

“All for the Greater Glory of God”

It is a warm Wednesday morning, the last day of July... the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola... the founder of the Jesuits. I was awakened early, 4:56 am to be exact or at least that is what the clock tells me. Why? Not by the rising of the sun nor the chirping of birds. I had left my windows opened to welcome the summer night breeze. However, along with it, there is the strong pungent smell of a skunk! Time to get up!!

As I sat in my chair, reflecting on the readings of the day... One of the motto's for the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits is “for the greater glory of God”. Ignatius follows St. Paul's prompting for the greater glory of God (taken from the reading for the day).

One of the ways that Ignatius encouraged this was spiritual conversation, avoiding gossip and negative talk, seeking first to understand who we are talking with, listening before speaking and when we speak doing so kindly, truthfully and helpfully. Ignatius thought this kind of listening and speaking was a way of gently proclaiming the gospel. “For the greater glory of God”, may we commit to more of this spiritual conversation.

Ignatius thought that every act offered with love brought glory to God. How does this example of Ignatius speak to you?

At the end of many of his own letters and messages, Ignatius would conclude with the following prayer: “May it please your supreme and divine goodness to give us all abundant grace to know your most holy will and perfectly to fulfill it. Amen. For the greater glory of God.”

I sit in prayer, as I always do each morning before starting my day. Chickadees at the feeder giving, “greater glory to God.” ‘Dallas,’ my four legged companion watching them carefully, gives ‘greater glory to God.’ And yes, that skunk, waking me up so early, through his own defence system, gives “greater glory to God.” In the coming week, let us take note in the various ways that we “give greater glory to God.”

“You have given all to me, to you Lord, I return it. Everything is yours. Do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.” Amen.

Fr. David

Holy Spirit Women's Society's monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday Aug 27 at 1:30pm in the Rectory Hall, 279 Nerepis Road. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

MASS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER

The date for the next monthly Mass for those ‘Living with Cancer’, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, is Tuesday, August 20th. **Anointing of the Sick will be offered.**

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2024/2025

We are in urgent need of volunteers for our Religious Education Program!! No experience necessary, just a desire and willingness to share your Faith with our young companions and help them in their Faith Formation.

COLLECTIONS – July 07, 2024

Regular - \$2,052.00 Loose - \$276.00 Bldg Fund- \$804.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

COLLECTIONS – July 14, 2024

Regular - \$2,574.00 Loose - \$277.00 Food Bank - \$20.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

COLLECTIONS – July 21, 2024

Regular - \$1,945.00 Loose - \$292.00 Food Bank - \$25.00 eTransfer - \$20.00
Bldg Fund- \$185.00 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

COLLECTIONS – July 28, 2024

Regular - \$2,217.00 Loose - \$376.00 Food Bank - \$65.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,713.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CONGRATULATIONS

Jackie and Norm Saulnier & Donna and Joe Abbott

Blessings and Best Wishes to both of these couples as they celebrate 50 years of Marriage this August.

“May God, who has given you fifty years together, of his infinite goodness and mercy, continue to bless you and your union”.

Visioning Youth Ministry in our Parishes

**A day of prayer, discernment, and discussion about Youth Ministry
Tuesday, August 27, 9:30-4:30, Villa Madonna.**

Do you feel a burden of spiritual concern for high school aged youth in your parish? Do you feel a nudge from the Holy Spirit to help address the needs for evangelizing young people? Patricia Lee and Jim Anderson will be facilitating a day of reflection and discernment for anyone interested in discussing the needs and initiatives for the evangelization of young people in our parishes. This is for current and new people drawn to building youth groups in your parish. The gathering will be held at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, on Tuesday, August 27, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Please register by email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or by calling 506-627-6465.

An Afternoon for High School Youth in our Diocese (ages 14-18) - Join Us for Fun, Faith, Fellowship and Food! “Take Up His Calling”

Date: August 18, 2024 Time: 1:00 PM to 6:30 PM Location: Villa Madonna Retreat House

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with activities, faith, fellowship, and food. We are honored to have Bishop Christian celebrating Mass with us.

Don't miss this special event just for high school youth! We look forward to seeing you there. To help with food planning, please email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or text 506-627-6465 that you are attending.

MASS SCHEDULE – AUGUST 04 & AUGUST 11

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

Aug 03, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Dorothy, Wilbur & David Doyle & DFM Mike Campbell
Aug 04, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Leo, Norman & Ivan Ouellette
Aug 04, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Jim Cormier
Aug 07, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Aug 08, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Aug 10, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Donald Cyr Joe Flynn
Aug 11, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Frank Crilley Patti Stephens
Aug 11, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Jayne Cormier Beth Wilhand
Aug 14, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Aug 15, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Aug 17, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Fred L. & Ellen Roderick & DFM Jim Butler Rick Lester
Aug 18, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Parishioners
Aug 18, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Douglas Marks

St. Augustine’s Garden: the benches will soon be ordered for the garden. In an attempt to save on shipping cost, we are in search of someone who may have connections to a trucking company, or know someone heading to Ontario with a truck, to bring back the 3 benches. If you have suggestions or can help in any way, please contact Jill at 506-639-0007.



**HAVE A GREAT AND BLESSED NEW BRUNSWICK DAY
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

“Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord”...Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Fr. Paul Bebody, Leo McAdam, Karen McGowan, Michael Gifford and Diane Kerr.

OFFICE HOURS 9 am to 4 pm
SMWS – Wed & Thur – 506-738-2320 SRWS - Tue -506- 653-6850
Mon & Fri: BOTH OFFICES CLOSED
Mailing Address: 279 Nerepis Rd, Grand Bay-Westfield, NB E5K 2Z9

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St. Rose of Lima Worship Site (SRWS) (506)653-6850
Civic Address: 541 Milford Road
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Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin

ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

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

***Eighteenth & Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 04 & 11, 2024***

**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
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