

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**“You’re invited to..... experience Joy in the Wilderness”**

As we near the end of our Lenten period in preparation for Easter, this coming week we are ‘invited to... find joy in the wilderness’. You may be asking yourself, ‘how does one find joy when one is living a ‘wilderness’ experience?’ It is not easy, but like the seeds of new life, something is there in barrenness of life: the family that bonds together to support the wilderness person? What about the friends that come to the forefront who, out of love, want to help? What about the ‘new opportunity’ hidden within the sand and dust of the wilderness experience? Each and every one of us has had or is having a ‘wilderness’ moment. In the last two weeks, about 200 + people have attended reconciliation services in our parish...one at each worship site. People in the ‘wilderness,’ finding “joy” in God’s mercy and unconditional love. Many people left these celebrations, lighter and renewed with a great sense of joy. In this final week of Lent, let us ask ourselves, ‘where have we experienced "joy" in our 40 days in the wilderness?’ Perhaps this will help: think back to Ash Wednesday and the weeks following it. Have we experienced God’s unconditional love? God’s mercy? Have we listened to God speaking to our hearts? In other words, have we taken advantage of Lent for our own spiritual growth and joy? If not, there is always this week: “You’re invited to discover Joy in the wilderness.”

As always, in prayer,

~Fr. David

### SCHEDULE OF EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES

***HOLY THURSDAY – APR 18, 2019 7PM AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA WORSHIP SITE***

***GOOD FRIDAY – APR 19, 2019 10AM AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA WORSHIP SITE***

***GOOD FRIDAY APR 19, 2019 3PM AT ST. MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE***

***HOLY SATURDAY – APR 20, 2019 4PM AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA WORSHIP SITE***

***HOLY SATURDAY – APR 20, 2019 8PM AT ST. MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE***

***\*\*BRING BELLS FOR HOLY SATURDAY\*\****

***EASTER SUNDAY – APR 21, 2019 9AM ST. ROSE OF LIMA WORSHIP SITE***

***EASTER SUNDAY – APR 21, 2019 11AM AT ST. MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE***

## YEAR END REPORT

**\*\*\*PLEASE SUBMIT REPORTS BY APR 15, 2019\*\*\***

To each chair of all committees of Holy Spirit Parish, I am asking for a “Year End Report” from each ministry or committee. **THIS INCLUDES EVERYONE** from KOC, CWL, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Liturgy, Religious Education, Finance, ‘Avenue B,’ etc. This report should include the following:

1. Name of the Ministry?
2. What is the focus of this ministry? What do you do? And how do you do it?
3. What have you done since last Year?
4. What are your goals for the coming year?
5. Who is involved in your ministry?
6. How can others get involved?

These reports are to be submitted (emailed) to the Office and we will compile them into one large report for all parishioners to read. Why do we do this? First and foremost, Accountability, that parishioners can see how their contributions are building up the parish. As well, it gives everyone a chance to view the various ministries and to see which one they would like to participate in. As well, this report gives us ‘measure’ to how we are doing as a community of faith. I believe that ‘Year End Reports’ need to become the norm for any parish as it shows us where we have been, where we are and where are going. **Thank you for the reports already submitted.**

**K OF C Council 8094 & 9176** – Brunch on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at St. Matthews Hall from 10:30am – 1pm. \$7 adult & \$3 children. Spread the word!! All welcome!!

**K OF C Council 9176 - Wednesday Night Crib** at St. Matthew’s Worship Site Hall Wednesday Evening @ 7pm. All are welcome!

**CHASE THE ACE** –Stay tuned for info on the next round of Chase the Ace.

**Holy Spirit Rectory Hall Prayer Shawl Ministry** every Wednesday from 10am – 1pm in the Rectory Hall on the Nerepis Road, Grand Bay-Westfield. **WE ARE IN DESPARATE NEED OF YARN – IF YOU HAVE ANY REMNACE THAT YOU ARE NOT USING WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.** Contact Joanne Spencer – 506-486-1800

**St. Rose Place Prayer Shawl Ministry – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Avenue ‘B’** will be making chili on Monday April 8, 2019 at 1:00pm at St. Rose Place. We are looking for donations of crushed can tomatoes for this project. Any donations are also accepted. Contact Helen LeBlanc at 674-1548

**Bible Study** – The bible study group meets at St. Rose Place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening of the month from 7pm – 8:30pm. For more information contact Jim @ 651-1689 or Tilda @ 672-5046.

**Walk for Autism** - Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10am – Noon at Rockwood Park “A” Frame. Registration - 10am – 11am. Walk from 11am – noon. Enter as an individual walker or as a team. For a pledge sheet or a donation call Community Autism Centre Inc. 642-1128.

**K of C Council 6770** – Special breakfast on April 14, 2019 at the Assumption Centre. Proceeds are for the Celtic cross being built for Holy Cross Cemetery. \$7 adults & \$3 children.

**MASSES**

Apr 08, 2019	Mon	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Eileen Fudge
Apr 09, 2019	Tue	St. Matthew's Worship Site	7pm	Colleen Connick
Apr 10, 2019	Wed	St. Matthew's Worship Site	9am	Carl Burns
Apr 11, 2019	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Madeline Gogan
Apr 12, 2019	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Monica Barnaby
Apr 13, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Jerry Arseneau Gene & Tex Hughes
Apr 14, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	David Patterson Ralph Magee
Apr 14, 2019	Sun	St. Matthew's Worship Site	11am	Frances Collier Judy Lockhart

**FOR PALM SUNDAY** - we are inviting everyone (who can) to wear something "red" in solidarity with the Lord's Passion. Palms will be blessed and distributed at these Masses.

**DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF...** Many compliments are received regarding the beautiful art and environment (decorations) in our worship sites throughout the year, especially at Easter. To help off-set the expense of these decorations we are taking monetary donations contributed 'in memory' of someone we love. A plaque will be placed in the church with the names and memory of the person(s) we are remembering (this credit will be added to your tax receipt for next year). Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to strive to make our worship sites welcoming faith communities.

**Collection Holy Spirit Parish**

Mar 30 & 31, 2019

Regular - \$3,743.00 Loose - \$662.25 Building Fund - \$30.00 PAD - \$2,834.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**PHOTO SESSIONS FOR OUR PHOTO ALBUM WILL BE BOOKED WITH PARISHIONERS AS FOLLOWS:**  
**THE WEEK BEFORE HOLY WEEK (APR 8<sup>TH</sup>) FOR ST. MATTHEW'S WORSHIP SITE**  
**THE WEEK AFTER HOLY WEEK (APR 22) FOR ST. ROSE OF LIMA WORSHIP SITE**

**PLEASE CALL BRENDA AT 1-888-769-7339( EXT 1) TO BOOK YOUR PHOTO SITTING**

**\*\*ANY MINISTRIES OR OTHER GROUPS (IE: YOUTH GROUP, K OF C) WHO WANT A GROUP PHOTO INCLUDED IN THE PHOTO ALBUM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE ONE TAKEN AND SUBMIT WITH THE NAMES\*\***

**For more information contact Patti Blake @ 738-8264**

***Holy Spirit Parish***

***St. Matthew & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites***

***"5th Sunday of Lent" Apr 07, 2019***

*"When we have the Holy Spirit we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be"*

**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon & Tue: St. Matthew Worship Site: 9 am to 4 pm

Wed & Thurs: St. Rose of Lima Worship Site: 9 am to 4 pm

Office Number - 738-2320

Office Number - 653-6850

Friday: both offices closed

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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St. Matthew Worship Site – (506)738-2320 Fax: (506)757-2948 Website [www.gbucc.ca](http://www.gbucc.ca)

Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website [www.saintroseoflima.ca](http://www.saintroseoflima.ca)

Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

**Confessions - The Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:15pm Saturday's at St. Rose of Lima Worship Site**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION**

St. Matthew Worship Site – Please contact Linda Spinney at 486-2144 or email her at [linspin@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:linspin@nbnet.nb.ca)

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – Please contact Andrea McGrath @ 672-4733 or text 651-6074, or email her at [stroselima.religioused@gmail.com](mailto:stroselima.religioused@gmail.com)

**SILENCE - JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER, BE SENSITIVE TO THOSE WHO ARE PRAYING.**

***Month of April at St. Matthews Worship Site***

*Bulletin, Altar Wine, Bread are in memory of Michael Noel donated by Leo Paul & Noella Noel & his son Mitchell. Sanctuary Light is in memory of Wendi (Jimmo) Pye donated by Yolande & John Jimmo*

**Free Tax Clinic** – Once again the **Church of the Resurrection** will be offering free tax preparation for modest income and simple tax situation. **When:** March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup> every Monday and Wednesday 10am – 3pm. Basic Income \$47,500. Call 647-6532 for more information.