

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### “Journey to the merciful Heart”

Since Ash Wednesday, we have been on our ‘spiritual journey’ collectively and personally to ‘the merciful heart.’ For the last few weeks we have heard stories of God’s mercy, that invite us to look inward at our own hearts; to share God’s mercy with others and to experience God’s merciful heart.

When you get right down to it, the gospels are full of stories where Jesus ignores the boundaries imposed by acceptable religious and social practice, and openly disregards human-made laws and regulations in order to show mercy. He consistently lets sinners and outcasts know that they are wanted and loved by God, even if they are despised by everyone else.

This coming **Monday evening at 7 pm at St. Matthew’s Worship Site**, Holy Spirit Parish we celebrate a **Lenten Reconciliation Service**, in preparation for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. If you have joined us before in one of these celebrations, you know how powerful they are...story, song, ritual... allowing each of us to experience God’s infinity mercy. It is our home that you come and be embraced by God... by Mercy.

**Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered each Saturday at St. Rose Worship Site, 3:15-3:45PM**

## TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

**HOLY THURSDAY - MAR 28, 2024**  
**7PM – ST. MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE**

**GOOD FRIDAY - MAR 29, 2024**  
**10AM – ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE**  
**3PM – ST. MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE**

**EASTER VIGIL/HOLY SATURDAY**  
**MAR 30, 2024**  
**4PM – ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE**

**EASTER SUNDAY – MAR 31, 2024**  
**9AM – ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITE**  
**11AM – ST. MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE**

**This Year we welcome into full communion through the RCIA journey**  
**Megan Rhynold & Gabriel McKiel.**

**Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to be received into Holy Spirit Parish.**

## TRIDUUM...SILENCE...

Each Triduum, you have been encouraged to embrace the ‘action’ of silence for the Three Days and in the past, **YOU HAVE... YOU HAVE DONE IT VERY, VERY WELL AT BOTH WORSHIP SITES!!!** Once again, we ask that at the end of the Holy Thursday the community is invited to stay and spend some time in **quiet** prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew’s Worship Site between 8-9 pm. When leaving the church after Holy Thursday Celebration, the faithful are called to **leave in silence**. Then the **Good Friday** liturgy **begins in silence and ends in the same manner**. The faithful, out of respect for solemnity of the Triduum, are called to be mindful of this prayerful time. That means **no talking** in the church or at the **entrance of the church and everyone is to be seated**. On **Good Friday**, instead of venerating the Cross individually, we will do a communal veneration instead. By staying in our seats, we will be offered ample time to venerate the cross...sitting in silence, kneeling, or standing. Once again, we continue to worship in silence. On **Saturday** and **Sunday** we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we continue hold each other up, including the needs of our community as we celebrate the ultimate gift of hope: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

*Fr. David*

## Daily Prayer – March 17, 2024

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts in more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat “at war” with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are celebrating the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

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## 2023 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

**Last call for your report – going to print March 28, 2024!!!!!!**

**The Prayer Shawl Group - Wednesday mornings from 10-12 at the Rectory Hall, 279 Nerepis Road, Grand Bay-Westfield. Call Jill (639-0007) or Angie (639-6582) if you're interested. New people always welcomed!! Yarn, needles, & patterns will be supplied; you can create from the comfort of your own home.**

**Evening Prayer at Carmel Chapel, 103 Burpee Avenue, last Wednesday of each month: Jan-June, 2024 Instrumental music by a local musician at 6:00 pm; Ritual begins at 6:30 pm. PARKING: Both sides of Burpee Ave. and Rocmaura lot off Park Street. Contact Info: 634-4970 weekdays. Mar 27 \* Apr 24 \* May 29 \* June 26**

**Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Ronald Wallace & Shirley Ann Malloy**

**MASS SCHEDULE 2024**

(Due to unforeseen circumstances pre-booked Masses may have to be rescheduled)

Mar 20, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Pat Chaisson
Mar 21, 2024	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Medric Hachey
Mar 23, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site <b>(Palm Sunday)</b>	4pm	Margarete Robichaud Jinette Comeau Elizabeth Gaudet David Butler
Mar 24, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site <b>(Palm Sunday)</b>	9am	Medric Hachey Stephen Levenshulme
Mar 24, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site <b>(Palm Sunday)</b>	11am	Wayne Stymiest Jimmy Laviolette

**ST. PATRICK DAY BLESSINGS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 17984 BREAKFAST:** Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Assumption Centre, Chapel St. Adults -- \$10, children (12 years & under) \$4.

The Women's Society is looking for someone with carpentry skills willing to donate their time to build some shelves in the rectory hall. We will cover the cost of material. Please contact Jill if you can help: 506-639-0007 or [jillrobbillard5@gmail.com](mailto:jillrobbillard5@gmail.com)

**COLLECTIONS – MAR 03, 2024**

Regular - \$2,495.00 Loose - \$393.60 Building Fund - \$947.00  
Food Bank - \$25.00  
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**COLLECTIONS – MAR 10, 2024**

Regular - \$3,080.00 Loose - \$270.65 eTransfer - \$235.00  
Food Bank - \$140.00  
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

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**TALENT SHOW FUNDRAISER** - Do you have a talent?? A talent show is planned for the afternoon of Saturday May 25 at St. Matthew's worship site, as a fundraiser for St. Augustine's Memorial Garden, & we are looking for talent. Do you juggle, are you a mime, do you sing or dance or practice a martial art? What about a monologue, stand up comedy, or is acting your passion? Are you a ventriloquist, are you in a hand bell group, or are you a yo-yo pro? If you have a talent that you would like to perform at our talent show, please contact Jill at (506) 639-0007 or [jillrobbillard5@gmail.com](mailto:jillrobbillard5@gmail.com) or Patti (506) 738-8264 or [pattiblake07@outlook.com](mailto:pattiblake07@outlook.com)

**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](http://www.holyspiritparish.ca) Email: [holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com](mailto: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”

**Fifth Sunday of Lent – Mar 17, 2024**

**“Journey to a Merciful Heart”**

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Mar 24 & 31, 2024**  
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

(Subsidies are available)

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