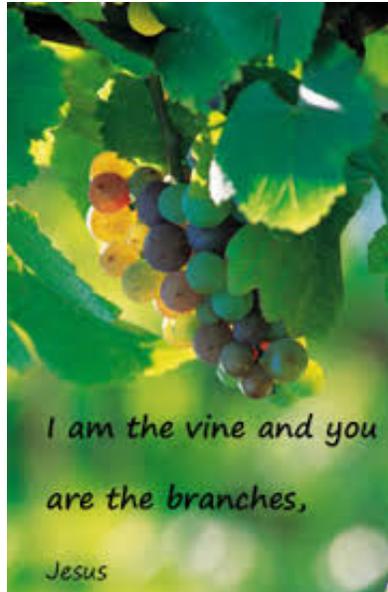


**St. Rose of Lima Church**  
**April 29, 2018**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Pastor:**  
**Father David Martin**



**Masses:**

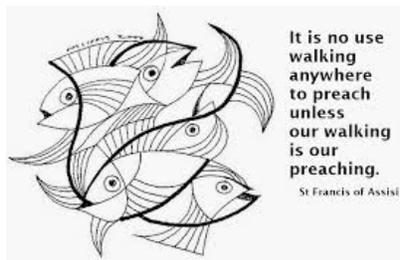
**Thursday: 12:10 PM Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM**

**Confession:**

**Saturday at 3:00 PM**

**Baptisms:**

**Please call the Office 653-6850 for arrangements.**



## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE...?

Last week, I read you the changes that will take place, **September 1, 2018**.

Just to recap: St. Augustine's will be closed (see letter from Bishop) and St. Rose and St. Matthew's will be clustered and set up as **ONE (1)** Parish with **TWO (2)** worship sites. The next step is to create a **Transitional Committee**. Prior to January, I asked people to be on this committee (thinking the announcement would be Jan 31). This committee will be made up of parishioners from the three existing parishes. They are separate from our Parish Councils. Their focus is to help "brainstorm" ideas of how our new parish will work, including:

1. What will our new community look like with two worship sites?
2. What will we offer as 'ministries' and which ones need improving?
3. An "inventory" of our "gifts" and "assets."
4. Discover ways of working together to strengthen our new parish. through prayer services, social gatherings and other possibilities.
5. The process of combining parish records, finances, etc.
6. Going to **ONE (1) BULLETIN**.
7. Having **ONE (1) WEBSITE**.
8. A ritual to close St. Augustine's building.
9. What about our histories?
10. Examine a process by which we choose a "new name" for our parish.

At the same time, we need to keep in mind what it means to be a "**newly merged cluster of Augustine, Rose and Matthew**" again, as of **September 1, 2018...** that **THIS IS A NEW BEGINNING. WHAT WE HAVE KNOWN BEFORE IS NOW DIFFERENT...FOR EVERYONE... IN THE WHOLE DIOCESE**. Another thing to keep in mind is the **new terminology** that will be used from now on. For example:

**Parish:** is a geographical territory in which a community of believers live (From Dipper Harbour to Wirral).

**Worship Site:** is a church...a place of worship of a faith community. Often we have interchanged the words church and parish, but they are different. Once again, at our **NEW PARISH** we will have **TWO WORSHIP SITES**

(St. Rose and St. Matthew).

I am sure that you may have many other questions (just as I do...) but we will address them as time goes on. Right now it is important to understand what a **Parish (yet to be named) and Worship Site mean**.

Keep praying and keep your questions and ideas of how to bring about our new parish in the forefront. Word of caution: **Beware of negative feeling and ideas which are natural and normal with any change (I, too am grieving our loss). But they cannot impede the goodness**

**that can/will come about with this new parish model. Be sure to take them to prayer and ask yourself and God, "WHY ARE THESE WITH ME...? HOW WILL THESE HELP THE PROCESS?"**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are already further along in this important clustering process than many others. I have witnessed the sacrifice of people giving up a Mass (and staying with us) to the birth of **Soup for AIDS Saint John and Prayer Shawl Ministry**. As well as both councils of the **Knights of Columbus working together to provide Breakfasts, and various Prayer Services, such as Evening Prayer and Taize**. We are very blessed to have the goodness of each others' gifts and those who share them. This is a new and exciting time in our Diocesan Church; the opportunities that await us to be "church" are unlimited. I very much look forward to working with you as we strive to move forward aided by the help of the Holy Spirit, to make our new parish one of **WELCOME, INCLUSION and ACTION!!**

- Father David

### **Lessons of the Easter Table**

An Easter conversation with a four year old child...

*What happened when He died?* The whole world went dark!

*What did He look like when He came back?* He was full of bright light!

*Why could He do that?* Because He was like us but also like God!

***Ohhhh...He wasn't like ANYONE ELSE, was He?!!***

We have come through the pressing black sorrows of Death and the incredible bright light of Resurrection. Each year, through the celebrations of the Easter season, we shed our old ways and are reborn in the wonder of the Resurrection.

We are called to leave the Easter Table and take this renewed life out into our communities and share the Good News; to live our 'New Life' as Christian witnesses. I have thought about this and tried to make sense of what this witness looks like. It must be more than weekly attendance at Mass, but it can't be the rigid imposition of my faith on someone living a different one than mine. Isn't 'Living in Christ' being 'Christ-Like'?

Jesus was the 'Great Listener'- a teacher- an example by how He lived. I think I can try this! To truly listen to the people I encounter; to not give what I think people need, but to listen to what THEY say they need! I want to wake up every morning with a joyful spirit that I can share with everyone I encounter, no matter how briefly...a sincere warm smile to the cashier who serves me, a shared look of sympathy with a parent coping with a screaming toddler, a delivery of freshly-baked cookies to a neighbour, a moment to really listen to the troubles of a friend. I will start simply, laying the first paths of my renewal.

I want to live an Easter life...the new life Jesus gave us, as he travelled through darkness, and emerged in the bright beautiful light of Easter morning!

- Barbara Tracey-Laroque

*Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Floyd and Shirley Oliver*

In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Ann Marie Murray, Joanne Fulton, Joan McTague, Gloria McLennan, Helen Patterson, Dianne Chamberlain, Wilson "Sonny" Patterson, Billie Jo Comeau

**Mass Intentions.**

Tuesday May 1	7:00 PM St. Matthew	Lawrence Fenton
Wednesday May 2	9:00 AM St. Augustine	Douglas MacDonald Jr.
Thursday May 3	12:05 PM St. Rose	Father Ray Riley
Saturday, May 5	4:00 PM St. Rose	Kevin and Susan Sullivan
Saturday, May 5	5:30 PM St. Augustine	Parishioners
Sunday, May 6	9:00 AM St. Rose	Gerry LeBlanc
Sunday, May 6	11:00 AM St. Matthew	George Lloyd

**Stewardship for the weeks ending April 22, 2018**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2440.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>277.50</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>416.60</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3134.10</b>

1) **Alzheimer's Café** will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's Church at 2:00 PM. All welcome!

2) **Outreach** – Thank you for your continued support with food items and monetary gifts. For the moment we have sufficient plastic containers. **Our next "soup day" will be May 14<sup>th</sup>**. This past week, we made 27 containers of pea soup and 31 containers of turkey soup for AIDS Saint John.

3) **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Knitters and Crocheters are meeting every Tuesday, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Rectory. For more information, call Cecile Deschamps at 696-8963.

4) **Knights of Columbus 9176 & 8094 – Brunch April 29, 2018, 10:30 – 1pm** at St. Matthew's Hall. Sausage, Eggs, Toast, Beans, Pancakes. \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Help support the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus. SPREAD THE WORD!!!!