

“November – A Time to Remember Our Dead”

The Month of November calls us to remember our dead with gratitude. On November 1 the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and on November 2 is the day we celebrate All Souls. On **November 21st 7:00 pm St. Matthew’s Worship Site and November 22nd at 7:00 pm St. Rose Worship Site** we will ‘Remember Our Dead’ with a special Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

As you know we will set up a memorial for this occasion. Located at the front of each church, near the altars are the names of people whose funerals were held either at St. Matthew’s Worship Site or St. Rose of Lima Worship Site. As well, we include those funerals where I have celebrated at the funeral homes this past year. Due to the large number of deceased, we have organized their names in one frame for each worship site. The Baptismal Font and Easter Candle will once again anchor the display, telling us that our loved ones who were baptized into the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, now share eternal life with God. Finally, the use of “purple” symbolizes ‘our royalty,’ that at our baptism, we were anointed “Priest, Prophet and King”.

Near the display is a book where we are invited and encouraged to write the names of all our loved ones gone before us into eternal life. This Book of Remembrance will be included at all our Masses during the month of November. One of the highest tributes that we can pay to our departed sisters and brothers is to remember them in our personal prayer and at Mass. Please continue to pray for the dead and for their families who continue to mourn their loss

Please note – if anyone has been left of the list of names, it has been so inadvertently.

~Fr. David

Silent Guided- Directed Retreat

The Saint John local group of the Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate (AASEA) is offering a Silent Guided-Directed Retreat at the Villa Madonna Retreat House beginning Friday Nov.24, 2023 at 7:00 pm and concluding Sunday Nov.26, 2023 at 2:00 pm. The theme for this retreat is ‘WAITING/an Advent journey.’ Currently there are a limited number of places available for this retreat. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Bob McDermott at mcdermott@nbnet.nb.ca or go to our website at aaseasaintjohn.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Holy Spirit Parish along with other parishes in our diocese will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! **Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online.** The survey can be accessed through an online link from **Nov 21, 2023 to Dec 18, 2023** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. We will have a paper copy available if you do not have access to a computer. **Another option...** you can contact the office and make an appointment to come in and use the office laptop to complete the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to our parish and the diocese as a whole. It will aid our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results next spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

~Fr. David

Thirty-first Week of Ordinary Time

Jesus calls us to humility on the **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** as he says in the **Gospel of Matthew**, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” He encourages us to turn away from honors and titles and to take the lowest place at the banquet.

We celebrate the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**; the **Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**, and the **Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**.

During the regular readings this week, we conclude a four-week series of first readings from **Paul’s Letter to the Romans**. He reminds us, “Who has known the mind of the Lord?”

In the **Gospel according to Luke** we see Jesus living out his daily life with challenging honesty. He calls us to extend an invitation out of our hearts, not with an eye on an invitation in return: “invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” Then Jesus tells the parable of the invited guests who made excuses to decline the invitation. He sends his servants to invite everyone. Jesus tells a crowd that they have to renounce their possessions to be his disciple and that to do something really important, we have to prepare and be ready. When the religious leaders complain, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them,” Jesus tells parables of the man who finds his lost sheep and the woman with the lost coin, both of whom rejoice in finding what was lost. A steward protects himself by pardoning those who owe his master. We end the week with Jesus asking which is more important, God or money? “No servant can serve two masters.”

Daily Prayer This Week

This week guides us deep into our faith in several ways.

As we go about our very busy lives this week, we can continue to practice focusing our attention on an ongoing conversation with our Lord throughout the day. Our desires - for union with our Lord, to know God's love for us, to become more aware of our failings, to become more generous with our family and friends, to be more patient and forgiving, to love as we have been loved - can be expressed in these simple expressions. These expressed desires will naturally interact with the real events of our day.

The gospels this week will draw us into desiring to be more merciful and to not let money or pride dominate our behavior. We won't be “unprepared” if we keep making openings for our Lord to enter the ordinary moments of our days. In repeated moments, we can simply open our hearts and ask God for the desire to have our lives focus on God's desires for us, rather than what our culture wants us to focus on so constantly.

Jesus welcomes us - even as sinners - and eats with us. He is the one who invites us to be like him in seeking out the lost, to growing in compassion. We can reflect all week on that call, in concrete terms in relation to the people in our lives and throughout the world.

Of course, we can prepare for Sunday by reflection on how we are prepared with oil in our lamps - and what that might mean for our "readiness" for the calls we are receiving from the Lord.

Each night, let's look back over the day briefly, and give thanks for a God who listens to our desires.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](http://CreightonUOnlineMinistries.com)

THE 2023/2024 SUNDAY MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRY WAY OF BOTH WORSHIP SITES – PRICE IS \$6.00

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Nov 07, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Olievette & Maurice Chaliejour
Nov 09, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Parishioners
Nov 11, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Edward Ackerson
Nov 12, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Joseph (Joe) Murphy Leo Wallace
Nov 12, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Edith Parker

SAINT JOHN REGIONAL MISSION: on November 27-29, Bishop Riesbeck will preach a three-day Mission on the theme of, "The Great Commission." Diving into Jesus' call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This Mission will help equip people first to KNOW Jesus, to GROW with him as his disciples and in community with one another, and finally to GO to the peripheries, spreading the Good News to all we meet and inviting people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus and his Church. Evening missions will take place from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John. Each session will begin with Mass, with a reconciliation service offered on Tuesday and Commissioning and Healing Prayer on Wednesday. Refreshments and fellowship will follow each session.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Ferron Currie, Nancy Parker, Helen Slater, Tammy Girouard, Joan O'Brien and Kenneth Warner

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

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Oct 22, 2023 – Regular - \$2,275.00 Loose Collection - \$311.00
 Food Bank - \$80.00 eTransfers - \$120.00 Mission Sunday - \$532.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

Oct 29, 2023 – Regular - \$2,651.00 Loose Collection - \$224.00
 Food Bank - \$2100.00 eTransfers - \$100.00 Mission Sunday - \$60.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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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

****DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME – CLOCK GOES BACK 1 HOUR ****

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

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

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

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – November 05, 2023

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Nov 05 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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