

**St. Rose of Lima Church  
January 14, 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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.**

**Welcome to "Ordinary Time"**

This Sunday begins Ordinary Time, which is not really a season but the time between liturgical seasons. Though the Sundays we celebrate during these weeks may be simpler in solemnity compared to the Christmas or Easter seasons, "ordinary" does not necessarily describe the quality of this time. Rather, we call these weeks ordinary because they are "ordinal," a word that refers to putting things into an order. In Ordinary Time, the church counts the weeks between liturgical seasons and orders our days through the lens of the ordinary way we encounter Jesus in daily life.

During the Christmas season, we celebrated three manifestations of Jesus: on Christmas Day in Bethlehem; to the magi on Epiphany; and in the Jordan on the Baptism of the Lord. Today the manifestation continues with John the Baptist recognizing Jesus as he walks by. What a fitting way to enter into this "ordinary" time where every person who walks by us just may well be Jesus in disguise.

-Father David

**Diocesan Revitalization and Realignment  
Just a Minute – What Makes Our Parishes Work?**

Let's think about this. Why do we need to revitalize and realign? Active, living parishes are very busy. They need many lay persons that are both involved and engaged. They also need priests who are ready to collaborate with lay people and other clergy.

The Diocese of Saint John, like many others, has a critical shortage of priests. We have 58 parishes and 24 missions. We have 38 active, full-time priests. We figure there are more than 115,000 Catholics in the Diocese. That's about 1 priest for every 3,000 Catholics.

The average age of these 38 priests is 59 years old. Fifteen of them are 65 years of age or over. Only 7 of our priests are under the age of 40. If these priests are going to provide the best service available to people, we have to somehow rationalize our 58 parishes and 24 missions.

In January of this year, we did a count of Mass attendance in our Diocese. Over two weekends, the average attendance on Saturday and Sunday was about 91 persons at each Mass.

So we have 38 priests trying to serve 82 communities. It's almost impossible to provide the many services that a parish should have in all these small communities. Revitalization and realignment will give us fewer and larger parishes, where the priests and people will have more resources to collaborate in providing fuller service.

**Just a Minute – What is a Disciple?**

Did You Know... Our revitalization & realignment process was launched with a survey called the Disciple Maker Index Survey in January 2016. Why does the survey have that name? Because we're disciples. A disciple is someone who is learning from another, like an apprentice. The master or teacher teaches by word and example. The disciple follows the master, hears what he says and sees what he does. Then the disciple tries to become like the master. Our revitalization & realignment project is aimed at strengthening our parishes as communities of disciples of Jesus, ready to learn how to be like Jesus in our world.

*How can our parishes help us to be like Jesus in our world?*

**Just a Minute – What is Evangelization?**

Did You Know... We are called to share the Gospel, the Good News. This is what Jesus did in word and action. It was his mission and we share it. The Greek word for "good news" or "good tidings" is evangelion. This is the root of our word "evangelize". It means to share the "good news" or "good tidings". Evangelization is sharing the Gospel, like Jesus did and in the Spirit of Jesus.

*How can our parishes help us be disciples who evangelize?*

- Father John Jennings April 19, 2017

## Do we suffer from "Self-Rejection?"

*One of the greatest dangers in the spiritual life is self-rejection. When we say, "If people really knew me, they wouldn't love me," we choose the road toward darkness. Often we are made to believe that self-deprecation is a virtue, called humility. But humility is in reality the opposite of self-deprecation. It is the grateful recognition that we are precious in God's eyes and that all we are is pure gift. To grow beyond self-rejection we must have the courage to listen to the voice calling us God's beloved sons and daughters, and the determination always to live our lives according to this truth.*

- Henri Nouwen

## Hospital Visitation

**If you know that you are going to the Hospital and wish to be anointed, please call the office and let Fr. David know. This will be a great help to both the chaplain at Saint John Regional Hospital/St. Joseph's and the priests who are on call during the night.**

## LATER THIS MONTH....

Last week I mentioned the book entitled, "**REBUILT.**" In one chapter, it speaks of how each member of the parish... all of us... is a minister. Do you consider yourself a minister? Well, remember that you are by virtue of your baptism! If I were to ask you, "What is your ministry?" How would you answer? Is there a ministry that is NOT happening and feel that it should? Do you have an idea that would help our community grow? Have you shared this with anyone? Are we a 'welcoming' community? Try this... ask yourself, "**Who did I welcome here today?**" Remember, a key component to revitalization is Evangelization (not just mergers and closure of communities). Evangelization begins at the Front Doors of the Church in how we receive people into our midst for prayer. Please continue to pray daily for our diocese regarding mergers, closures and revitalization, as we prepare for Bishop Harris' announcement later in the month. "**O Lord, hear our prayer...**"

## Take Action

*If our faith does not lead us to action, then it has become a dead creedal affirmation of lifeless beliefs. Some of us are already giving of our time, talent and treasure to the limits of our ability; others, maybe not. In either case, Jesus has given us all that is good in life; even love that makes it possible for us to love others.*

**-Br. Robert L'Esperance**

## St. Matthew's Hall Water Damage

Not the best way to start the New Year.....On January 5<sup>th</sup>, it was discovered, mid-morning, there had been a flood at St. Matthew's Church Hall. This was a result of the weather bomb, snow to rain Thursday night. The hall received about 3 - 6 inches of water. Our insurance adjuster was notified and promptly assessed the situation. The adjuster figures the water came from an adjacent outside door into the hall. The flood was perpetuated by the slope of the parking lot in which we are raising funds to repair in the spring. The adjuster has informed us that we are not covered by our policy for the damage the flooding incurred. The cost for the rip out, cleaning and repair is \$35,000.00. In order to prevent mold issues in the future we have commenced this project. The hall will be unusable for approximately 2 weeks.

1) **KV Memory Cafe:** The **NB Alzheimer Society** hosts a Memory Café in the Kennebecasis Valley on the second Sunday of the month. Our presenter this month will be Jennifer Doherty who will be talking about the holistic benefits of drumming, which can be beneficial for all, including those who have dementia. Drums will be available for people to try, too, regardless of ability. **Sunday, January 14, from 2-4 pm at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 4 Church Ave, Rothesay, NB**

2) **Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast**, Assumption Center, Chapel Street, on Sunday, January 14, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends

3) **New Ideas?**

4) **Liturgy Committee** - if you are interested in becoming involved with the Liturgy Committee, please let Father David know or call the Office at 653-6850.

5) **Scripture Study** – We will be beginning a scripture study group, one evening a week, following the **Little Rock Scripture** program. All are welcome. If you are interested, please call the Office for further details – 653-6850.

6) **Knights of Columbus Hour of Adoration** January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at St. Rose of Lima. All are most welcome for this hour of Marian Prayer.

**In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Sharon Sherwood, Geraldine D’Amour, Patrick Doiron, Lynn DiMarco, David Elward, Debbie McLaughlin**

**Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of David Lewis**

**Mass Intentions**

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| Thursday, January 18 | <b>12:10 PM</b> | <b>Gail Melanson</b>                                     |
| Saturday, January 20 | <b>4:00 PM</b>  | <b>Leo LeBlanc and DMF</b>                               |
| Sunday, January 21   | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Members of Gauthier Family, Living &amp; Deceased</b> |

**Stewardship for the weeks ending January 7, 2018**

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| <b>Envelopes</b>            | <b>2297.00</b> |
| <b>Loose</b>                | <b>238.35</b>  |
| <b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b> | <b>438.65</b>  |
| <b>Initial Offering</b>     | <b>215.00</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>3189.00</b> |

***Thank you from West Side Food Bank:***

***The West Side Food bank would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your support during the past year, with monetary and food donations. As of December 31, 2017, the West Side Food Bank has assisted 3177 families, which include 5071 adults and 3221 children for a total of 8292 people. (Excerpt from a letter from Shelley Scott, President)***