

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### “You’re invited to.....Experience God’s Mercy”

If someone were to ask you “Have you ever experienced God’s mercy?” How would you answer? If someone were to ask you “What does God’s mercy look like?” How would you answer?

As Christians we are called to be vessels of God’s mercy. This, no doubt is one of the greatest challenges of our faith. Yet at the same time it is one of the most beautiful. During this time of Lent, in preparation for the great feast of Easter we are called to look inward at the heart and make the appropriate changes that will help us become the best Christians we can be. This includes God’s mercy. Is there someone in my life that I need to extend God’s mercy to? I realize that this is no small task! However, as a faith community we are given ample opportunities to prepare:

- Masses
- Evening Prayer
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Personal Prayer
- Almsgiving (generosity)

In the Responsorial Psalm for this weekend we hear “the Lord is Merciful and Gracious”. In the First Reading from Exodus, God has revealed His merciful ways to Moses. After many years in slavery Moses will lead the Israel People to freedom. Through His mercy, Jesus leads us to freedom... from whatever it is that enslaves us. On this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, let us ask ourselves: “What mercy am I looking for?” “What mercy do I need to show others?”

**Helpful Hints:** Take some time and sit quietly...imagine that Jesus is sitting beside you and talk to Him about those 2 opening questions which are ...”What mercy am I looking for?” “What mercy do I need to show others?”

As always, in prayer,

~Fr. David

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019, 7PM  
ST. ROSE OF LIMA WORSHIP SITE**

**Collection Holy Spirit Parish**

**Mar 16 & 17, 2019**

**Regular - \$3,461.00 Loose - \$347.40 Building Fund - \$35.00 PAD - \$1,025.00  
Catholic Mission of Canada – \$74.00**

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## 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!

**K of C Councils 8094 & 9176 - BRUNCH** at St. Matthews Worship Site Hall on Sunday, March 31st from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Cost \$7, children under 12 \$3. All welcome. Support K of C Charities.

**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.

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

**MASSES**

Mar 25, 2019	Mon	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Collin Breen
Mar 26, 2019	Tue	St. Matthew's Worship Site	7pm	Helen Allen
Mar 27, 2019	Wed	St. Matthew's Worship Site	9am	Monica Barnaby
Mar 28, 2019	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Margaret Robichaud
Mar 29 2019	Fri	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Marie Flynn
Mar 30, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Ralph Magee The Doucet Family
Mar 31, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Jeanne Ringuette Madeline Gogan
Mar 31, 2019	Sun	St. Matthew's Worship Site	11am	Pauline Dupuis Raymond & Joyce Creamer & DFM

**Holy Hour Adoration:** Holy Spirit Parish, St. Rose Worship site 1-2 pm March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Pro-Life Rosary:** Holy Spirit Parish, St. Rose Worship site 3pm March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Retreats available at Villa Madonna: 2, 3 or 5 Days.**

*“Out of Silence.....a long draft of freedom”*

2 Days – May 28 and 29; 3 Days – May 30 to June 1; 5 Days – May 28 – June 1.

Each Retreat begins at 9:00am on opening day and ends after supper on the last day.

Retreat is half price for new retreatants. Welcome couples/young adults – a good deal!

Inquire or Register: call Carl (506) 651-7977 or email: audite119@bellaliant.net

**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

### “3rd Sunday of Lent” Mar 24, 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](mailto: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](http://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](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)

*Sanctuary Light for the week of Mar 24, 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 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.