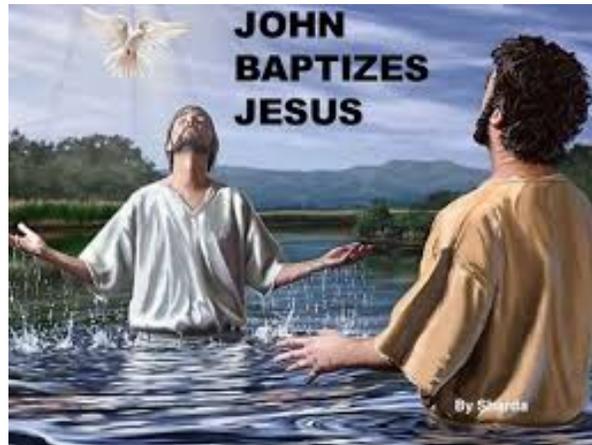


**St. Rose of Lima Church  
February 11th, 2018**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**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.**

## **WEEKLY MASS DURING LENT**

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S - Wednesday 9:00AM – RECTORY HALL**

**ST. ROSE – Monday, Thursday & Friday – 12:05PM**

**ST. MATTHEW'S – Tuesday – 7:00PM**

**ASSUMPTION – Monday – Friday – 9:00AM**

**ST. PETER'S – Tuesday - 5:30PM, Wednesday – 9:00AM, Thursday - 7:00PM, Friday - 12:15PM**

**PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION to DATE for LENTEN SERIES:** The first evening of the Lenten Series is Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayer Booklets are available at the rear of the Church, to help guide your Lenten journey.**

## **LENT 2018 “LOOKING DISMAL? GLOOMY? HOW ABOUT JOYFUL?”**

**Crazy winter... gloomy skies, snow, rain, flooding, sun, extreme cold, gloomy skies, snow, rain flooding...For some, Lent seems a gloomy season, a time for ashes and thoughts of mortality. We fast from certain pleasures and struggle to become ‘The Best Version of Yourself.’ Therefore Lent seems to be a lot of extra work... hard work.**

**Yet in the Gospel for Ash Wednesday, Jesus tells us, “When you fast, do not look dismal.” (Matt6:16). Dismal? Gloomy! How can that be? For one thing, everything we do in life-even fasting-takes place against the great backdrop of Easter. The truth is that the resurrection of Jesus has already happened and the gloom of death has been defeated. How could we not be joyful amid such incredibly good news? Unfortunately, we know all too well why we become (dismal) gloomy at times; despite the good news of Easter, our world is still mired in sin. Everywhere we look we see pain, war, hunger, violence, sickness, greed, racism, and injustices of all kinds. It takes great faith to be a joyful person amid this constant bombardment of bad news in us and around us.**

**Yet Jesus tells us not to look gloomy. In view of that fact, we might want to consider this penance for Lent: to fast from gloominess, that is, to fast from complaining, from looking at the dark side of things, from wearing a gloomy face, from snapping at others, from feeling sorry for ourselves. May this be a first step in “becoming the best version of yourself?” To help us accomplish this Lenten quest, we will have many opportunities... Daily Mass, Personal Prayer, Reflection Booklets to take home, Evening Prayer, Reconciliation, Lenten Series, are all ways to help us to journey towards our celebration of Easter. Hopefully, with a renewed faith in the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection our Lenten journey will not be ‘dismal’ or ‘gloomy’ but accompanied by a deep underlying joy.**

**Lenten Blessings Everyone!**

**- Father David**

## Announcements

- 1) There will be an **Alzheimer's Café** Feb 25 at 2 PM at St Mark's United Church. All welcome!
- 2) **Scripture Study Update**– We will be beginning the *Little Rock Scripture* study of the **Gospel of Mark** in March. The Study will be held on Tuesdays, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Please call the Office **this week**, if you would like to participate. As soon as the materials arrive, we will determine the start-date.
- 3) **Knights of Columbus** will hold their **next Marian Hour of Prayer at 6:30 PM on February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at St. Rose of Lima. All are welcome!
- 4) **MASS TIMES FOR LENT:** may be found on the front of the bulletin.
- 6) **Pro-Life Rosary** will be held at **3:00PM on February 26** at St. Rose.

### ATTENTION ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS:

We will be gathering every third Thursday of the month (weather permitting) at the Denis Morris Community Centre, from 1:00-3:00 PM, except this month (**February**) it will be on the **22<sup>nd</sup>**. We invite you all to join us for prayers and participation. We will be knitting **prayer shawls for our elders** and **baptismal blankets** for our **newest members of the congregation**. If you don't knit or crochet but would like to take part, we would appreciate a donation to purchase yarn. You can place it in the collection basket with "Yarn" written on the envelope. We thank you in advance for your generosity, either way. Let's remember that our elders are the foundation of this Church but the newest members will continue to build it even stronger than before.

### BULLETIN NOTICES:

Due to limited space, please remember that the bulletin is to communicate to you our parish activities first. This would include reflections, activities, notices, and educational material- catechesis or Religious Education for everyone. Secondly, notices from the bishop's office or a diocesan event. Finally, events from other parishes will be posted. If you wish to post something in the bulletin it **must be approved by Father David**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Frances Peddle, Anna Alberta  
Vanden Bos, Diane Orr, Anne Marie Comeau, Estelle Parent, Deborah  
Cummings, Helen McLaughlin**

*Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Joyce Vautour*

## Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19	12:05 PM St. Rose	Jeanne Ringuette
Tuesday, February 20	7:00 PM St. Matthew's	Charlie Dobson
Wednesday February 21	9:00 AM St. Augustine's	Kathleen (Kay) MacDougall
Thursday, February 22	12:15 PM St. Rose	Bobby Williams
Friday, February 23	12:05 PM St. Rose	Margaret Robichaud
Saturday, February 24	4:00 PM St. Rose	Lori (Perry) Galliera
Saturday, February 24	5:30 PM St. Augustine's	Lottie Austin
Sunday, February 25	9:00 AM St. Rose	Joan Heenan
Sunday, February 25	11:00 AM St. Matthew's	Donald Lyons

### Stewardship for the weeks ending February 1th, 2018

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2143.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>191.15</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>397.40</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2791.55</b>

**UPDATE on OUTREACH** – this past week, we produced 72 servings of turkey soup for AIDS Saint John. We will be meeting again on February 19 and March 19 at the Rectory, at 1:00 PM, to prepare more soup. We are looking for 500 gram plastic containers (such as margarine, yogurt, etc.) as well as food items that are suitable for soup. If you have donations and are not able to get them to the Rectory, call Helen at 674-1548; she will be glad to pick them up.

**Horizon Health** is seeking **volunteers** to give two to four hours a week to make a difference in patients' lives. Volunteers are needed in Saint John Regional Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, and the Ridgewood Veterans' Wing. To register, call the Volunteer Office at 648-6523 or e-mail Leigh.Giberson@HorizonNB.ca

**St. Rose CWL** invites you to **World Day of Prayer** at 7:00 PM on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Columba's Church. We will be participating along with four other Christian churches. **Everyone is welcome!**