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✠ Solemnity of Pentecost ✠

May 19, 2024

TODAY'S READINGS: recount the unforgettable events of Pentecost. Language is our primary mode of communication. How wonderful, therefore, that the principle gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is tongues - speech, language - enabling the first disciples to establish heart-to-heart communication with the peoples of the world. The Holy Spirit himself is nothing but communication for the Spirit is nothing other than the love that connects the Father and the Son. When the disciples, filled with Holy Spirit, go out to communicate on Pentecost, they effectively unite the world by gathering what sin has scattered. ~ *Bishop Robert Barron*

SUMMER COTTAGE PARISHIONERS: We warmly welcome back our seasonal parishioners and hope that you once again have a wonderful summer in our beautiful area of creation! This is just a reminder that if you do have envelopes, please visit the entrance table to pick up your envelope box. If they are not there and you desire to have them, please contact by calling or email the office. Your contributions are appreciated and vital for helping with expenses.

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED: this week of May 20 – 24. You can still leave a phone or email message and we will get back to you if it is an emergency.

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory. ~ St. Basil

Come, Holy Spirit!

Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

May 20 – 25

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Keith Towns *by Rozek Family*

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Darlene Shields *by Veronica O'Reilly*

+ Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity +

May 26, 2024

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Eleanor Rose Quesnelle *by Catholic Women's League*
+ Tom Cybulski *by Roy & Enise Hunter*

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

May 25

John Morris

Beverly Glofcheskie

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

May 26

Beverly Glofcheskie

Ursula Jeffrey

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-that Jesus the Son of the Eternal Father would fill us with his Presence and send forth the fire of their Love, the Holy Spirit.
- that the Lord Jesus would anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese.
- for those who have died, especially: *Beverly Hare; Francis (Frank) Anderchek; Doreen Dombroskie*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday - St. Eugene de Mazenod, bishop and St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs
Wednesday - St. Rita of Cascia, religious
Friday - Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau, bishop
Saturday - St. Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor & St. Gregory VII, pope & St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST: makes us relive the Church's beginnings. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles tells that, 50 days after Easter, in the house where Jesus' disciples were, "suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house.... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (2:2-4). The disciples are completely transformed by this outpouring: fear is supplanted by courage, imperviousness gives way to the proclamation, and all doubt is driven away by faith filled with love. It is the "baptism" of the Church, which thus began her journey in history, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This event, which changes the heart and life of the Apostles and the other disciples, is immediately felt outside the Upper Room. Indeed, that door kept locked for 50 days is finally thrust open and the first Christian Community, no longer closed in upon itself, begins speaking to crowds of different origins about the mighty works that God has done (cf. v. 11), that is to say, of the Resurrection of Jesus who was crucified. Each one present hears his own language being spoken by the disciples. The gift of the Holy Spirit restores the linguistic harmony that was lost in Babel, prefiguring the universal mission of the Apostles. The Church is not born isolated, she is born universal, one, and Catholic, with a precise identity, open to all, not closed, an identity which embraces the entire world, excluding no one. Mother Church closes her door in the face of no one, no one! Not even to the greatest sinner, to no one! This is through the power, through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Mother Church opens, opens wide her doors to everyone because she is mother.

The Holy Spirit at Pentecost pours into the hearts of the disciples and begins a new season: the season of testimony and fraternity. It is a season which comes from above, comes from God, like the tongues of fire that rest on the head of each disciple. It was the flame of love which burns all harshness; it was the tongue of the Gospel which surpasses manmade borders and reaches the hearts of the multitudes, without distinction of language, race or nationality. As on that day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out constantly even today on the Church and on each one of us so we may step outside of our mediocrity and our imperviousness and communicate to the entire world the merciful love of the Lord. Communicating the merciful love of the Lord: this is our mission! We too have been given the gift of the "tongue" of the Gospel and the "fire" of the Holy Spirit, so that while we proclaim Jesus risen, living and present in our midst, we may warm our heart and also the heart of the peoples drawing near to Him, the way, truth and life.

Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of Mary Most Holy, who was present as Mother in the midst of the disciples in the Upper Room: she is the mother of the Church, the mother of Jesus became mother of the Church. Let us entrust ourselves to Her that the Holy Spirit may descend in abundance upon the Church of our time, fill the hearts of all the faithful and kindle in them the fire of his love. *From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; May 24, 2015*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,987.75 (Envelopes: \$2,822.50; Loose: \$140.25; Visitors: \$35.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./100; 10:30 a.m./120]

OUR CEMETERIES: We remind you that our cemetery by-laws indicate that all flowers, ornaments, candles, etc. must be affixed to a monument. If they are not, they may be removed and discarded by the cemetery caretaker to enable proper grass cutting.

GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY: This study continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church Hall. For more information, please contact John Morris, 613 729-6647. Feel free to drop-in as you can.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

CWL POTLUCK BBQ: June 12 at 554 Arbor Vitae Rd at 4 PM. Please let Lorraine know if you will be attending 613 585 1702. Hope to see you there.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

MADONNA HOUSE PUBLICATIONS: has a new website launched on May 17, 2024! Enjoy 10% off for a limited time at our online store, to purchase beautiful cards and prints and your favorite inspirational books by Catherine Doherty and other Madonna House authors. Visit publications.madonnahouse.org for the promo code & more details.

PENTECOST: On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated. CCC 732

We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.
(Byzantine Tropaeon)