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PENTECOST SUNDAY

"The Spirit of the world has filled the whole world, and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia."
(Wisdom 1.7)



"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."
(Acts 2:1-2)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today is the great feast of Pentecost! We celebrate the birthday of our Mother, the Catholic Church. Christ's promise to send the Holy Spirit is finally fulfilled. The Holy Spirit comes like tongues of fire upon Mary and all the disciples. Peter's cowardice departs and is replaced with the gift of courage to boldly proclaim that "Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mightily works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst...you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up." (Acts 2:22-24)

Is there anything holding you back from following Jesus Christ more authentically? Fear is a big stumbling block in the spiritual life. Especially today, with the rise of anti-Catholic bigotry so prevalent in Canada, many Catholics are afraid to defend the truth, beauty, and goodness of our faith. We are not alone. This has happened since the early years of the church.

Last year, I had the honour of meeting the daughter of Blessed Franz Jaggerstatter in St. Radegund, Austria. The whole day was packed with grace upon grace. After visiting his home, we went to pray at his tomb and say Mass in the chapel he lovingly cared for during his time as sacristan. The main doors of the church had a question written on them after his beatification. It reads, "What are you afraid of?" This was the question that Blessed Franz would ask others, and mostly himself. Are you afraid of the Nazi's? Or, are you afraid of God's judgment? Franz was the only one in his village who refused to take an oath of fidelity to Adolf Hitler. He paid the price for following his well-formed conscience. He was martyred on August 9th, 1943.

There are few words to describe the moment when I blessed his daughter with her saintly father's relics. It was a rare and privileged moment. She told me that she knew her father was a saint after reading his final letter, written just hours before being killed. It was filled with words of profound love of God, neighbor, and firm hope of heaven.

What are you afraid of? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you everything you need to grow in wholeness and holiness, especially the gift of courage! He is incredibly generous. Remember, "Jesus is Lord!" (1 Cor 12:3). Franz didn't become a saint overnight. He studied Scripture, the Catechism and prayed a great deal. He loved going to daily Mass.

We, too, are called to follow his example so that we can also burn with a deep love for God.

Announcements

1. The Parish will have our annual Pentecost Party **TODAY, Sunday, June 8th, from 1 PM to 3 PM**. Join us for family fun! There will be games, food trucks, and music as we celebrate the birthday of the Church. Tickets will be on sale this weekend after all the Sunday Masses and in the office. Adult tickets are \$20, and children (5 years old and younger) are \$10. All are welcome!
2. **THIS weekend, June 7/8th**, is the Third ShareLife Sunday. Please give at the Parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our Parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.
3. **What God Does to Us in Prayer series** will take place on Thursday, June 5, 19, and 26 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall, Room 2. No registration is required by attendance at all classes is necessary.
4. **Bible Study:** The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation, the Nativity, Jesus' baptism, his public ministry, the Last Supper, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings. Join us for this Bible study beginning Thursday, July 3rd, from 7 PM to 8:30 PM, and continuing every Thursday for 4 consecutive weeks. For more information or to register for the study, please email Fr Peter.
5. **Reading Club:** We begin our next reading club on the *Diary of a Country Priest* on Tuesday, June 10th at 7 PM in Room 2 of the Parish Hall.

JUNE 8th, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 9, 2025

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

9:00 am. Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

12:10 pm. Fructuoso Pelaez, Chloe
Pelaez & Leonila Gandia
(Birthday Blessings)

Requested By: Erlinda Pelaez

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Saint Barnabas

12:10 pm. Bernadina Fernandes (+)

Requested By: The Family

Thursday, June 12, 2025

12:10 pm. Michael Robert Ward (+)

Requested By: Glayds Lavilla-Ward

Friday, June 13, 2025

Saint Anthony of Padua

12:10 pm. Deceased Members of the
Mazzotta & Mannella
Families

Requested By: The Family

Multiple Intentions:
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, June 14, 2025

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed
Virgin Mary and in reparation
for all sins committed against
her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm Marylena Clingan (+)

Requested By: The Family

Sunday, June 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

10:00 am. Jose Serodio(+)

Requested By: Ines Serodio

12:00 pm. Craig Werden (+)

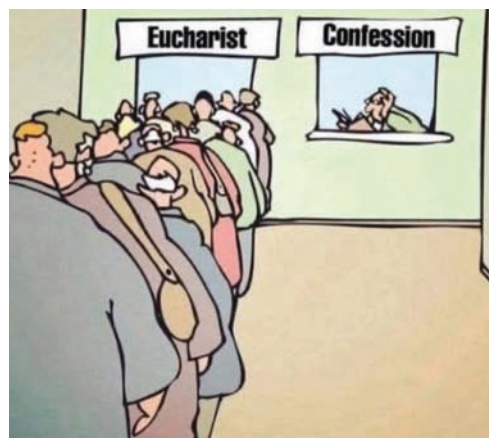
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Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeek, Edward Haggarty, M.M.

Mackenzie, and Jamie.

The **JUNE** Food of the Month donation is **CANS OF SALMON** (used in our Babies Programme). Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.



Don't forget to confess on a regular basis if you receive Holy Communion regularly.

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