

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | PENTECOST SUNDAY | 28 May 2023



**"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"**



**Saturday Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00pm**  
**Sunday Mass – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm**

**Weekdays:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

**Baptism** - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2024 is in the months of  
September and October 2023

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 &  
up registration for 2024 is on October and  
November 2023

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment

**Parish School-**

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MAY

-the month of  
Mother Mary-



Let us offer a  
prayer for all  
young people.

### *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

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**  
**TO OUR 26 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED THE**  
**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF**  
**THE CHURCH (May 29)**



***"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)

Happy Pentecost Sunday to all our Parishioners. Pentecost is a great celebration of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. It is a Solemnity where 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 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 Worshipping Community, the Holy Spirit renders the "Ascended Christ" present among us, and in the Eucharist.

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



**– Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church-**

**136. What does the Church mean when she confesses: “I believe in the Holy Spirit”? (Par 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.

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

May 27 – Saturday, 5:15PM Vigil Mass –  
The Parishioners  
May 28 – Sunday 9:00 AM +Emeterio M.  
12:15 PM + Rebecca & Rodolfo D.  
5:30 PM + Belinda C. & +Dennis E.  
May 29– Mon, 7 PM +Jose L.  
May 30 – Tue, 9 AM For good health of Amanda  
Thanksgiving of Luis C.  
May 31–Wed,7PM +Apolonia M.  
Jun 01 – Thu, 9AM + Especiosa L. & Eulalia N.  
+ Rodolfo M.  
Jun 02 – Fri, 7PM Increase in Vocation  
Jun 03 – Sat,9AM Thanksgiving of Elsie A.  
+Deling, +Sofronio, + Susana F.  
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Memorial Lamp - Sanctuary & Chapel \* Virgin Mary  
- Thanksgiving of Vi Hughes

**PENTECOST**

Fifty days after the Resurrection at Pentecost the glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so that the Holy Trinity was fully manifest. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.

*“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 liturgy, Troparion of Vespers of Pentecost).

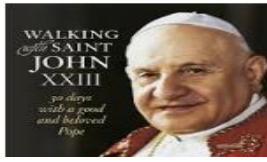
The Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, he restores to the baptized the divine likeness that was lost through sin and causes them to live in Christ the very life of the Holy Trinity. He sends them forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and he organizes them in their respective functions so that all might bear “the fruit of the Spirit” (Gal 5:22).

<https://www.vatican.va/>

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention –May 2023 - For Church movements and groups**

**We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.”**



**Our Patron Saint..**

*“The light of the Holy Spirit breaks forth from the first words of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.... The intense movement of the divine Spirit precedes and accompagnies the evangelizers and breaks into the souls of those who listen, while extending the confines of the Catholic Church to the ends of the earth, allowing her to traverse all the centuries of history” (Discorsi Messaggi Colloqui del S. Padre Giovanni XXIII, II, p. 398).”*

[3 June 2001: Solemnity of Pentecost | John Paul II \(vatican.va\)](#)

**Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mary, the Mother of the Church was instituted by Pope Francis on February 11, 2018- the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Lourdes. The title “Mother of the Church” was bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary during the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI who declared that “The Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles.” This movable feast is observed on the Monday following Pentecost and takes precedence over other memorials which may fall on the same day.

*Living with Christ May 2023 issue- Novalis*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Christopher; Vania; Sean; James; Isaiah; Mary Lady; Paige; Rhea; Tristan; Chelsea; Ayra; Austin; Kyla; Sergio; Adrian; Dominic; Esther; Adrin M.; Keon; Valery; Adrian Gilbert; Andre; Trishtine; Arrianah; Haleigh; Miguel**

**DO YOU KNOW ...?**

1. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?
2. Who is the third person in the Trinity?
3. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
4. The Holy Spirit is symbolized as, give at least three?
5. What is the Responsorial Psalm at the feast of the Holy Spirit?
6. Fill in the missing words from the Gospel Acclamation- “Come \_\_\_\_\_, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_. Alleluia
7. What did Jesus say when he appeared to the apostles in the evening when he rose from the dead?
7. When He breathed on them, what did He say to them?

**Answer on last week:** 1. Ascension; 2. Psalm 47; 3. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”; 4. Paul prayed that the Father of glory, give them a spirit of wisdom and enlighten them of the glorious inheritance; 5. Disciples, with, you; 6. 11 disciples; 7. A) Go and make disciples; B) Baptize them in the name of the Father, of the Son & of the Holy Spirit; C) Teach them to obey His commandments.

**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
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Shrine Apostolate Icon of Our Lady

*If you are interested to join, please email us at [stjohn23do@archtoronto.org](mailto: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

**GOOD NEWS:**

- The Sunday Liturgy for the kids is coming back this June. Please bring your kids in the 12:15pm Sunday Mass;
- The Seniors Group breakfast will return too next month and it will be held every last Thursday of the month;

**JOIN AND HAVE FUN!!!**