

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“You’re invited to.....Turn to God’s Unconditional Love

Last week we were invited to experience God’s mercy, this week we are invited to turn to God’s unconditional love. Mercy is what comes from God’s unconditional love. In our Gospel for this weekend Jesus gives us a parable illustrating the abundant love of God. The father in the parable respects his son’s freedom. He gives him the inheritance he requests and lets him go. But the father never stops watching for his son’s return. And when he does catch sight of his wayward son the father does not wait for the son to complete his journey, or to speak the words of contrition that he so carefully practised. It is as if Jesus wants to tell us that we need only to turn toward God’s unconditional love... And allow God to run out and meet us and usher us home.

For Reflection: Which figure in the parable of the Prodigal Son do you identify with the most at this point of your faith journey? The prodigal son, the older son, or the forgiving father? Why? What is one thing that keeps me from experiencing God’s unconditional love?

As always, in prayer,

~Fr. David

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: WOW!!!!!!!

This past Wednesday Evening, Holy Spirit Parish celebrated the first of two Reconciliation Services at St. Rose Worship Site. A Second one will be held this coming Wednesday Evening at St. Matthew’s Worship Site. What a beautiful celebration! With Sacred Scripture, silent reflection, carefully chosen music to enhance the celebration and a powerful Examination of Conscience all helped prepare us to receive individual reconciliation. What a feeling... of healing and love! Many thanks to those who helped prepare and lead this celebration of God’s mercy! If you were unable to attend, you will have another opportunity **this coming Wednesday at St. Matthew’s Worship Site at 7:00 pm! Please note individual confessions are still being offered Saturday afternoon at 3pm – St. Rose Worship Site.**

SCHEDULE OF EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES will be posted in the bulletin next week.

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.

IMPORTANT!!!

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING this coming Tuesday, Apr 02, 2019 following the 7pm Mass. To all members, please make every effort to attend as this will be the last meeting before the Easter Triduum.

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE: Meeting Thursday, Apr 04, 2019, 6 PM at St. Matthews Worship Site.

Collection Holy Spirit Parish

Mar 23 & 24, 2019

Regular - \$4,853.00 Loose - \$443.60 Building Fund - \$20.00 PAD - \$1,025.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

PRESIDER CHAIR FROM ST. AUGUSTINE’S HAS FOUND A NEW HOME AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA WORSHIP SITE

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 2nd Monday evening of the month from 7pm – 8:30pm. For more information contact Jim @ 651-1689 or Tilda @ 672-5046.

Alzheimer Cafe - St. Marks United Church, Dexter Dr., Sunday March 31th at 2 PM. All are welcome. Free Coffee, Tea and Sandwiches.

Mass for Life: Apr 03, 2019, Holy Spirit Parish, St. Rose of Lima Worship Site at 7pm. See poster for details.

St. Rose CWL – Meeting this Monday, Apr 01, 2019 @ 10am at Dennis Morris School.

MASSES

Apr 01, 2019	Mon	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Joseph Creamer
Apr 02, 2019	Tue	St. Matthew's Worship Site	7pm	Rita Walsh
Apr 03, 2019	Wed	St. Matthew's Worship Site	9am	Judith Kelly
Apr 04, 2019	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Fay O'Neill
Apr 05 2019	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Helen Allen
Apr 06, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Leonard Upton Eudore Theriault
Apr 07, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Edmond Gaudet Fannie, Wilfred Comeau & Dorothy
Apr 07, 2019	Sun	St. Matthew's Worship Site	11am	Claire Gogan

“Jill of all trades.....”

As we continue to grow into our new identity as “Holy Spirit Parish,” our parish secretary, Bernice Martin continues to keep us on track and up-to-date. With accounting procedures, monthly/year-end reports, bulletin, online banking duties, recording minutes of various meetings; the “sudden” challenges that come to the forefront on a daily basis and the overall administration places many demands on her. She continues to work from two different offices which has its own challenges not to mention helping me in booking and keeping appointments. Certainly, she is a ‘Jill of all trades’. Much of her work is behind the scenes without us knowing the demands that this places on her and our large parish. Yet, she continues to warm us with her ‘pastoral approach’ and ‘sense of humour.’ I know that I speak on your behalf how grateful we are to Bernice for her ongoing dedicated service to our parish!

~Fr. David

***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***

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

“4th Sunday of Lent” Mar 31, 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

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

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.