

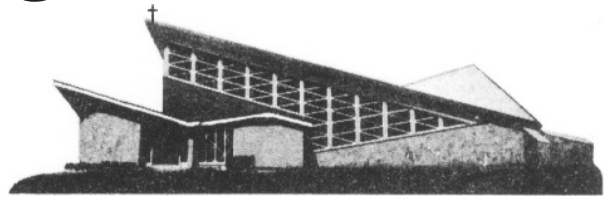
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Fri - Closed Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
Wed.
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.

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



From the Pastor's Desk

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday, the Solemnity of Pentecost. Fifty days after His Resurrection, Christ sends the disciples the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The feast of Pentecost was originally celebrated to commemorate the giving of the Law to the people of Israel on Mount Sinai. The disciples, together with the Virgin Mary, were gathered together in Jerusalem on occasion of this feast. The Holy Spirit came upon them through tongues of fire and a strong wind coming down from Heaven. It means that the Lord Jesus was giving them a new heart of flesh, instead of their heart of stone, able to fulfill the new law of love in their lives. The fruit of receiving the Holy Spirit was that they were united with each other and filled with zeal to announce the Good News everywhere. Let us open our hearts to the coming of the Holy Spirit. He comes to fill us with the fullness of the new life of the Resurrection of Christ. He comes to transform our hearts so that we can be filled with patience, gentleness, joy, peace, charity and much more! The Holy Spirit comes to share with us fullness of life and peace. He just needs our disposition and readiness so that in Him we may receive abundant life.

As a reminder, Lectio Divina on Tuesdays at 7pm, we meditate on the Sunday readings by zoom. If you wish to know the zoom link, please call the parish office. I encourage you also to receive communion on the weekends by reserving your ticket for Communion services on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm, Sundays from 10:30 am to noon, and 3pm to 4:30pm. You can reserve your ticket by going to our website starting Thursday mornings at 10am. I also encourage you to follow the mass online every day at 9am and Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 9am and 2pm in Spanish. We are going to get a lot out of it. If you need to avail of the sacrament of Confession and experience the life-giving mercy of Jesus Christ, please call the parish office to make an appointment. It is essential that we experience the mercy of God for us in the midst of our struggles and difficulties.

May God continue to fill you with hope and peace during the Easter Season! Please keep praying for me and I pray for all of you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily, Pentecost

On the first reading of today's Liturgy, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is compared to "the rush of a violent wind" (Acts 2:2). What does this image tell us? It makes us think of a powerful force that is not an end in itself, but effects change. Wind in fact brings change: warmth when it is cold, cool when it is hot, rain when the land is parched... this is way it brings change. The Holy Spirit, on a very different level, does the same. He is *the divine force that changes the world*. The Sequence reminded us of this: the Spirit is "in toil, comfort sweet; solace in the midst of woe". And so we beseech him: "Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of guilt away". The Spirit enters into situations and transforms them. He changes *hearts* and he changes *situations*.

The Holy Spirit changes hearts. Jesus had told his disciples: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). That is exactly what happened. Those disciples, at first fearful, huddled behind closed doors even after the Master's resurrection, are transformed by the Spirit and, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "they bear witness to him" (cf. Jn 15:27). No longer hesitant, they are courageous and starting from Jerusalem, they go forth to the ends of the earth. Timid while Jesus was still among them, they are bold when he is gone, because the Spirit changed their hearts.

The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear. He overcomes all resistance. To those content with half-measures, he inspires whole-hearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed. He impels the comfortable to go out and serve. He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts. Plenty of people promise change, new beginnings, prodigious renewals, but experience teaches us that no earthly attempt to change reality can ever completely satisfy the human heart. Yet the change that the Spirit brings is different. It does not revolutionize life around us, but changes our hearts. It does not free us from the weight of our problems, but liberates us *within* so that we can face them. It does not give us everything at once, but makes us press on confidently, never growing weary of life. The Spirit keeps our hearts young – a renewed youth. Youth, for all our attempts to prolong it, sooner or later fades away; the Spirit, instead, prevents the only kind of aging that is unhealthy: namely, growing old within. How does he do this? By renewing our hearts, by pardoning sinners. Here is the great change: from guilty he makes us righteous and thus changes everything. From slaves of sin we become free, from servants we become beloved children, from worthless worthy, from disillusioned filled with hope. By the working of the Holy Spirit, joy is reborn and peace blossoms in our hearts.

Today, then, let us learn what to do when we are in need of real change. And who among us does not need a change? Particularly when we are downcast, wearied by life's burdens, oppressed by our own weakness, at those times when it is hard to keep going and loving seems impossible. In those moments, we need a powerful "jolt": the Holy Spirit, the power of God. In the Creed we profess that he is the "giver of life". How good it would be for us each day to feel this jolt of life! To say when we wake up each morning: "Come, Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my day".

(May 20, 2018)

Sunday Offertory & Renovation Giving

<https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/>

Envelopes can be mailed in or dropped off at the parish office mail slot at the bottom of the left side of the office door. Pre-Authorized Giving is highly recommended! Forms are now on the new and improved website!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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Conference
BUNDLE WEEKEND
June 19/20, 2021



Our conference at St. John's will be holding a Bundle Weekend Collection drive to serve our neighbours in need living in the Durham community. A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend June 19/20 accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, mattresses, used baby equipment.

Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am. A member of the conference will assist you with your donation. Thank you!

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR INDIA

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

-Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:
www.archtoronto.org

-By phone through the Development Office
 - 416-934-3411

-Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St John the Evangelist Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief



Masses For The Week

Sat May 22 – 5:00pm

+Bobby Graham & Judy Tayeb Graham
req. by Gail & Leanne Stewart

Mon May 24 – 9:00am

+Sandra Hickey
req. by Mary Louise LaBarre

Tues May 25 – 9:00am

Special Intention
req. by Aleida & Peter Vanroon

Wed. May 26 – 9:00am

+Antoon & Truus vanGalen
req. by Aleida & Peter Vanroon

Thur. May 27 – 9:00am

+Robert Vanroon
req. by Aleida & Peter Vanroon

Fri. May 28 – 9:00am

+Sheila Larkin
req. by Pat McDonald

Sat May 29 – 5:00pm

+Adele O'Connell
req. by The Newman Family

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Monday May 24th is Victoria Day Holiday. The office and church are closed.

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

Mass is online at 9am.

Click on Watch Mass online from our

website

<https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/>

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

1. **Wisdom:** helps us judge what is important, meaningful, purposeful, etc.
2. **Understanding:** to know something is different from truly understanding it. ...
3. **Counsel:** helps us differentiate between right and wrong.
4. **Fortitude:** courage and endurance.
5. **Knowledge:** helps us to know God.
6. **Piety:** proper reverence for God, helps us obey God out of love.
7. **Fear of the Lord:** proper disdain for sin and awe of God's goodness and love.



Prayer for Pentecost

Breathe in my O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy
 Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work too, may be holy
 Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy

Strengthen in me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy
 Guard me then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
 Amen.

St. Augustine

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