

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | PENTECOST SUNDAY | 19 May 2024

**“Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive the sins of
any, they are forgiven
them;**



**If you retain the sins of
any, they are retained.”**

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 2nd Saturday & 3rd Sunday 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

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
CHURCH!**

**Congratulation to our candidates
who received the Sacrament of
Confirmation today!**



“When the Spirit comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you to all Truth.” John 16:13

Happy Pentecost Sunday to all our Parishioners. Pentecost is a great celebration of the Descending of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples of Christ. It is a Solemnity when 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 to the Father; **“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 reveal 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!”

The Holy Spirit empowers us, many times, 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 worshiping community, the Holy Spirit renders the “Ascended Christ” present among us, especially in the Eucharist.

May the 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 The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

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.

(to be continued)- Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

- May 18-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Randy Goertzen
- May 19- Sun 10:30AM + Aurora Edquiban + Agripino Segador
- 12:15 PM + Soledad Almaria
- 5:30 PM + The Parishioners
- May 20 - Mon, 10AM Thanksgiving of Julie Costales
- May 21 -Tue, 9 AM + Gregorio & Elena Cabungcal
- May 22 -Wed, 7 PM + Jesus Labrador
- May 23 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving B-day Pedro Rivera
- May 24 -Fri, 7 PM + Felisa Tolentino
- May 25 -Sat, 9 AM Thanksgiving Bday Sedrix Adriel

7-day Candle Offering-May 18-May 24, 2024

- Sanctuary--- +Teresa Ayala
- Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
- Chapel ---- +Lerma Ayala

WORD OF THE WEEK

New 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.

7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- Wisdom, Understanding,
- Counsel, Fortitude,
- Knowledge, Piety,
- Fear of God

12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

- Charity, Joy, Peace,
- Patience, Kindness, Goodness,
- Generosity, Gentleness, Faith,
- Modesty, Self Control, Chastity

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -May 2024 - FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGION & SEMINARIANS

"We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."



Our Patron Saint...



"God desires us to follow the examples of the saints by absorbing the vital sap of their virtues and turning it into our own life-blood, adapting it to our own individual capacities and particular circumstances." St. John XXIII

St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Pray for us.

Born Catherine, Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi was born into a prominent family in Florence in 1566. Rejecting her parents' proposed suitors, she convinced her family of her religious vocation and at 17 became a Carmelite nun. Her biography, compiled by her confessor, gives a detailed account of her intense spiritual journey with its periods of desolation and ecstasy. Mary Magdalene had the gifts of prophecy and healing. She died in 1607 and her uncorrupted body is enshrined in the convent church. *Living with Christ, May 2024 edition*

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope at Audience: Charity is the work of the Holy Spirit in us

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-at-audience-charity-is-the-work-of-the-holy-spirit-in-us.html>



AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO HAVE FUN, GROW IN FAITH THIS SUMMER
Monday, May 13, 2024



FIVE MEN ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
Monday, May 13, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL DURING CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
Friday, May 10, 2024



ARCHBISHOP LEO'S MESSAGE FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE 2024
Tuesday, May 07, 2024

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **If you are new to the parish and live around the area, we encourage you to register as a Parishioner of this parish. Fill up the parish registration form and submit to the office;**
- **Last Saturday May 11th, five new priests were ordained by Bishop Francis Leo. Please include them in your prayer;**
- **The Year of Prayer, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event.**

