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June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday

GOSPEL VERSE, JN 20:19-23:

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



Pentecost

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After

His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

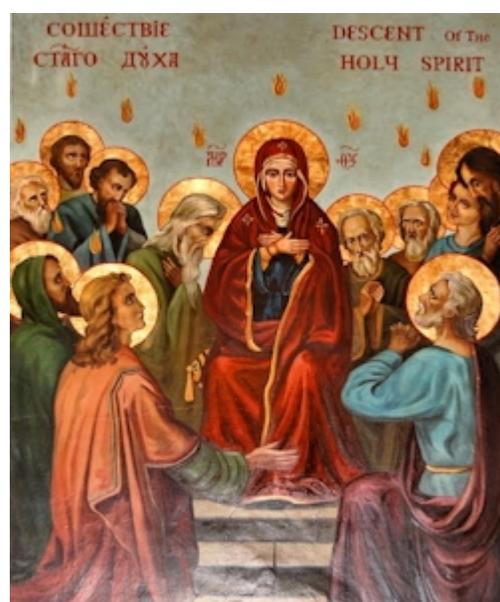
The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These

fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvelous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy. . . . Then the apostle pointed his words more directly against the accusers: they had killed Jesus, had nailed Him to the Cross; but God had awakened Him and after His departure to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit.



The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

Sacrament of Baptism
please call the office:
Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei

Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB 902) 535-2699
Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011
Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date.
Call Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia to register for upcoming courses 902-849-4772. Ask for Tasia Boucher, tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

Note: The General Assembly of the priests of the Diocese of Antigonish will take place from Monday, June 6 to Tuesday, June 7 at 11:00AM.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, June 10, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Saturday, June 11, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Anne Marie Cameron

Sunday, June 12, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Alma Burke

SP 10:30 AM

+ Josephine LeRue

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

May 28, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 785.25

Candles 25.50

Total \$ 810.75

St. John the Baptist

Upcoming Events

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Love in the Kitchen: A Recipe for Holiness

The dinner table and the kitchen aren't just for making memories – they're where saints are created. This Corpus Christi weekend, June 18-19, Chalice is inviting everyone, from aspiring chefs to those who just like to eat (or enjoy a drink!), to a free online event, Love in the Kitchen: A Recipe for Holiness. Discover why our Catholic faith should have a place at every meal. Register today at chaliceevents.org/love-in-the-kitchen. Bon Appétit!

For more information: chalice.ca

'Mama's Faith'

A tribute to mothers and their faith in stories and song.

June 19, 4 pm (Atlantic time)

Virtual Nationwide Rosary for the Family

In preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF), the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting a live and nationwide Rosary for the Family via Zoom Webinar. The virtual event will be facilitated by several families from across the country. It is the hope that this moment will be an opportunity to gather at the national level in prayer as well as to witness alongside other faith-filled families.

To register for the Zoom event:

https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R5OXeN5DRSuTDN6quptG4w

June 24

Global Rosary Relay for Priests

Worldpriest is inviting you once again to join us on June 24 (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) in the Global Rosary Relay to pray and offer the Holy Rosary for our Beloved Priests. On this special day, the entire globe will be united in prayer for our Priests. Last year, Canada won a special award from Worldpriest for Outstanding Participation and Promotion of the Global Rosary Relay. We are hoping to multiply our numbers even more this year.

You may pray the Holy Rosary in your home, gather in your parish church, as a prayer group, etc.

For more information about Worldpriest/The Global Rosary Relay, please see:

www.worldpriest.com

If you are interested in joining us, please contact:

Isabel Gillis (Canadian Worldpriest Representative)

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902-870-3831

Now Open for the Season:

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

Gift Shop, Mabou

The gift shop is now open daily from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Hours for the gift shop will be extended as of June 1 to 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Shrine has been open for visitation throughout the winter, and remains open daily for visitation.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you again.

Inquiries: 902-945-2221

What Does Love Look Like?

From our Diocesan Council for Development & Peace

Because all things are interconnected, each action, each gesture of kindness and

of love throughout our lives reaches out to the ends of the universe. And God sees that it is good.

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see the misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of people. That is what love looks like. Saint Augustine

The objective of the Orientation Assembly is a gathering of members, partners, allies, staff and experts to discuss priorities and direction of the National Council.

Development and Peace's Orientation Assemblies are held at least every five years. **From June 16 to 19, 2022 the Assembly will take place at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia**

The Assembly is the culmination of the consultation process by which it is informed. This process started with an open invitation to all those interested in Development and Peace's mission to share reflections by participating in a survey on the Signs of the Times and the direction in which direction they point the Organization. The consultation process continues progressively with staff, partner and all organizations, Diocesan Councils, the Youth movement, the regional assemblies and regional Episcopal assemblies.

Please take a moment to offer a prayer to our Creator God asking for Gods' Presence to be actively alive in this 2022 Orientation Assembly, in those from the east and to the west of Canada – to feel that every effort is done to support our Neighbors in the Global South.

You can access Development & Peace Share Year Round at www.devp.org