

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

“The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven”



Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, *Receive the Holy Spirit!* (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to *wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high* (Luke 24:49). Why did they need *power from on high*? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

"And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:32, 33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

"And Jesus, *full of the Holy Spirit*, returned from the Jordan, and was *led by the Spirit* for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the *power of the Spirit* into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14).

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZBuk3g-bhw?>

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on Fridays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/exposition-of-the-blessed-sacrament-and-adoration-tickets-130608933837>

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 24 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, MAY 25 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Edgardo Angulo

S.I. Zony Mercado

S.I. In Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, MAY 27 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the Most

Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, MAY 28 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Miguel Carvalho

SATURDAY, MAY 29 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUN., MAY 30 – SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

S.I. Parish Community

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Every weekend while the provincial “Stay-at-Home” order persists, Communion Services will be held on Saturday evening and on Sunday during the times when our regular Sunday Masses would normally be celebrated. Those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions are strongly encouraged to remain home. No public Masses are taking place at this time. The dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist remains.

Each Communion Service can only accommodate 8 people, in addition to an usher and the presiding priest or deacon. Registration is required in order to attend a Communion Service. Walk-ins are not permitted. Please register on our parish website as you have done in the past.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room of the church.

PRAYER GROUP VIDEO SERIES

Join Deacon Don and the Prayer group on Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursdays, for a new video series. “Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told” is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley. All are welcome. To get the Zoom link please contact Deacon Don at ddroberts828@yahoo.ca



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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
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WATCH
TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 3 ST. PHILIP NERI
This week we celebrate St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome. To a Rome ravaged by war and weakened by the decadence of the Renaissance popes, St. Philip Neri came as an unlikely reformer: Mystic, hermit, prankster, and effortless leader of men, Neri had a great sense of humor and an even greater heart.

LEARN
FORMED NOW: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN LIGHT OF PENTECOST
This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Fr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Ales as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.

LISTEN
THE HOLY SPIRIT: THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY BY FR. SHANNON
In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers and how this "sweet guest of our soul" seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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ROSARY CELEBRATION

As an act of prayerful devotion in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Damian, Deacon Don and Deacon Richard will lead a Rosary Celebration on Sunday, May 30th, beginning at 4:00pm, in the church. All four sets of mysteries of the Holy Rosary - Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous - will be prayed, and hymns will be sung. Families are encouraged to participate from home by joining the live broadcast on our parish YouTube channel. The event will be uploaded so you can participate at a later time if you prefer.