

## “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 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm St. Matthew’s Worship Site and November 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

*This weekend we welcome into our p\Parish Community through the waters of Baptism.....  
Aubrey Lynn Mackin*

## 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

**Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Mary MacDougall, Mitchel Leger and Sister Celene Hurley**

## Thirty-second Week of Ordinary Time

Being prepared for the coming of the Lord is the nugget in the gospel for the **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.** We hear in **Matthew’s Gospel** the story of the foolish maidens who are not ready for their master’s coming, and miss the wedding feast.

We celebrate the **Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** and the **Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious.**

As we draw toward the end of the liturgical year, our first reading this week is taken from **Wisdom**, a book written to encourage a downtrodden Jewish community. The vivid imagery offers us a view of the glory and justice of the Lord. “The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.”

In **Luke’s Gospel**, Jesus turns his focus away from the Pharisees and back to his followers. “If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.” He tells them the duties of discipleship, asking if a master should be grateful to a servant who does what is commanded. “So should it be with you.” We read of the curing the ten lepers - yet only one returns to give thanks. “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” He also tells us that we should not spend our lives looking for the coming of the Kingdom “for behold, the Kingdom of God is among you.” The Kingdom of God is coming, when we least expect it and, “Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it.” We must “pray always without becoming weary.”

## Daily Prayer This Week

In this process of becoming “Contemplatives in Action” by finding intimacy with God in the background of our everyday busy lives, we are seeing more and more clearly that Prayer is not really “saying prayers” but is a relationship that needs to be nourished in an ongoing way. No matter how hectic our week is, it is easy to think about our daily relationship with Our Father, with Jesus, in the Holy Spirit.

As we look ahead to the landscape of our week - with a few big things coming up, a host of ordinary responsibilities, and perhaps several bruised or difficult relationships that trouble us - we can begin to locate and formulate into words, the desires in our hearts for our Lord’s help along the way. Perhaps we will have time to review a Daily Reflection each day or just the readings of the day. We may only have time to have a general sense of the Word of God addressed to us - from last Sunday and what is coming up this coming Sunday. That Word will further inform and shape how we will be in an ongoing dialogue with our Lord this week.

The rest is about developing the habit of focusing more intentionally on our relationship with our Lord, anticipating the events of our day, preparing for them, and letting our Lord be there in it with us. This is what it is to keep enough oil in our lamps. This is what it is to know that the presence of God is in our midst. This is what it takes to be good stewards of all that our Lord has entrusted to us.

So, we ask for what we need and desire, each morning, as soon as we can. We return to that desire, in brief moments, throughout the day. At the end of our day, we give thanks for this gifted relationship that sustained us and allowed us to be his disciples this day.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

## 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](mailto:mcdermott@nbnet.nb.ca) or go to our website at [aaseasaintjohn.com](http://aaseasaintjohn.com).

**MASS SCHEDULE 2023**

Nov 14, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Rose Ryan
Nov 16, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Valerie Martin
Nov 18, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Mary Palmer Hal Arbeau
Nov 19, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Paul Ernst Fillippo Rocca
Nov 19, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Edith Parker

**On November 26, 2023, after the 11am Mass at St. Matthews Worship Site there will be a workshop for Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristan's and Funeral Servers. This workshop was originally scheduled for October 29, 2023.**

**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.

**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!!!**

Nov 05, 2023 – Regular - \$2,530.00 Loose Collection - \$321.45  
 Food Bank - \$40.00 eTransfers - \$50.00 Building Fund - \$1,518.00  
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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

**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**

***LEST WE FORGET***

**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  
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 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”***

***32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – November 12, 2023***

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Nov 12 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](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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