

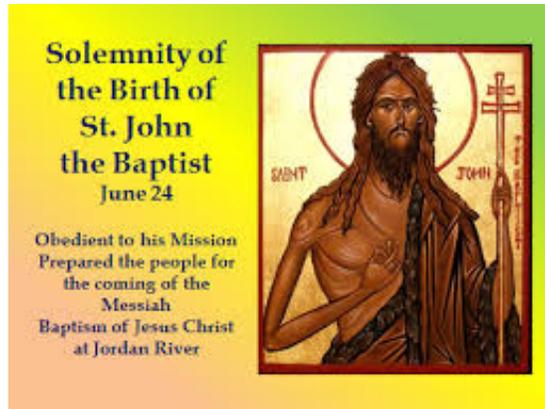
St. Rose of Lima Church

June 24, 2018

NATIVITY of ST. JOHN the BAPTIST

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday June 26	7:00 PM St. Matthew	NO MASS
Wednesday June 27	9:00 AM St. Augustine	NO MASS
Thursday June 28	12:05 PM St. Rose	NO MASS
Saturday, June 30	4:00 PM St. Rose	Norman and Stephen Doyle; David Heffernan
Saturday, June 30	5:30 PM St. Augustine	Gwen Belyea
Sunday, July 1	9:00 AM St. Rose	Donald Melanson; David Levenshulme
Sunday, July 1	11:00 AM St. Matthew	David Goddard

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Gerry LeBlanc

In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Lena Jarvis, Valerie Scichilone, Joan Brockie

Our Stewardship: June 17, 2018

Envelopes	2492.00
Loose	229.20
Pre-Authorized Debit	410.83
Total	3132.03

New Parish Name

One of the roles of the **Transition Committee** was to come up with possible names for our new parish. We were invited to talk with other parishioners, family and friends; to pray and discern what ‘new parish name’ that would fit our communities of faith. We opted for a name that was more ‘generic’ and ‘encompassing’. After various discussion and votes, we came up with two top names for our new parish:

1. **Blessed Sacrament Parish:** The Eucharist (Greek for “Thanksgiving”) is our greatest gift. Communities gather to celebrate Eucharist. Vat II ‘It is the source and summit of our being.’ We are called to be “Eucharistic People,” in and through our lives.
2. **Holy Spirit Parish:** From the very beginning, “Genesis”: The Holy Spirit breathed on the waters of creation. Truly, we are people of ‘Water and Spirit’ and of the ‘River.’ Holy Spirit reminds us of call for ‘renewal,’ ‘openness’ and of ‘gift.’ It is the Holy Spirit that works in and among us to foster a deeper love of God, growth in relationship with God and others, and to be bearers of the Good News.
3. You are now invited to vote on which ‘name’ that you feel that best fits our new parish. Please place an “X” beside the name that speaks to your heart.

Don't Forget to Vote!

My Experience at an Evangelical Church

It was amazing to me how many of the themes that were covered in the book *Rebuilt* provided by Father David were covered in my one-time experience at attending a local Evangelical Church on the morning of Sunday, June 17th, 2018. However, I will let you be the judge.

I walked into the parking lot, as I parked just down the street. The parking attendant, dressed in a safety vest and standing beside the Welcome to Church sign, spoke and smiled. As I approached the door, two other gentlemen wearing red t-shirts also smiled and said hello. Just inside the door, another man wearing a name tag – stepped away from a conversation and greeted me, extending his hand and shaking mine. Asked how I was and included me in the activity of his small group who were looking at pictures of cats. I made a friendly comment and then slipped down a corridor to the left. I wanted to check out their set-up. The corridor led down a hall of classrooms – each was equipped with a portable sign indicating the age level of the children expected in the classroom for religious activities (most were empty, at this time). I believe there were four classrooms. At the end of the corridor there was a gymnasium room and the children were running and playing under supervision of a group of women. Some of the women had light blue t-shirts that identified them as involved in the children's program. One of them immediately approached me, I asked where the service was held and she offered to escort me back down the hallway to the entrance, asked if it was my first time and introduced me to the pastor, when we reached the entrance again. He welcomed me and handed me of again to the man with the name tag. That gentleman took me over to a small table and asked me to fill out a contact card. After that, he took me to their welcoming table and made sure that I received their new t-shirt, a free gift for attending today. Banter was encouraged with others and introductions made as I was returned to the service area. I was left there to find a seat.

The service was a gathering place with a stage set-up; with a large screen rolling through info / announcements and musical equipment. The service started with music (soft rock) in a comfortable key. A speaker quickly followed with local announcement and service expectations. Collection was encouraged and taken and prayed over.

This was followed by approximately 20 min of music ministry. Almost a continuous song touching on several themes, similar music accompanied by visuals and lyrics on the large screen on the stage, with cues for performers at the back of the room on a separate screen with a technician and a timer. The "band" was led by a vocalist that was preaching and accenting the message within the lyrics throughout the engagement – it was more than a performance. Themes, lyrics and music were consistent and repeated in a way that encouraged participation.

The message was preached to the gathering on video feed from an off-campus service site. Preaching lasted 50 minutes, it was like watching a motivational speaker with great technique, humour and sincerity. Message was well delivered and positive. During the main preaching, a bible was offered to anyone who wished to have one – just raise your hand.

The main preaching was again followed by return of the band and a short 5 min session of consistent music. The entire service was very well prepared and timed precisely.

The local pastor addressed the group to explain that he was there with his "prayer team" and welcomed participants to come forward with their issues and concerns to have the group pray with and for them. Some of the gathering was responding and it was at this point that I chose to leave.

As I departed I passed a table in the entrance area and was acknowledged and thanked for attending. I thought to myself – "Why can't we do this?"

~ Parishioner

Announcements

Coffee Party after the 9:00 AM Mass. Come and wish our retiring secretary *So Long* and *Godspeed!*

Saint Rose Outreach extends beyond Rose's Kitchen. This week a parishioner made soup in her own kitchen. The parish provided her with the cups to freeze the soup. She has also made biscuits and muffins to be delivered with our soup! As a result of her efforts and the team at Rose's Kitchen 77 cups of soup and a dozen muffins were delivered to AIDS Saint John freezer, which had been empty. The summer is upon us and people will still be hungry, so we will continue to make soup. If you can join us, our **next soup day will be June 25 Monday at 1:00 at Rose's Kitchen.** We will be making chicken soup. Thank you for your contributions to this Outreach Effort.

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: June 24 at St. François de Sales from 2:30 - 3:30 pm with Benediction & Confession.

The next **Prayer Shawl meeting** will be July 3rd. We will meet **every other week** throughout the summer.

Chase the Ace Friday evenings at St. Matthew's Hall – please come and support your Knights of Columbus – tickets on sale from 6pm – 7:45pm with the winning ticket being drawn at 8pm. **The holder of the winning ticket must be present on Friday at 8pm to claim their winnings and cut the deck and try for the Ace of Spades! Our new total is \$6100.**

Villa Madonna Retreat House is seeking a dynamic and innovative leader to manage the operations of the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, NB, beginning September 2018. For a more detailed description of duties, please visit <http://villamadonna.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Executive-Director-job-description-2018.pdf>. Please submit resume to villamadonna2018@gmail.com by June 25, 2018.

SUMMER BLAST OFF BINGO - will be held at St. Pius X Parish Hall, Somerset Street, on Wednesday, June 27th. Early Bird games begin at 6:00 p.m. and Regular games at 7:00 p.m. \$1,000. Jackpot; \$20/person. Canteen available - wheelchair accessible. Everyone welcome

St. John the Baptist Feast Day on Sunday, June 24, 11:30 a.m. Mass, in St. John the Baptist Church. Reception to follow in the hall. All are most welcome. Aitken's Pewter has been commissioned to make and a Commemorative Ornament of St. John the Baptist Parish that will be available at the Feast Day Celebrations for a cost of \$20. Pre-Order by calling Lisa at 652-2969.

Happy Birthday to our Pastor, Father David. We hope the year to come is full of good things.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY THIS WEEK.



Happy Canada Day!