

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“You’re invited to... **LISTEN ... TO OUR GOD**”

“I’m not listening to this...” is what we say when something offensive is said to us. It’s also what we say when someone touches upon something in us that we dislike or not ready to address.

“Listen to me...” is said by the doctor who wants to help us to improve our living habits.

“Listen to me...” says the frustrated parent who is trying to direct a child to a brighter path in life.

“Listening is a gift...” so said one of my spiritual directors in days gone by. When we listen, it makes us stop and focus. It means ‘eye to eye contact,’ taking notice and acting on what is said; making an effort to hear something.

Last week we were **invited** into our ‘Spiritual Wilderness.’ This week, we are “**invited to Listen...to our God**. God speaks to us in the warming sun, in the melting ice and snow; in the chirping of the birds. God also speaks to us in Sacrament and the Word we reflect on. God speaks to us in our prayer...sitting quietly, in the silence...listening to what is spoken to the heart. How many times do we pass someone we know and say, “Hi, how are you doing...” without stopping or meaning it? How many times are we drawn to social media, such as Facebook, twitter or texting instead of meeting someone face-to-face in conversation? As good as social media is, it is also a distractor. For example, cell phones are to be banned in the classroom in Ontario, because they’re interfering with student’s ability to listen. And yet it is not just students. A few years ago, I was invited to sit with a group of professionals gathered around a boardroom table. I couldn’t believe it...! People texting, sharing it with those next to them and not listening to the one presenting. RUDE!!

In the Gospel for today, Jesus takes 3 of his disciples up a mountain and they share in a ‘transforming experience’. To quiet and settle these 3, God overshadows them in a fog or cloud. Then in reference to Jesus, God speaks to them saying, “Listen to him.” During the Second Sunday of Lent, ‘we are invited to ... Listen... to God speak these very same words to us. In the coming week,

- “**You’re invited to** listen to what God is saying to you. Have you ever sat quietly, perhaps before Mass or in your own prayer time and asked God, “This Lent, what are you inviting me to listen to?”
- Continue to ask God this question over and over. Write in your prayer journal those things that come to mind when you ask this question.
- How do I need to change in order to hear more clearly what God is saying to me or asking of me and of my faith community?
- As God speaks to me during this prayer time, write down, those things that God is saying to me as I listen carefully. In other words, what opportunities am I given to bring forth new hope and life come Easter?

Helpful Hint: Once again, a private ‘notebook’ or ‘prayer journal’ kept in our prayer space would be helpful, keeping track of our thoughts and conversations with Jesus. You may find these notes useful if you have a similar experience or to see how you have grown in your own faith journey.

Still keeping all of you in prayer,

~Fr. David

YEAR END REPORT

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.

~Fr. David

Legion of Mary – The ‘Acies’ for the Legion of Mary will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2019 @ 2pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 74 Almon Lane, Rothesay NB. **All welcome, bring a friend.** Refreshments to follow.

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**

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

The Knights of Columbus, Father Thomas Beck Council 8094, is presenting the Marian Hour of Prayer in honour of Our Lady, Monday March 18 at 6:30 P.M., at Saint Rose of Lima Worship Site. The icon will be on display which was blessed by Pope Francis during his most recent visit to the United States.

EVENING PRAYER – THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019, 7PM
ST. ROSE OF LIMA WORSHIP SITE

MASSES

Mar 18, 2019	Mon	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Evee & Eva Daigle
Mar 19, 2019	Tue	St. Matthew's Worship Site	7pm	Denise & Jean Leonard
Mar 20, 2019	Wed	St. Matthew's Worship Site	9am	Marie Maloney
Mar 21, 2019	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	James Hayes & DFM Special Intentions
Mar 22 2019	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Madeline Gogan
Mar 23, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Alberta Buckley & DFM Wayne Guitard
Mar 24, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Elizabeth Gaudet Dave Butler
Mar 24, 2019	Sun	St. Matthew's Worship Site	11am	Jimmy LaViolette Valerie Martin

YOUTH GROUP & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL RESUME MAR 17, 2019

THANK YOU!!

To our wonderful faith family on behalf of the Confirmation Class – we were thrilled by the generous response to our bake sale this past Sunday. The proceeds have exceeded our expectations. All expenses for the upcoming NET retreat will be covered!!!

Collection Holy Spirit Parish

Mar 09 & 10, 2019

Regular - \$4,257.00 Loose - \$412.00 Building Fund - \$240.00 PAD - \$1,025.00
Catholic Mission of Canada – \$1,222.35

Thank you for your generosity!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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

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

“2nd Sunday of Lent” Mar 17, 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

Email: holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com

Mailing Address: 279 Nerepis Rd, Grand Bay-Westfield, NB E5K 2Z9

St. Matthew Worship Site – (506)738-2320 Fax: (506)757-2948 Website www.gbwww.ca

Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website 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

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

*Sanctuary Light for the week of Mar 17, 2019 at St Rose of Lima Worship Site is in memory of
Deceased Parishioners*

Month of March at St. Matthew's Worship Site

Bulletin, Altar Wine, Bread and Sanctuary Light are in memory of Jayne Cormier donated by her family

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 4th – April 29th every Monday and Wednesday 10am – 3pm. Basic Income \$47,500. Call 647-6532 for more information.