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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020

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



The Feast of Pentecost pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but in the hearts of believers. The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles. Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church. We are people born of water and spirit.

PENTECOSTE

I frutti dello Spirito Santo sono la misericordia, il perdono e la pace. Chi non ha lo spirito del Signore non sarà mai una persona di pace e capace di perdonare. Chiediamo al Signore di dare anche a noi gli stessi benefici che lo Spirito Santo diede agli apostoli quando discese su di essi, riuniti in preghiera insieme a Maria nel cenacolo. Il dono di farsi capire nell'unico e con l'unico linguaggio del vangelo come un vento che porta la buona notizia di vita e speranza. Sia questa la nostra comune preghiera in questo giorno di festa in cui lo Spirito Santo porta vita nel cuore degli uomini: "O Padre, che nel mistero della Pentecoste santificasti la tua Chiesa in ogni popolo e nazione, diffondi sino ai confini della terra i doni dello Spirito Santo, e continua oggi, nella comunità dei credenti, i prodigi che hai operato agli inizi della predicazione del Vangelo". Amen.



Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English)

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

Church & Hall at one level:

Wheelchair & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: 768-9368





Reflections for the Pentecost Sunday

"It will always be Pentecost in the Church," affirmed Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "provided the Church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the Church ceases to let her strength rest on the Power from above which Christ promised her and which he gave her on that day, and when the Church leans rather on the weak forces of

the power or wealth of this earth, then the Church ceases to be newsworthy. The Church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her, and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life." Archbishop Romero's declaration reminds us - as does today's Gospel -- that Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the Church is a field of dry, dead bones. The Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's *chosen people*, we often behave more like God's *frozen people*-frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our Faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit."

**"Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. AMEN."**

We need to be Spirit-filled Christians: Spirit-filled people acknowledge their weaknesses, ask for the strengthening, anointing, and guidance of the Holy Spirit every morning, ask for His forgiveness every evening, and pass on that forgiveness to those who sin against them. Spirit-filled people are praying for people. Paul encourages us, "Pray on every occasion as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray for all God's people" (Eph 6:18). They are praying and worshipping God in their families and parishes. They try to grow continually in their Faith, and they seek out every opportunity to discover Christ and what it means to be children of God. Spirit-filled people are people who allow the Spirit to change their lives through their daily reading of the Bible and their frequenting of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Spirit-filled people speak words that heal, restore, make people happy, and build people up instead of tearing them down. Spirit-filled people pass on the love of God to the people living around them by their acts of kindness, mercy, and charity. Hence, let us ask the Holy Spirit for a spirit of love instead of hate, a spirit of helpfulness instead of non-cooperation, a spirit of generosity instead of greed, and a spirit of gentleness in place of our spirit of ruthlessness.

We need to cultivate the spirit of forgiveness: The feast of the Pentecost offers us the chance to look at the role that forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. Thus, we are challenged to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance, and magnanimity. Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness. (Fr. Antony Kadavil)

UPDATES ON CHURCH CLOSURE: Unfortunately, all churches will continue to be closed until the end of June or until our government gives us a plan to reopen. Please continue to follow Mass on the internet, through our diocesan website www.dotb.ca May Mary, Our Lady of Charity, pray for us.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY: We regret to announce that this special feast that our parish celebrates every year HAS BEEN CANCELLED. We encourage you to pray to our St. Anthony. "O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (your request _____). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle, even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. We encourage you to pray at home for the assistance of St. Anthony." 13 Our Fathers, Hail Mary's & Glory Be.

CONFIRMATION: please visit our WEBSITE

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAM is posted on the church website to replace the sessions that were cancelled. The children are asked to complete the program at home with their parents to prepare for First Holy Communion. Please view our website for more information. www.stanthonysparish.ca

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SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 715.00
Thank you to all Parishioners & friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!

*Please continue to pray
for all those affected
by the coronavirus.
Stay safe, we will get through
this difficult time with the help of our
Blessed Mother.*



DIOCESAN EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PASTORAL CENTRE OFFICE: is CLOSED until further notice due to the rules of the Ontario government. They will respond to telephone calls and e-mails to the best of their ability.

For further updates please visit the Diocese of Thunder Bay Website: www.dotb.ca

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ALTHOUGH CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED, FR. LUIGI WILL SAY MASS (IN PRIVATE) AND MENTION & PRAY FOR ALL INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS June 1—7, 2020

Monday, June 1

All Parishioners
Franco Daniele

9:00am English

Pastor
Family

Tuesday, June 2

Franco & Tony DeVuono

7:00pm Italian

Gilda

Wednesday, June 3

Donato D'Angelo
Pasquale Bossio
Giuseppe & Mario Arella

7:00pm English

Italia & Family
Vanda & Family
Maria

Thursday, June 4

Marcello & Domenico Donato
Lucia Bucciarelli

7:00pm Italian

Family
M. DiCasimiro

Friday, June 5

All Souls

7:00pm English

Parishioner

Saturday, June 6

Gloria Santa & Antonio Lombardo & Deceased Family Franca
Guerino D'Angelo G. & L. D'Angelo
Mike Ferrari Wife & Children
Luisa & Rosario Larizza Children
Riccardo, Lidia & Alessandro Cava B. Cava
Silvio Ambrose B. & E. Melchiorre
Giulia Daniele S. Sgromo
Immacolata Belluso M. & J. Molina

5:00pm

Sunday, June 7

The Most Holy Trinity

9:00am

Nicola & Rachele Palermo & Costantino & Angelina Rubino A. DeGrazia
Carmine DeVuono Wife & Children
San Franco di Assergi S. Sacchetti
Giovatta Menis Family

11:00am

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Pastor

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