

## St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes

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# Pentecost Sunday

## May 19, 2024



### **Pentecost Sunday**

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

## **Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

**Please call the office:  
902-535-2053**

### **Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**SJB**

**4:00 PM**

**Mass For the Living**

**♥*Mary Claire Richard***

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

**SP**

**9:00 AM**

**+*Agnes Johnson***

**Friday, May 24, 2024**

**HGA**

**11:00 AM**

**+ *Ann Briand***

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

**SP 11:00 AM**

***Memorial Mass for +Rev. Gregory Sampson***

**SJB 4:00 PM**

***+ Catherine Boudreau***

**SP 5:30 PM**

***+Kemp Larade***

**Sunday May 26, 2024**

**SH 9:30 AM**

**HGA 11:00 AM**

***+Bea, John McGrath & deceased family members***

**Receipts:**

**St. John the Baptist**

**May 4, 2024**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 832.00
Donations	500.00
Cemetery	120.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,452.00</u></b>

**St. John the Baptist**

**May 11, 2024**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 934.00
Cemetery	70.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,004.00</u></b>

**Holy Guardian Angels**

**May 5, 2024**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 625.70
Candles	48.75
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 674.45</u></b>

**Holy Guardian Angels**

**May 12, 2024**

Envelopes & Loose	\$887.25
Candles	35.35
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$922.60</u></b>

## St. Peter's

May 5, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,270.65
Candles	8.00
Parish Dues	399.00
Initial Offering	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,682.65</u></b>

## St. Peter's

May 12, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$564.50
Candles	18.00
Parish Dues	85.00
Maintenance	345.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,012.50</u></b>

## Community News

**COMFORT TEA ... Come For Tea:** We all experience many types of losses throughout our lives. To promote awareness of the impact of grief, you are invited to join us for a beverage and sweets. You may bring a friend, photo, memento, memory, or experience to share or just be with others who understand. 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at the Louisdale Lions Hall, 3128 Whiteside Road, Louisdale, N.S. Sponsored by the Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All are welcome.

**SP:** The Altar Society would like to thank the ladies who came to our church general cleaning last week, we appreciate your willingness to help, well done!! The draw for our **Spring Gift Card Basket** valued well over \$700.00 took place at evening Mass, the winner was **Eleanor MacNeil, congratulations!!!!** Many thanks to all who purchased tickets, the ticket sellers, to the gift card donors, a job well done, this being one of our major fundraisers. The celebration of First Communion took place on May 4th, our communicants did a great job with the procession and Crowning of our Blessed Mother, and their song presentation. Congratulations to the teachers, parents, helpers who prepared the candidates, Doris Carter, Judy Madden a big **Thank you!!!** Altar Society presented each candidate with a Prayer book, rosary, scapular, remembrance pin.

### **Conscience Protection for Nova Scotia Doctors**

Imagine a healthcare system where death is considered a therapeutic treatment. Imagine being a Christian doctor in that system. Imagine being told by your medical regulator that you are abandoning your patient if you don't make arrangements for them to get an assessment for euthanasia. That healthcare system is in Nova Scotia today. The Nova Scotia medical regulator has a policy that forces physicians to refer patients for euthanasia and other controversial procedures. Thirty courageous Christian physicians have told Nova Scotia's medical regulator

that they cannot abide by this policy. When they are at their most vulnerable, people may choose euthanasia if they don't have suitable options to live. We need physicians who will go the extra mile to ensure their patients are connected with the support and services they need. Nova Scotia's physicians are too important to patient care to be sacrificed for the sake of an unnecessary policy. Write the Nova Scotia regulator today to tell them you want this policy to be changed: <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>

**Chalice** is coming to East Richmond County Parishes! Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.