

CHRISM MASS: Bishop Riesbeck invites the faithful of the diocese to the Chrism Mass, which is being held on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Come and celebrate with our priests as the oils are blessed and distributed throughout the diocese for the Sacraments in the upcoming year. Reception to follow.

WAY OF THE CROSS: There will be an outdoor procession of the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29 at 1:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The procession will begin at the front of the Church and proceed around the Cathedral block (via Golding Street, Bayard Drive and Paddock Street) before ending back at the Cathedral. The liturgy for Good Friday will follow in the church at 3:00 pm. An indoor Way of the Cross will be held at 7:00 pm inside the Cathedral.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: The Good Friday Collection, on March 29, 2024, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked. This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration.

EASTER TRIDUUM 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 24, 2024

This is the week we call “Holy” because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - “even death, death on a cross.” [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: “Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally.” Then, throughout the day, in many background, in-between moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

[Creighton U Online Ministries](#)

Holy Spirit Parish Spring 2024 Alpha Program

You are invited to be our guest! Come and bring a friend!

Guests who attended Alpha in 2023 encouraged us to run the program again. We are excited to offer it starting Apr 4th, 6:30pm-8:15pm for a duration of 11 weeks at St. Matthews Worship Site. Supper is included at no cost to you.

Alpha is a proven international Program for all Christians worldwide. Hundreds of Alphas were run in Canadian Catholic Churches, schools, communities, and through collaborative Diocesan initiatives. Bishop Riesbeck has personally taken Alpha and through his experience has encouraged all of us to “check it out”. Here is the link to his story -

Bishop Riesbeck’s story of Transformation through Alpha – <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/alpha>

To register email alphaholyspiritparish@gmail.com, or call Roberta Crawford 506-977-1307, John & Caroline Doubt – 506-738-1994, Debbie Farren 506-757-8009, or register through parish Faithbook - <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritRCParish>.

To help us with meal planning we would prefer you to preregister; however, it is not mandatory, and it is OK that you just “show up”. Everyone is welcome.

**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.**

Apr 24 * May 29 * June 26

MASS SCHEDULE 2024

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

Mar 26, 2024	Tue	Cathedral of Immaculate Conception	6:30pm	Chrism Mass
Mar 27, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Pat Chaisson Wayne Stymiest
Mar 28, 2024	Thur	St. Matthews Worship Site Holy Thursday	7pm	DFM of the Blanchard & Comeau Family
Mar 29, 2024	Fri	St. Rose of Lima	10am	Good Friday
Mar 29, 2024	Fri	St Matthews Worship Site	3pm	Good Friday
Mar 30, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday	4pm	Parishioners
Mar 31, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site Easter Sunday	9am	Rose Riley Rosemary & Edward Lahey
Mar 31, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site Easter Sunday	11am	Mary MacDougall Donald Drew

Holy Spirit Parish Women's Society monthly meeting is on Tuesday, March 26, 2204 @ 1:30pm at the rectory hall.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..." Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Frank Crilley

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.

COLLECTIONS – MAR 17, 2024
 Regular - \$2,315.00 Loose - \$474.00 Dev & Peace - \$894.00
 Food Bank - \$20.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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 or Patti (506) 738-8264 or 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 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”
Palm Sunday – Mar 24, 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

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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