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✠ Pentecost Sunday ✠

June 8, 2025

COME, HOLY SPIRIT: The first condition for receiving the Holy Spirit is not merit or virtue, but desire, need and thirst. But the problem lies here: are we thirsty for the Holy Spirit or do we have an unacknowledged fear of him? For deep down, we sense that if the Holy Spirit comes, he cannot leave everything as he finds it. He prompts conversion. He could even make us do “strange” things that we are not ready to accept. This is why the willingness to repent is also a condition for receiving the Life-Changer. Whoever the Holy Spirit touches, the Holy Spirit changes! Our prayer for having the Spirit sometimes resembles the prayer of Saint Augustine before his conversion: “Grant me chastity and self-control, but please not yet.” We are tempted to say, “Come, Holy Spirit, come... but not right now, especially no strangeness! Isn't God order, decorum, composure, and equilibrium?” But let us ask the Holy Spirit to take away our fear of him. Let us say, “Come, Holy Spirit! Come now, come as you wish.” ~ *Fr. Francis Martin*

JUNE - MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: In 1899, Pope Leo XIII, not our current Pope Leo XIV, consecrated the entire world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In his encyclical *Annum Sacrum*, Pope Leo XIII wrote, “There is in the Sacred Heart a symbol and a sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ, which moves us to love one another.” The Sacred Heart is not just a pious symbol. It's a compelling image of divine love that moves us — moves us to mercy, to compassion, to acts of self-giving love. It's an invitation to make a gift of ourselves, just as Christ gave himself for us. Pope Leo went even further. He taught that wherever truth, justice and charity flourish, there the reign of Christ — and the reign of his Heart — is present. *What mercy have you received from the Lord? Can you think of a moment when God poured his love into your life — an answered prayer, a healing, a conversion, a quiet moment of grace.*

COFFEE SOCIAL will take place downstairs in the parish hall **TODAY**, June 8 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come and enjoy a hot drink while catching up with old friends and new parishioners.

Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

June 9 – June 14

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+ William “Bill” Green <i>by Family</i> Intentions of Robert & Monica Rady <i>by Lorraine Leddy</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Marie Landon <i>by the Catholic Women’s League</i>

+ The Most Holy Trinity +

June 15, 2025

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Joan Marie Potvin <i>by Catholic Women’s League</i> In Thanksgiving Anniversary <i>by David & Carmel Rumleskie</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	June 14	June 15
Readings	<i>Martin Yakabuski</i>	<i>Joanne Olsen</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine S. / Leona C.</i>	<i>Ursula J. / Pierre-Paul F.</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Paul Rivett-Carnac</i> <i>Greg Kelly</i>

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 each believer may experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and be empowered to live out their Christian faith with courage, fervour and joy.
- for *Ashlyn Rose Strack* daughter of David Strack and Leann-Marie Recoskie who was recently baptized into Christ.
- for Fr. Wilfried Lenius, on his 59th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood (*June 4, 1966*).
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Veronica O’Reilly, Albert Cybulski.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Wednesday	- St. Barnabas, apostle
Friday	- St. Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

TODAY we are celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost, an ancient Jewish feast on which the Covenant that God made with his People on Mount Sinai (see Ex 19) was commemorated. It also became a Christian feast because of what happened on that day 50 days after Jesus' Pasch. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples were praying all together in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit descended upon them powerfully, as wind and as fire. They then began to proclaim in many tongues the Good News of Christ's Resurrection (see 2: 1-4). This was the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" which had been foretold by John the Baptist: "I baptize you with water", he said to the crowds, "but he who is coming after me is mightier than I... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Mt 3: 11). In fact, Jesus' entire mission aimed at giving the Spirit of God to men and women and at baptizing them in his regenerative "bath". This was brought about with his glorification (see Jn 7: 39), that is, through his death and Resurrection: then the Spirit of God was poured out in superabundance, like a cascade capable of purifying every heart, extinguishing the fire of evil and kindling the flame of divine love in the world.

The Acts of the Apostles present Pentecost as the fulfilment of this promise and hence as the culmination of Jesus' entire mission. After his Resurrection, he himself ordered the disciples to stay in Jerusalem, because, he said, "before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1: 5); and he added: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1: 8). Thus Pentecost is in a special way the Baptism of the Church which carries out her universal mission starting from the roads of Jerusalem with the miraculous preaching in humanity's different tongues. In this Baptism of the Holy Spirit the personal and community dimension, the "I" of the disciple and the "we" of the Church, are inseparable. The Holy Spirit consecrates the person and at the same time makes him or her a living member of the Mystical Body of Christ, sharing in the mission of witnessing to his love.

"Societas Spiritus", a society of the Spirit, is what St Augustine calls the Church in one of his homilies (71, 19, 32: PL 38, 462). However, prior to him St Irenaeus had already formulated a truth which I would like to recall here: "Where the Church is, there also is God's Spirit; where God's Spirit is, there is the Church and every grace; and the Spirit is the truth; to distance oneself from the Church is to reject the Spirit", and thus "exclude oneself from life" (Adversus Haereses III, 24, 1). Beginning with the event of Pentecost this union between Christ's Spirit and his Mystical Body, in other words the Church, was fully manifest. And this takes place through the Sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism and Confirmation. I have proposed to the young people that they rediscover the Holy Spirit's presence in their lives and thus the importance of these Sacraments. Today I would like to extend the invitation to all: let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit; let us recover awareness of our Baptism and our Confirmation, ever timely sources of grace. ~ **Pope Benedict XVI**; May 11, 2008

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,142.85 (Envelopes: \$2,427.00; Loose: \$205.85; E-transfer: \$395.00; Visitors: \$65.00; Seminary: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$30.00).

Thank you for your consistent financial support which enables us to have a church and community for worship, education and outreach.

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.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS: Recent changes can be found in ECCLESIA. Latest changes can be found posted on the bulletin board.

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.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at 9:45 a.m. - following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish as we continue to pray together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

BIBLE STUDY: Summer Series on the Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin). For those who might like to attend a bible study in the summer, we will be studying the Gospel of John Chapter 6 to Chapter 8 starting Wednesday June 11th ending August 27th. Books can be ordered online. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. For more information contact John Morris, 613-729-6647.

THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES: Would you be interested in discerning a secular (lay) vocation? Are you spiritually attracted to St. Therese of Lisieux or St. Teresa of Avila? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew Parish in Killaloe, ON. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267

CELL PHONES IN CHURCH: As we gather together for Mass, let's take a moment to ensure our cell phones are on silent mode. This helps maintain the peaceful and reverent atmosphere we all cherish. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our focus on prayer and reflection and creating a space for undistracted prayer.