

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | PENTECOST SUNDAY | 24 MAY 2026

Come
Holy
Spirit fill
the
hearts
of thy
faithful
and
kindle in
them
the fire
of your
LOVE.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Our Kids Confirmed today

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Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm

Sunday Mass – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

Baptism – every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation – for Grade 7 & up
registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up
registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

Parish School-

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Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau May 24th

Pray for us.

**“I can do all things through
him who gives me strength.”**



***“Then he breathed on them and said,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”*** John 20:22

Happy Pentecost Sunday to all our Parishioners. Pentecost is great celebration of the descending of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ. It is a Solemnity in which, we rejoice in the reality of being encountered by the Holy Spirit. This is the Promise of Jesus; ***“I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”*** (John 16:7)

Jesus, clearly explains the role of the Holy Spirit in us; ***“When the Spirit comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you to all Truth.”*** (John 16:13)

Pentecost is the fulfillment of the promise of Christ before his Ascension; ***“Before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit ... you shall receive Power when the Holy Spirit come upon you”*** (Acts 1:5,8).

In the Gospel Reading today, John the Evangelist reveals the Spirit, first, and foremost as the Creator Spirit. Apostle John makes Pentecost the Feast of the New Creation.

As in the Genesis, in the Creation of Adam, when God created us in his own image and breathed into our nostrils the “Breath of Life;” Jesus used the same gesture and breathed into his disciples the breath of life and said ***“Receive the Holy Spirit.”*** With the Breath, the Disciple received the Essence of the Risen Lord: The Spirit of God, the Life of God thus re-creating them anew, as a Community of Believers; the New Israel, The Church.

Luke the evangelist too, in the 1st Reading reveals the effects of the Creator Spirit as a Creation of a new people of God but instead of basing it on the Genesis he evoked the Exodus; the occurrence on Mount Sinai where God revealed himself to the People of Israel and granted them his Covenant.

Keep in mind that Pentecost happened 50 days after Easter and in the Jewish Calendar, 50 days after the Passover marked the Feast of the Weeks (Shavuot), the Feast of the Covenant, the day Israel thanked God for giving the Law to Moses; making Israel a Nation, Luke presents Pentecost as the “New Sinai,” Where the Gift of the Covenant given to Israel was extended to all the Temples of the Earth.

And the Fruit of Life in the Holy Spirit is Immediate and Clear! The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reversed the Curse of Babel! In Genesis 11, God had descended and confused the tongue of humanity, resulting in many languages that led to misunderstanding that rendered the construction of the Tower impossible. We read; ***“The Lord confused their speech and it was from that place, God scattered them all over the earth”*** (Gen 11:9).

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit endows Humanity with His Grace of Unity, that crushed the barriers that render communication impossible, thus establishing a Divine chance for harmony again!

Brothers and Sisters, we can then give an answer, to the question of the visitors in Jerusalem! ***“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear them, each of us in our own language?”***

The Power of the Spirit of God is the unifier, who transforms weak human beings into Courageous Witnesses and Instruments of his Mission! He expels, all Anxiety and Fear - the Worst enemies of the Soul!

You can admire the transformation in Peter, the Apostle! Who was unable to stand for Christ in his Passion and Death, yet we hear him on his feet preaching; ***“Men of Israel, Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God, ... You took him and had him Crucified but God raised him to Life.”***

Brothers and Sisters, we have received the Spirit of God whom Jesus called Our Advocate, the Consoler, the Sanctifier!”

This Holy Spirit empowers us, in the silence of our hearts and guides us amid many doubts, fears and confusion, helping us to retain Faith and Hope in God our Father. As we gather now as a worshipping community, the Holy Spirit renders the “Ascended Christ” present among us, especially in the Eucharist.

May this Holy Spirit give us courage to be witnesses of God’s Love to the People we live among.



COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER THREE

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

136. What does the Church mean when she confesses: “I believe in the Holy Spirit”? 683-686

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess faith in the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity who proceeds from the Father and the Son and “is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son”. The Spirit is “sent into our hearts” (Galatians 4:6) so that we might receive new life as sons of God.

137. Why are the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit inseparable? 687-690, 742-743

In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Spirit are distinct but inseparable. From the very beginning until the end of time, when the Father sends his Son, he also sends his Spirit who unites us to Christ in faith so that as adopted sons we can call God “Father” (Romans 8:15). The Spirit is invisible but we know him through his actions, when he reveals the Word to us and when he acts in the Church.

138. What are the names of the Holy Spirit? 691-693

“The Holy Spirit” is the proper name of the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus also called him the Paraclete (Consoler or Advocate) and the Spirit of Truth. The New Testament also refers to him as the Spirit of Christ, of the Lord, of God - the Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of the Promise.

139. What symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit? 694-701

There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit: living water which springs from the wounded Heart of Christ and which quenches the thirst of the baptized; anointing with oil, which is the sacramental sign of Confirmation; fire which transforms what it touches; the cloud, dark or luminous, in which the divine glory is revealed; the imposition of hands by which the Holy Spirit is given; the dove which descended on Christ at his baptism and remained with him.

140. What does it mean that the Spirit “has spoken through the prophets”? 687-688, 702-716, 743

The term “prophets” means those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfillment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament.

141. What did the Holy Spirit accomplish in John the Baptist? 717-720

The Spirit filled John the Baptist, who was the last prophet of the Old Testament. Under his inspiration John was sent to “prepare for the Lord a people well disposed” (Luke 1:17). He was to proclaim the coming of Christ, the Son of God, upon whom he saw the Spirit descend and remain, the one who “baptizes with the Spirit” (John 1:33).

143. What is the relationship between the Spirit and Christ Jesus in his earthly mission? 727-730; 745-746

MASS INTENTIONS

- May 23, 5:15 PM **Vigil Mass** + Teresa Ayala
- May 24- **SUNDAY** 9:00 AM + Claude D’Souza
 12:15 PM + Nida Donado; + William Chua Jr.
 5:30 PM + The Parishioners
- May 25, Mon, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Ann H.
 + Matias Samar
- May 26, Tues, 9:00AM Thanksgiving of B-day Sedrix
 Thanksgiving of B-day of Veronica
 Thanksgiving of Anicia Siabal
 Alls Souls in Purgatory
- May 27, Wed, 7:00PM Healing of Tony L.
 Thanksgiving B-day of Rheyven
- May 28, Thu, 9:00AM For good health of Jovita F.
 Thanksgiving of Tess & Salustiano G.
 + Roddel & Ed Perez
- May 29, Fri, 7:00PM + Cleotilde Agpaoa
 Thanksgiving of Michael Laporte
- May 30, Sat, 9:00AM CWL Thanksgiving for the 10thyr

7-day Vigil Lamp - May 23-29, 2026

- Sanctuary--- + Teresa Ayala
- Virgin Mary- + Domingo Ayala

WORD OF THE WEEK
“PENTECOST”

-Pentecost is a Christian celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus. It is celebrated on the 8th Sunday, or 50 days, after Easter Sundays.

Beginning with his Incarnation, the Son of God was consecrated in his humanity as the Messiah by means of the anointing of the Spirit. He revealed the Spirit in his teaching, fulfilled the promises made to the Fathers, and bestowed him upon the Church at its birth when he breathed on the apostles after the Resurrection.

Catechism of the Catholic Church https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html

Pope’s Prayer Intention–May 2026– That Everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



Our Patron Saint...



“O Holy Spirit, renew your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost.” St. John XXIII

St. Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau May 24th

Louis-Zephirin Moreau was born in Becancour, Quebec in 1824. The fifth of 13 children Louis-Zephirin was educated in the seminary but was initially rejected for the priesthood because of his frail health. His desire was strong, however, and his persistence resulted in his ordination in 1846. He soon became secretary for the diocese of Montreal, and later for the newly founded diocese of Saint-Hyacinthe, where he was named bishop in 1875. Popularly know as the “good Bishop Moreau,” he had compassion for the poor workers of his diocese, helping to establish the forerunners of today’s mutual societies and credit unions. He also oversaw the foundation of several religious communities. In spite of his poor health, Louis-Zephirin worked tirelessly and died in Saint-Hyacinthe in 1901. He was beautified in 1987. *(Living with Christ, May 2026 ed.)*

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

If you are interested to join, please email us at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us.” St. John XXIII

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Leo in Acerra: 'Let us take responsibility and serve life'

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Leo in Acerra: 'Let us take responsibility and serve life' - Vatican News](#)



CARDINAL LEO WRITES TO PRIME MINISTER, MPS - "I ASK YOU TO CHOOSE LIFE..."
Monday, April 20, 2026



NINE PERMANENT DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
Friday, May 22, 2026



CARDINAL FRANK LEO ORDAINS 4 MEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD
Sunday, May 10, 2026

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link above to read the full text of the news****



Announcements!!!

- ✚ Congratulations to the young boys and girls who received the sacrament of confirmation today include them in your prayer;
- ✚ **May 31st is the feast of the Holy Trinity;**
- ✚ If you are have not registered as a parishioner of St. John XXIII, we encourage you to register.



≈ Did you know??? ≈

- **Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church.**

- The first Christian celebration of the Feast of the Holy Spirit happened on the day of Pentecost – 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection. **Acts 2.1-4**
- On that day, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the disciples in Jerusalem with wind, tongues of fire, and the gift of speaking in other languages.

- **The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirits**

- **Wisdom**- the ability to see God and the world as He sees it. Helps us value what is truly important and judge correctly according to God's will.
- **Understanding**- Deep insight into the truths of faith. It helps us grasp the meaning of Scripture and God's teaching beyond mere knowledge.
- **Counsel** – The gift of good decision-making. It helps us choose what is right, especially in difficult situations and give good advice to others.
- **Knowledge**- The ability to see things as they really are in relation to God. Help us recognized the emptiness of worldly things and the value of eternal ones.
- **Piety**- Deep respect and love for God and for others as children of God. It inspires us to worship God faithfully and treat people with kindness and devotion.
- **Fortitude** – Spiritual strength and courage. It gives us the firmness to do God's will even when it is difficult, painful, or dangerous.
- **Fear of the Lord** – Not fear of punishment, but a profound sense of awe and reverence before God's greatness. It helps us avoid sin and live in loving obedience to God.

- **Symbols of the Holy Spirit:**

1. **Dove** – Peace, purity, gentleness
2. **Fire**–Purification, zeal, transformation
3. **Wind/breath** – power, life, unseen movement
4. **Water**- Cleansing, refreshments, new birth
5. **Oil**- Healing, consecration, joy
6. **Cloud/Light** – Divine presence
7. **Seal**- Ownership and protection

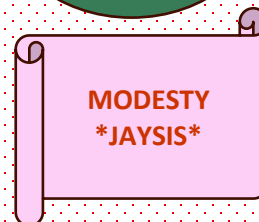
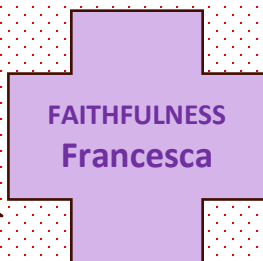
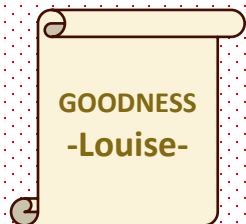
- **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

1. **Charity/Love**- Selfless, unconditional love for God and others.
2. **Joy**- Deep spiritual happiness that comes from God, not from circumstances
3. **Peace**- Inner calmness and harmony with God, even in difficult times.
4. **Patience** – The ability to endure difficulties and wait calmly.
5. **Kindness** – Compassion and generosity toward others
6. **Goodness** – Moral excellence and a desire to do good.
7. **Generosity**- A generous spirit and willingness to give freely of time, money and self.
8. **Gentleness** – Humility, mildness, and tenderness in dealing with others.
9. **Faithfulness**- Loyalty to God, keeping promises, and reliability.
10. **Modesty**- Purity thought, dress, and behaviour; humility about one's gifts.
11. **Self-Control** – Mastery over one's desires, emotions, and impulses.
12. **Chastity** – Purity in body and soul, especially in sexuality.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To our young people who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today Pentecost Sunday




Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of Your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**Send forth Your Spirit and
they shall be created, and
You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
instructed the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in His consolation.**

**Through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.**

May the Holy Spirit protect you always and may His gifts and fruits be manifested in your life as you become the person God wants you to be.

