

## The End Times... and God's Love?

During a visit to our parish last week, a visitor remarked, "Wow...what a beautiful memorial...so many names, so many candles..." With the recent celebration of our Memorial Masses, and now the final days of this liturgical year, the church is fully focused on the 'end times' or the days of fulfillment of all that God has promised. Despite the doom and gloom message some may see in today's gospel, our Christian focus on the end time is one of joy and is a constant throughout the year because it is at the very heart of what we do at every Eucharist. At every Mass, we remember what God has done for us through Christ. This remembering of Jesus' death and resurrection never keeps us looking back wards into the past. Rather, our memorial always propels us to the future promise, in which Christ even now, is gathering all creation to himself to present it as a final gift of sacrifice and praise to God.

In this context, the Christian approach to death and the end of what we know as the world around us is not a time for worry, anxiety or fear. Rather, like the psalm for this weekend, as we approach the nearing of our own end, we too can say with psalmist, "*You are my inheritance, O Lord!*" As we continue this month of remembering our dead, let us be mindful that our loved ones, their history and their sacred stories move with us, encapsulating us in the pure spirit...the spirit of God's love.

~Fr. David

## Death

Our pre-Christian and early Christian ancestors knew something about death because they lived so closely to it. They lived it in the annual cycle of planting and harvesting; of feasting and fasting; of spring, summer, fall and winter. They lived close to it in the human cycle of birth and death and they were conscious of another world beyond the grave. This other world is for us a source of hope and joy because there we see what happens to those who not only live lightly with death, but who live in the constant presence of Jesus.

~Br. James Koester

## Lonewater Farm

Once again our two parishes are collecting donations for Lonewater Farm, a long-term men's rehabilitation and community reintegration facility. At the Farm there are 33 male residents who are in various stages of recovery from addiction. Many of the men do not have family or loved ones at Christmas. We can help make it a Christmas of comfort and love.

### Suggested list of donations for stocking stuffers:

Bar soap	Combs + brushes	Playing cards, board games
Shampoo and conditioner	Face cloths	Tooth paste, tooth brushes, floss
Deodorant antiperspirant	Nail clippers	Winter hats , scarves, gloves
Socks	Hair products (gel)	Safety razors, shaving cream
Gift bags	Books, novels, DVD	Candy or other treats for stockings
Coffee mugs (a lot of coffee is drank at the farm!)		

**Please: No mouthwash, aftershave, or cologne as they may contain alcohol**

All extra items are used throughout the year as many of the men arrive at the farm with little to nothing in the way of possessions and often in need of basic toiletries. Also, accepting goodies, snacks, or appetizers that the men can enjoy at their Christmas party!

**Donations will be accepted until Sunday December 16, 2018.**

**Holy Spirit Women's Society** – Monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov 27, 2018 @ 6:30pm in the Holy Spirit Rectory Hall. **All welcome!**

**Rosary** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month (November 26, 2018) @ 3pm at St. Rose of Lima Worship Site. **All welcome!!**

**Mass for Life** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at St. Rose of Lima Worship Site. Next Mass is Dec 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. **Reception to follow.**

**Legion of Mary** - Meets every Tuesday evening after the 7pm Mass at St. Matthew Worship Site.

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

**K OF C Council 9176 Chase the Ace** – St. Matthew Worship Site Hall. The jackpot is over **\$2,700.00**. You can purchase your tickets at Scholten's in Grand Bay-Westfield from Saturday morning until Friday at 12 noon. You will be required to put your name and phone number on your tickets. All 10 tickets must be returned at the same time for the current week. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS.** You do not have to be present Friday between 6:30pm to 8pm. You will be called between 8pm and 8:15 pm. For more information contact Keith Doiron @ 639-7148

**K OF C Council 8094** – The revitalization of Holy Spirit Parish has been beneficial to the growth of our Knights of Columbus Council 8094. This surge in momentum benefits all parishioners, people in need and strengthens our community. We're currently welcoming new members. For more info contact Bob Bartlett @ 653-0625. **We thank you for your continued support.**

**K OF C Council 8094** – Hour of Adoration for November is November 22, 2018 – Theme: All Souls

**K OF C Councils 9176 & 8094** will be hosting a brunch on Sunday Nov 25, 2018 10:30am – 1pm at St. Matthew's Worship Site Hall. Cost \$7/Adult and \$3/Children under 12. Max \$20 per family. **All Welcome!**

**Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm** - The Cool Chicks and the Ugly Doclings "Christmas Concert" at Westfield United Church (133 Nerepis Road, Grand Bay-Westfield). Tickets \$12 and are available at Grand Bay Home Hardware. Come out for a special evening of Christmas music!

**Alzheimer Café** at St.Marks United Church Dexter Dr. from 2 –4 pm Sunday Nov. 25/18. For more information please contact Ed Sullivan 672-5286.

**This weekend we welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism**  
**Griffin Charles Lockhart**

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto Them O Lord....."*

**Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Donald Vantassel, father of Valerie (Ron) Martin and to Gilles St. Amand brother of Rio St. Amand**

## CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

As we have in previous years, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus councils 9176 & 8094, we will be sponsoring needy families for Christmas. We are accepting donations from parishioners to help defray the cost. Your donation will be included in your tax receipt. Just put your name and envelope number on your donation and put it in the collection. Thank you for your generosity!!

**MASSES**

Nov 20, 2018	Tues	St. Matthew Worship Site	7pm	DM of K of C 9176
Nov 21, 2018	Wed	St. Matthew Worship Site	9am	Beatification of Frank Duff Reggie Pitre
Nov 22, 2018	Thurs	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Dr. Sean Keyes Dr. Roy Creamer & Shirley
Nov 24, 2018	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Bill Taylor Gerald Richard
Nov 25, 2018	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Dr. Sean Keyes Clara Graham
Nov 25, 2018	Sun	St. Matthew Worship Site	11am	Arthur Legacy Ken & Mary Perry

**Collection Holy Spirit Parish**  
 Nov 10 & 11, 2018  
 Reg - \$4,120.00 Loose - \$367.70 PAD - \$1,006.70  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**St. Rose Place Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets every Tuesday from 11am – 1pm – weather permitting. For more info contact Cecil DeChamps @ 696-8963 **All are welcome!**

**Holy Spirit Rectory Hall Prayer Shall Ministry** meets each Wednesday from 10am – 1pm. We are non-denominational, so everyone is invited if you'd like to bring a friend. We crochet or knit shawls, mitts, hats & scarves. Bring your own needles & we will supply the yarn. We need about 12-15 crafters to make this work. Please call Joanne @ 486-1800. Even if you can't come all the time, you can pick up some yarn and work at home. Pick up will be on Wednesday from 10am – 1pm. Looking forward to hearing from you.

**St. Rose Place** You might be interested in making cookies or muffins to be delivered to Avenue B. We would also have room in the kitchen if someone wanted to come and make cookies or muffins when we are making the soup. We would just need to know in advance so we could have supplies ready. For more information call Helen 674-1548.

**Bible Study** – The bible study group meets at St. Rose of Lima Rectory every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Evening of the month from 7pm – 8:30pm. For more information contact Jim @ 651-1689 or Tilda @ 672-5046.

**Youth Ministry - Reminder**

On November 25th, our youth group would like to invite you to help us in our first community outreach activity. We will be taking all donations of bottles at the garage of St. Rose place. This will go on during our regular youth group hours, 6pm - 8pm. If there is an issue with this but you would still like to donate bottles, you may contact me at (506)654-6992 so we can make arrangements. The youth are eager to venture forth and give a helping hand to our community. Donating to charity, and making sure that our parish youth is engaged, are of the utmost importance for revitalizing our parish. I encourage you all to help us do what we can for the community. See you on the 25th!

~Kenneth Fury

# Holy Spirit Parish

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

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 18, 2018**

*“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**

**Baptisms and Marriages:** For appointments at St. Matthew Worship Site call 738-2320. For appointments at St. Rose of Lima Worship Site call 653-6850. Baptisms will be held on the FIRST WEEKEND of the month. Please call in advance to make reservations.

**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**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)

Month of November St. Matthew Worship Site's  
 Bulletin, Altar Wine, Bread is in memory of  
 Loretta Naish donated by Loretta's family.

The Sanctuary Light is in memory of Elize Robichaud  
 donated by his wife Carmelle

For the Week of November 18, 2018 the  
 Sanctuary Light for St. Rose of Lima  
 Worship Site is in memory of  
 Eeve & Eva Daigle