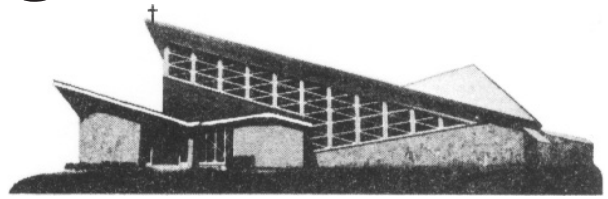


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
 Tues., Wed., Thurs.
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY —	Saturday	5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
SPANISH MASS —	Sunday	2:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES —	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	8:20 a.m.
	Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.)	7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

On first Friday of each month following morning mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

PARISH REGISTRATION — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

INFANT BAPTISMS — It is highly recommended that parents contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program. Baptisms generally take place one Sunday per month at 3:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

VISITATION OF THE SICK — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

BULLETIN DEADLINE — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Greetings to all of you!



Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Today comes to fulfillment into our hearts the Paschal Mystery of Jesus. We have been celebrating for 50 days the Resurrection of Christ and today the new life that comes from this event enters into our hearts so that we may be transformed, and may receive fullness of life. In front of the uncertainty of how long this period of isolation will last, it is easy to feel discouraged and to give up. It is easy to feel annoyed because we cannot plan any holidays and we miss being around other people, especially we miss coming to Church and receiving communion. The Lord sends us the Holy Spirit into our hearts in order that we can live at peace day by day experiencing his constant help and support. Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit so that we may receive new life! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and renew the face of the earth!

Pope Francis on Pentecost Sunday 2013:

Today we contemplate and re-live in the liturgy the outpouring of the Holy Spirit sent by the risen Christ upon his Church; an event of grace which filled the Upper Room in Jerusalem and then spread throughout the world.

But what happened on that day, so distant from us and yet so close as to touch the very depths of our hearts? Luke gives us the answer in the passage of the Acts of the Apostles which we have heard (2:1-11). The evangelist brings us back to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where the apostles were gathered. The first element which draws our attention is the sound which suddenly came from heaven like the rush of a violent wind, and filled the house; then the tongues as of fire which divided and came to rest on each of the apostles. Sound and tongues of fire: these are clear, concrete signs which touch the apostles not only from without but also within: deep in their minds and hearts. As a result, all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, who unleashed his irresistible power with amazing consequences: they all began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. A completely unexpected scene opens up before our eyes: a great crowd gathers, astonished because each one heard the apostles speaking in his own language. They all experience something new, something which had never happened before: We hear them, each of us, speaking our own language. And what is it that they are they speaking about? Gods deeds of power.

In the light of this passage from Acts, I would like to reflect on three words linked to the working of the Holy Spirit: newness, harmony and mission.

1. Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, programme and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness and change, and demands our complete trust: Noah, mocked by all, builds an ark and is saved; Abram leaves his land with only a promise in hand; Moses stands up to the might of Pharaoh and leads his people to freedom; the apostles, huddled fearfully in the Upper Room, go forth with courage to proclaim the Gospel. This is not a question of novelty for novelty sake, the search for something new to relieve our boredom, as is so often the case in our own day. The newness which God brings into our life is something that actually brings fulfilment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good. Let us ask ourselves: Are we open to Gods surprises? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which Gods newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new?

2. A second thought: the Holy Spirit would appear to create disorder in the Church, since he brings the diversity of charisms and gifts; yet all this, by his working, is a great source of wealth, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which does not mean uniformity, but which leads everything back to harmony. In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit who creates harmony. One of Fathers of the Church has an expression which I love: the Holy Spirit himself is harmony *Ipse harmonia est*. Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality and multiplicity, while at the same time building unity. Here too, when we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and other, we bring division. When we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization. But if instead we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, richness, variety and diversity never become a source of conflict, because he impels us to experience variety within the communion of the Church. Journeying together in the Church, under the guidance of her pastors who possess a special charism and ministry, is a sign of the working of the Holy Spirit. Having a sense of the Church is something fundamental for every Christian, every community and every movement. It is the Church which brings Christ to me, and me to Christ; parallel journeys are dangerous! When we venture beyond (proagon) the Church's teaching and community, and do not remain in them, we are not one with the God of Jesus Christ (cf. 2 Jn 9). So let us ask ourselves: Am I open to the harmony of the Holy Spirit, overcoming every form of exclusivity? Do I let myself be guided by him, living in the Church and with the Church?

3. A final point. The older theologians used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat, the Holy Spirit is the wind which fills its sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind are the gifts of the Spirit. Lacking his impulse and his grace, we do not go forward. The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God and saves us from the threat of a Church which is gnostic and self-referential, closed in on herself; he impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the Gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ. The Holy Spirit is the soul of mission. The events that took place in Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago are not something far removed from us; they are events which affect us and become a lived experience in each of us. The Pentecost of the

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Upper Room in Jerusalem is the beginning, a beginning which endures. The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles, yet he wants that gift to reach everyone. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus says: I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to remain with you forever (Jn 14:16). It is the Paraclete Spirit, the Comforter, who grants us the courage to take to the streets of the world,

I invite you to pray slowly today the Sequence of Pentecost to be aware of his presence in our lives:

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height. Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor, Come, with treasures which endure; Come, thou Light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, Light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill.
If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away.
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore, Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend.
Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.
Amen. Alleluia.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, your servant and your Pastor
Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor
Carlos Torres, Seminarian

Confession appointments are scheduled anytime upon request. Social distancing is respected as the confession takes place in the offices of Fr. Francisco and Fr. Mike. Please call (905) 668-3676.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! When our parish reopens for Mass, we will experience a different way of celebrating the mass together. It's likely there will be fewer parishioners scattered in the pews wearing masks and gloves, however, the touch point surfaces in the church will need to be sanitized between masses. We are looking for 12 volunteers per each mass that is held, to help wipe down the pews and other surfaces before the next mass begins. Please email us! sje.whitby@sympatico.ca



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+Carol Blyberg

req. by Brian & Gail McMonagle

Wed. Jun 3 – 9:00am

+Bryan McEachen

req. by His Family

+Anna Findlay

req. by The Conboy Family

Int. for Fred Vanroon

req. by The Vanroon Family

+Jim Dashney Sr. & Jim Dashney Jr.

req. by Their Family

+Steven Ingram

req. by His Family

Thur. Jun 4 – 9:00am

+Jess Cabrias

req. by The McKeown Family

Fri. Jun 5 – 9:00am

+Richard Reilly

req. by His Family

WE WILL CONTINUE ROSARY WILL AFTER MASS IN JUNE

REMINDER!

Tuesday evening Lectio Divina at 7pm on Zoom!
We reflect on the Sunday Gospel and readings.

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Go to News & Events and scroll down for the forms

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Father(s) Francisco and Mike will gladly light a candle with your requested prayer intention at the designated candlestands. The 5-day candles are \$5.00 per candle and the 15-hour votives are \$2.00 per candle. The Sanctuary candle is \$10. Please drop off your candle donation(s), with an enclosed note for your prayer intention, and the specific candle stand you wish to light a candle from. Thank you!

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