

“November – A Time to Remember Our Dead”

The Month of November calls us to remember our dead with gratitude. 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.

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

~Fr. David

PLEASE NOTE:

If you want to meet with Father David please call the office and book the appointment with Bernice. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

SURVEY LAUNCHES NOV 21, 2023!!!!

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.**

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b000c5> . A paper copy is available in the entry way of both worship sites for those who do not have access to a computer. Please return the paper copy to the office in the **sealed envelope** provided and we will mail them from the office and cover the postage. **Another option...** you can contact the office and make an appointment to come in and use the office laptop to complete the survey.

The window to complete the survey is 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 us grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

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

K of C council 17984 will be holding their monthly rosary and adoration service on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023 6:30 pm, at St. Rose Worship Site. This month we will be Praying for all Souls. All are welcome.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of David Cunningham and Darrell Badeau

Daily Prayer This Week

We can easily spend this week asking for the grace to use the gifts we’ve been given. We want to recognize that we have gifts, and that they are, in fact, gifts. We didn’t “earn” them; we were entrusted with them. We can reflect upon the potential each gift has and how we might develop and use each gift we have more completely - in loving, in making a difference on behalf of the poor in our world.

Each morning this week, as soon as our feet hit the floor, and while we are washing up and getting dressed, we can have our own version of the following brief conversations with our Lord. These simple prayers can shape our desiring throughout the day, as these longings in our heart grow deeper and interact with the events, encounters and opportunities in our lives.

“Dear Lord, throughout this day, help me count the ways you love me.” “Lord, thank you for being so generous to me. I forget the gifts you have given me. Be with me today, so that I might be grateful and use my gifts well.” “Loving Father, today I’m grateful for my parents, for the opportunities I’ve had up to this day, and for the special privilege this day brings to serve my family and to try to make a difference in this world. Be with me and keep me hopeful and patient, generous and free today.” “Dear Jesus, I spend too much time in a tree, above the conflicts, keeping myself pretty safe. Give me the courage of your presence with me today, so that I might take more risks in loving. There are going to be some hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned people crossing my path today. Guide me in loving better. The cry of the poor in our world seems so overwhelming. Help me listen better and imagine what I might do to make a difference, with your help.”

Each night, with these prayers in our hearts all day, we can easily give thanks for the experience we were given of intimacy with our God in the midst of our busy days.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

WOMEN’S SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations for Horizon Recovery Centre will run from Nov 25 to Dec 17, 2023. The Centre would greatly appreciate receiving:

Bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, hair gel, hair brushes & combs

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, safety razors, shaving cream, nail clippers

Winter hats, scarves, gloves, socks, clothes hangers

Gift bags, candy, treats for stockings as well as snacks for the men's Christmas party

Playing cards, small games, board games, DVDs, art supplies, coffee mugs, kitchen dishes, cutlery

Please NO mouthwash, aftershave, cologne

Thank you for your generosity

Women's Society Christmas Potluck Lunch: all women of both worship sites are invited! Please bring a food item to share, as well as a wrapped Christmas-related gift (no more than \$10) for a yankee swap gift exchange, on Friday December 1st, 12:30pm in the rectory hall, 279 Nerepis Road.

Women's Society monthly meeting will be on Tuesday November 28 at 130pm in the rectory hall. All women are welcome to attend.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE 2023

Nov 21, 2023	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Remembering our Dead
Nov 22, 2023	Wed	St. Rose Worship Site	7pm	Remembering our Dead
Nov 23, 2023	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Frank Perry Lori Ann Galleria
Nov 25, 2023	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Edward Ackerson Suzanne Richard
Nov 26, 2023	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Anita Barnes Leo Wallace
Nov 26, 2023	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Blanche McGowan Gerry Dupis

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.

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 always welcomed!!

COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Nov 12, 2023 – Regular - \$2,685.00 Loose Collection - \$252.00 Missals - \$280.00
 Food Bank - \$40.00 eTransfers - \$80.00 Building Fund - \$115.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CALENDAR 2024 CALENDAR

Thanks to everyone that participated in the 2023 Photo Contest. Over 70 photos were submitted which made for a great selection of photos for our 2024 Calendar. The calendar will be ready for sale in early December for a cost of approximately \$20 each. The calendar will include the winning photos from the contest. Winners to be announced when calendar goes on sale.

Before we place our printing order, we need an estimate of how many calendars to produce. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, please add your name to the list located in the church foyer. It **will make a great Christmas Gift.**

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
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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”

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – November 19, 2023

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Nov 19 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

(Subsidies are available)
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