun of being part of such a church community event that also reached out beyond our parish. Thank you!

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Oct 15, 2023 – Regular - \$2,752.00 Loose Collection - \$386.00
Food Bank - \$60.00 eTransfers - \$90.00 Bldg Fund - \$140.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

St. Matthew Worship Site (SMWS) (506)738-2320

Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS) (506)653-6850

Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

WEBSITE: www.holyspiritparish.ca Email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com

Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin

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ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

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

****THIS BULLETIN IS FOR 2 WEEKS****

29th & 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – October 22 & 29, 2023

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Oct 22, 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 holyspirteducationsj@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)

Gentle Path Counselling Services, Ltd.

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