

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time (Creighton University)

On the **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the Gospel flows from the readings this past week. When Jesus is challenged because his disciples don't follow the ritual washings, he defends them, quoting Isaiah: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Jesus calls us to an inner cleanliness: "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the church.**

Our first weekday reading for the next several weeks will be from **Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**, offering a look at the struggles and joys of the early life of the Church in Corinth. Paul admits, "I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

This week we begin reading from **Luke's Gospel**, which brings us the vivid stories of Jesus' early public ministry. We will continue with Luke until Advent. Jesus teaches in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor," he reads from Isaiah, but his listeners wanted only to see the miracles they had heard about him. He cleanses a man of an unclean spirit - a spirit who recognizes Jesus as the "Holy One of God" when those around Jesus did not. He cures Simon's mother-in-law and then tells the crowds he must leave to spread the good news to other towns. As Jesus comes upon Peter, James and John, he invites the weary fishermen to lower their empty nets one more time. When they bring up nets overflowing with fish, Peter says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" but Jesus reassures him not to be afraid and says Peter will be catching people now. He tells them, "No one pours new wine into old wineskins." Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined. When he is criticized for allowing his disciples to pick grain to eat on the sabbath, Jesus is compassionate toward their hunger and defends them saying, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

Daily Prayer (Creighton University)

Among the many healing stories in this week's gospels is the story of the call of Peter. It is powerful for us because we see the very human moment of Peter's self-doubt: he realizes the power of Jesus, falls down in an awareness of his own sinfulness and wants Jesus to turn away from him because he is too sinful.

All of us can have moments of feeling we are unworthy - and the truth is that we can never be worthy of the unending love Jesus offers us. But how blessed we are if we realize that we are loved without limits even though we have done nothing to deserve that kind of love.

Knowing in a balanced humility that we are sinful is not a bad thing - but if we get stuck there, and are tempted to turn away from Jesus as Peter did, then we have become more focused on ourselves than on the love we are being offered. This week is a week to rejoice in that love and healing Jesus wants to give us. It is a prayer we can carry throughout our days.

Each morning as we awake, we can ask the Lord to open our hearts in gratitude for what we will be offered this day. We might pause to imagine ourselves being healed and touched by Jesus. For just a moment, we might see Jesus in front of us, his eyes filled with such love, reaching out to give our ears and tongue a healing touch; to lift us from an invalid's bed or to drive the unclean spirits from us.

Throughout the day we can remember that gentle touch from Jesus and ask him to continue drive out any of those unclean spirits we may be carrying today. What is Jesus calling me to? Who am I being invited to listen to and speak on behalf of today? Who will come across my path today that needs Jesus' healing through my own care and kind words?

Dearest Jesus, be with me in this day. I can feel how much I long for a deeper connection with you, and yet I am ashamed of my weaknesses. Touch my heart so that I might be open to your healing love.

Let me be open to all of those you put in my life today and let me be aware of their needs and care for them before I worry about my own. Give me an awareness of the love that is already there for me and a generosity of heart that allows me to share it with others.

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, September 17th. Sacrament of the Sick will be offered (anointing).

The **Communications/Technology Committee** was formed in 2023 for the purpose of helping all parish members and interested parties to stay connected with parish activities. We communicate primarily via the bulletin, posters, the St Matthews outdoor sign, "Faithbook" and our website (www.holyspiritparish.ca). Each ministry has their own autonomy to communicate yet we are here to guide/assist as needed. Our Chair, Patti Blake, will be in touch with each ministry lead in the coming days to discuss your communication needs for the fall. We are always looking for news, photos and updates to keep our communications fresh and interesting. Our members include Linda Spinney, Caroline and John Doubt, Briand Ininshazwe. We encourage you to reach out to us so that we can share your good news. We can be reached via the Parish office or email at holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com

COLLECTIONS – Aug 18, 2024

**Regular - \$2,712.00 Loose - \$395.00 Food Bank - \$40.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,580.00 PAD BLDG - \$159.00**

COLLECTIONS – Aug 25, 2024

**Regular - \$2,038.00 Loose - \$374.00 Food Bank - \$20.00
PAD Weekly Average - \$1,580.00 PAD BLDG - \$148.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH - The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 28-29 September 2024. It is an important opportunity for our faithful to express solidarity with their diocese and to support the work of the Regional Episcopal Assemblies, as well as the national mission of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). The funds raised will contribute to support various areas such as social justice, ecumenism, interfaith dialogue, youth engagement, family and life, responsible ministry, evangelization and catechesis, as well as relations with Indigenous peoples. Thank you for your generous support of this effort.



It's that time of year again! Back to school is coming fast, and Holy Spirit Parish is, once again, holding a school supply drive to help out with preparations.

Donations will be accepted at both Worship Sites and provided to schools in the area as needs are identified.

Pile up some pencils, stack some scribblers, grab some glue, even, bring some binders!

EVERYTHING HELPS!!!!

MASS SCHEDULE – September 01 & September 08

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

Sep 04, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS (Funeral at SRWS 12 Noon)
Sep 05, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Jeannette Pascon
Sep 07, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	William, Eileen & Lawrence McGrath Margaret Campbell Agnus & Paddy Addison
Sep 08, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Brian McHugh
Sep 08, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	John White
Sep 11, 2024	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Regina Legacy
Sep 12, 2024	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Parishioners
Sep 14, 2024	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Helen & Stewart Allen Margaret Campbell
Sep 15, 2024	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Medor & Alice Arsenault Maddy Murphy
Sep 15, 2024	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Rachel Quinn William & Ida Ferguson & DFM Blanche & Victor McGowan Joey Bourgoin

Calling all gardeners! It is time to form the St. Augustine’s Gardening Club. The intent is to have a group of people who enjoy getting their hands dirty, come together to do a bit of light upkeep at the memorial garden. You do NOT need to have a green thumb. All that’s needed this year is some weeding of the 2 hedges. If you’d like to join this group, please contact Jill at 506-639-0007 or jillrobillard5@gmail.com. Please help keep our memorial garden alive and vibrant.

“Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord”...Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Jeannette Pascon, Sr. Anna Maria (Anne Warren), Shane Doiron and David Green

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.

Crib at St. Matthews Hall resumes on Wednesday, September 04, 2024 @ 7pm.
ALL WELCOME!

OFFICE HOURS 9 am to 4 pm
SMWS – Wed & Thur – 506-738-2320 SRWS - Tue -506- 653-6850
Mon & Fri: BOTH OFFICES CLOSED
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ST. MATTHEWS & ST. ROSE WORSHIP SITES

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

22nd & 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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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