

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

## ✠ Solemnity of Pentecost ✠

May 28, 2023

**TODAY'S FEAST:** By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's Paschal Mystery was brought to its completion. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace in order to draw us to Christ. He manifests the Risen Lord to us, opening our minds. He makes present the mystery of Christ. And he reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. Saint Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it more readily refrains from evil while inclined more readily for love. With the Holy Spirit within us, "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (*Saint Cyril of Alexandria*).

The Mystery of the Lord's Ascension signals that our bodies are destined to participate in the eternal glory and communion of the Father and Son in the Holy Spirit. The Mystery of Pentecost is not so much the descent of the Holy Spirit on us as it is the Spirit's causing in us – body and soul – the experience of knowing that our humanity has indeed ascended in Christ and into the eternal exchange of Love between the Father and Son, who is the Holy Spirit.

## **Eighth Week of Ordinary Time**

May 29 – June 3

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)  
+ Celestine “Sally” Etmanskie  
*by Peter & Beverly Glofcheskie*
- First Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Deceased Family Members *by Larry & Cathy Serran*  
~ Intentions of the Starflowers Prayer Initiative

## **+ The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity +**

June 4, 2023

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Phelanda Hall *by Family*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

### **Liturgical Appointments**

#### **Readings**

#### **Communion**

#### **Offertory**

#### **June 3**

*Martin Yakabuski*

*Maxine Smaglinski*

*Bruce Sullivan*

*Barry Dombroskie*

#### **June 4**

*Ursula Jeffrey*

*Terry Recoskie*

*Eddie Etmanskie*

*Jason Dombroskie*

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- Fr Mervin Coulas who is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to Holy Orders (May 29, 1963), that God may grant him many years!
- for parishioners who are sick; and for those who have died, especially: *Jean Whitmore*, mother of Lorraine Cherry.

### **ROMAN CALENDAR:**

- Monday - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
- Wednesday - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday - St. Justin, martyr
- Friday - St. Marcellinus and St. Peter, martyrs
- Saturday - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS** for this Pentecost Sunday tell of the mighty deeds of God through the Holy Spirit. We read/hear in the Acts of the Apostles how the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to spread the Word by speaking in tongues. In the first Letter to the Corinthians, we learn about being the body of Christ with its many parts and that the abundant gifts of the Spirit have been given to all of us. The Gospel according to John recounts Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and sending them forth to forgive or retain sins.

Wow, the Holy Spirit was certainly busy! Then, as in our day and time, the multi-faceted work of the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary. Each of us have different needs and it is the Holy Spirit with the many titles and "jobs" of Comforter, Advocate, Guide, Sanctifier, etc. who helps to fill those needs. It is also the Holy Spirit who empowers each of us to use the gifts given to us to help one another.

The multiplicity of the spiritual gifts, the many forms of service, and the amazing workings of the Spirit within us provides us with an immense array of opportunities to nurture the faith within us, to be redirected and healed, and also to spread the faith

This process may take some time, but the Holy Spirit is most willing and able to continue working in us for the long run. Where is it that you need "refilling" to be truly willing and able once again? Where is it that the Holy Spirit wants to use your gifts, both established and new, to "renew the face of the earth"? Let us pray loudly, fervently, and with one accord the Sequence in today's Mass or simply "Veni, Sancte Spiritus/ Come, Holy Spirit!" ~ by Dr. Elaine LeBlanc OP who is a permanently promised member of the Lay Dominicans of the Holy Cross in Atlanta, Georgia

**VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS: Sequence for Pentecost**  
*ascribed to Pope Innocent III (1161-1216)*

Come, Holy Spirit, send forth from heaven the rays of your light  
Come, Father of the poor; Come, giver of gifts, Come, light of [our] hearts.  
O Best Comforter, Sweet guest of the soul, Sweet refreshment.

In labor rest, in the heat, moderation; in tears, solace.

O most blessed Light fill the inmost heart of your faithful.

Without your spirit, nothing is in man, nothing that is harmless.  
Wash that which is sordid, water that which is dry, heal that which is wounded.  
Make flexible that which is rigid, warm that which is cold, rule that which is wayward.  
Give to your faithful, who trust in your, the sevenfold gifts.  
Grant to us the merit of virtue,  
Grant salvation at our going forth,  
Grant eternal joy.

Amen. Alleluia.

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Total: \$3,059.15; (Envelopes: \$2,057.00; E-transfers: \$840.00; Visitors: \$35.00; Pope's Pastoral Works: \$180.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./125; 10:30 a.m./84]

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please do not use old envelopes as the numbers on them no longer match our computer records. Please call or send an email to the office at [613-756-2037](tel:613-756-2037) / [stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com](mailto:stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com) you need a box.

**HEALING SERVICE WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Barry's Bay, on Tuesday, June 13 from 7-8:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

**ROCKATHON:** St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation will be hosting on Friday, June 16, 2023. Proceeds will go toward local healthcare needs, including much needed equipment at the Valley Manor. More information email at [office@sfvhfoundation.com](mailto:office@sfvhfoundation.com).

**PARISH SUPPERS:**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Braeside, May 28; 2-6 p.m.; BBQ chicken.

**WALK THE OPEONGO LINE: July 27-30.** Join pilgrims from ages 7-77 in this life changing, 4-day journey from Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew to St. Ann's Shrine, Cormac. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year making the 67km walk! It's an experience that merits many blessings and many wonderful memories. For more information and to register, visit: [www.walktheopeongoline.org](http://www.walktheopeongoline.org)

**SEEING WITH HEART: A Day of Reflection for Catholic Parents of LGBTQ Young Adults.** Saturday, June 3, 2023. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. At Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Road Pickering, ON -- [Manresa-canada.ca](http://Manresa-canada.ca) – For more information or to register: Mike Hyland at 647-296-2499 See bulletin board for more details.

**ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE:** Mr. Lukas Časta of Barry's Bay (St. Hedwig's) on the Solemnity of St. Columbkille, June 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral. All are welcome!

# Come, Holy Spirit !