

Fourth Week of Easter

On the **Fourth Sunday of Easter** we reflect on the Paschal Mystery more deeply. **Psalm 118** says, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Peter quotes this psalm in preaching that the crippled man was healed, “in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.” In **John's Gospel**, Jesus tells us, “A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**.

The first readings this week continue the story of the growth of the community, through the Acts of the Apostles.

For the gospels this week, we read from **John's Gospel**, chapters 10, 12, 13 and 14 - all emphasizing who Jesus is - from the Father and one with the Father. He has come to bring us light and life. He promises us that he is the gate, the way to life. And, he assures us that if we make our home in him, he will be in us, and we will thereby be one with Jesus and the Father. He says, “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved.” “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” “Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.” “From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM.” “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” “If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.”

Daily Prayer This Week

This is potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We accept it if we let his availability to us seep more and more deeply into our consciousness each day. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: “Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love.” This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us to surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - especially when we approach a particularly challenging responsibility, or an occasion or situation in which we habitually lose our peace or give in to temptation - we can be renewed by another 20 second prayer. Each time we turn to the Lord, our “moment of connection” can become more specific, more intimate, and more confident. If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, or for several days, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will quickly return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, again, that we are never alone.

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AASEA RETREATS – Silent Directed Retreats are being offered with directors from the Saint John Local AASEA (Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate) at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in June. A 5 – Day Silent Directed Retreat takes place from Mon. June 10, 2024, to Fri. June 14, 2024, with a registration cost of \$130.00 and \$570.00 due upon arrival. A 4– Day option is also available from Tue. June 11, 2024 to Fri. June 14, 2024 with a registration cost of \$130.00 and \$400.00 due upon arrival. Pre-retreat installment payment may be arranged – Contact: Bob McDermott (mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca). These retreats are for those seeking an atmosphere of silence. They include daily meetings with a director and daily Eucharist.

Building and Maintenance Update: St. Rose Worship Site

New Outside Lighting for St. Rose Worship Site: This past week, new decorative lights have replaced the ‘older yellow globes,’ in our parking lot. These new lights are LED and give of a brighter and more economical light, making our parking lot safer at night. Last year we replaced Lighting at St. Matthew’s Worship Site. We will be submitting our invoices for the cost of all lighting (indoor and out for both churches) for a government grant to make buildings more economical. The grant will pay us back 25% of the cost, including taxes.

As well, the roof over the front entrance is in the process of being replaced with a peak allowing for proper drainage. The serious leak has stopped and will be repaired. A couple of “dips” in the main roof will be fixed and new landscaping will finish off the needed repair for St. Rose... **for now**. I want to thank our Building and Maintenance Committee for their ongoing work and dedication to all our building projects.

Fr. David

The **K of C Rosary and Adoration** service for April will be held on Thursday, April 25th, 6:30 pm, at St. Rose Worship Site. The theme for April is **Faith Renewal**. All are welcome.

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Pilgrimage - Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life. This year the Silver Rose will be in the Diocese of Saint John on Sunday, May 5, 2024. All are invited to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 3:00 pm for a Silver Rose prayer service as we ask the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe in promoting a culture of life.

Employment Opportunity – Divine Mercy Catholic School seeks a Principal in Saint John, NB. If you're dedicated to nurturing students' academic and spiritual development through Catholic values and academic excellence, explore this opportunity at <https://www.divinemercycatholicsschool.ca/principal-job-posting>

Audité **SPRING Retreat** at Villa Madonna...

4-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th begins with Supper at 5pm; ends 31st at 2:00 pm (\$479.00)

2-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th begins with Supper at 5pm; ends 29th at 2:00 pm (\$237.50)

Team of Audité and four invited Facilitators, in atmosphere of welcoming Silence.

Persons first time for this Audité retreat, may request half-price registration.

Email: audite119@bellaliant.net

Good News, our new website is nearing completion – please stay tuned!!!!

Monthly Breakfast at the Assumption Center on 721 Chapel Street

The next K of C breakfast is Sunday, April 21, 9:00am til 1:00pm. The cost is \$10 per person and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

MASS SCHEDULE 2024

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

Apr 24, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Marjorie Gatien Clare Robichaud
Apr 25, 2024	Thur	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Bob Murphy
Apr 27, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Mary Fletcher Gertie (Britt) Johnston Jean (Britt) Hughes
Apr 28, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Parishioners
Apr 28, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Pat Chaisson Catherine Keenan

COLLECTIONS – Apr 14, 2024

Regular - \$2,179.00 Loose - \$365.00 Easter Sunday - \$30.00
 Food Bank - \$25.00 eTransfer - \$20.00 Building Fund - \$1,165.00
 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

We have been approved for the SEED program and will be looking for a student who will be entering post-secondary education in the fall to work primarily in our cemetery (St. Augustine’s Cemetery). This position is registered in the NB SEED program. You can direct any interested candidates to the www.NBSEED.ca to apply. The job position title is Landscape Maintenance Contractor. All interested candidates must apply via the NBSEED website.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...” Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Betty Ketchum, Everett Saunders, Greg Stairs and Kim Magee

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.**
Apr 24 * May 29 * June 26

Variety Show Update: The show is shaping up to be spectacular! We have some remarkable entertainment in store for you. Here's a sample of what's to come: The Sea Belles, Voices of Fundy, Urban Dance, Ukas 4 You, Beyond the Mast, and much, much more. May 25, 2pm. Tickets will go on sale at the end of April, available at both parish offices and Home Hardware. Contact Jill at (506) 639-0007 or jillrobillard5@gmail.com or Patti (506) 738-8264 or pattiblake07@outlook.com

OFFICE HOURS 9 am to 4 pm
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ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

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

4th Sunday of Easter – Apr 21, 2024

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: Apr 28, 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 holyspirteducationsj@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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