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New Parishioner ☐ Envelopes ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐

The action of the Holy Spirit at **Pentecost** was not a one-off experience at the birth of Christianity, for the same Spirit breathes life into the church in every age and continues to do so in our times. While God has sent the Holy Spirit as his first gift to those who believe to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace, his influence is not restricted to places of worship nor confined to the hearts of good living people. Everybody has access to the Holy Spirit and that includes people who are not religious. "The Spirit breathes where he wills." Provided we leave ourselves open to give God room and make space for him, the Spirit will enter our being and offer us a new vision of the future.

The message of Pentecost is that we are not alone. God is with us on our journey to the kingdom. At the Last Supper, he promised that he would not leave his disciples desolate. He sent them the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day. Neither will he abandon us. Today we ask God to come into our lives and to strengthen us with his Spirit so that we will be his voice where the sick need healing, the hungry need feeding and the distressed need comforting.

"Holy Spirit, make your home in my heart, today and every day."

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of **Reginald Kingsford**
Tuesday	Soul of **José & Raquel LaCaria**
	Soul of **Joan Lookhong**
Wednesday	Soul of **Helen Sartor**
Thursday	Soul of **Richard Farrell**
Friday	Soul of **Carmen Butcher**

Please pray for the sick in our community,
especially: Tony da Camara Jr., Jairus Papio, Ashling Reilly, Nicholas Lepone, Marita Salvosa, Mary Holt, Angie Cappriccio, Austin Delaney, Edana Pelliccione, Angela Missaghian, and baby Rebecca Grace Silva

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
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Living Pentecost

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the Church, God's third revelatory move in his plan of salvation. Being our birthday, we can expect to receive gifts and God has saved the best for last, his Holy Spirit. As with all gifts, they must be received and this can be done in 4 steps. When we receive a gift from another, first we have to focus on the giver. This is done through prayer and encounter just as Jesus prayed before receiving the Holy Spirit following his Baptism. Through reflection and prayer, we look over our lives and recognize our brokenness and need of a Saviour. This is exemplified by the two disciples on their way to Emmaus where they realized that Jesus is the one they had hoped for.

Second, we have to be still enough to receive what is being offered and have to ask for the coming of the Holy Spirit and trust what God is offering us, letting the Holy Spirit enter all the rooms of our hearts, keeping no door closed. This involves a commitment of time and attention and to simply receive the love of God without having to earn it.

The third step is to become familiar with the gift received. Just as a child spends an immense amount of time with a gift becoming familiar with it, we are called to spend time with the gift of God's Spirit and dwell with it before bringing it to the world. Similarly, Jesus took the gift of the Spirit into the desert where he realized its great power in overcoming darkness and temptation.

In her apparitions in Medjugorje, Mary encourages fasting on bread and water on Wednesdays and Fridays (the days before and after the Lord's Supper) so that we may realize the power of God's Spirit and the Eucharist. We are not expected to be hungry on these days but to be sustained by eating only bread and drinking water, simplifying our lives and desires and remembering Jesus' words: "Take this all of you and eat of it, for this is my Body which will be given up for you," each time we eat the bread. It may seem difficult to do this twice a week so it is important to ask Our Lady for the grace from her Son as Jesus promises that his grace is enough for us and his power is made perfect in our weakness.

The fourth step is living it. How do we live out the tremendous gift we have received? When we look to scripture, we see that Jesus sent out his disciples to share the Gospel two by two for love can only exist where two people are, so we begin living out this gift in our own homes with those closest to us and in our church and community. We must be poured out over others as a libation in almsgiving always remembering that at the heart of all worship is sacrifice and remembering that God can never be outdone in generosity.

John Humphries

NOTICE

OUR PARISH REMAINS CLOSED

In order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to comply with the Government of Ontario's regulations requiring that all non-essential workplaces close, the church and the parish office continue to remain closed to the public until further notice. If you have any questions or concerns during this period of closure, please leave a voice mail at 905-881-2786 x221.

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No One is Omitted

In reading the Pentecost story, one of the things that jumps out at you is how,
"Every single believer is vital and an important link in the chain of God's work. The Holy Spirit descended upon every one of the 120 who were there. It descended upon the young, as John Mark was probably a teenager. The Spirit descended upon the elderly, as Mary the mother of Jesus was in her late forties or early fifties, quite old for that day. The Spirit descended upon betraying cowards like Simon Peter and doubters like Thomas. It descended upon nationalistic Zealots like Simon and good ole boys' like Andrew. The Spirit visited the women who supported Jesus financially. It descended upon the brothers of Jesus who initially didn't believe. The Holy Spirit touched every one of them because every one of them was important. No one was omitted. Every single one of us is important and vital to what God is trying to accomplish through his church."

"Only The Beginning," in Joyce Rupp, ed., *Out of the Ordinary*, Ave Maria Press, 2000.

Come O Spirit of God

No matter how much light I carry with me, there will always be time of feeling lost, being confused, seek ing direction. It is the way of the human heart. (Joyce Rupp)

Today marks the end of the Easter Season with the Feast of Pentecost. When Jesus ascended to Heaven, he promised I will not leave you alone and will send you the Holy Spirit to guide you in all things and will be with you always.
In these difficult times, we may feel alone but we can be sure the Spirit of God is with us, Jesus walks with us in this challenging time, his love never ends.
May Jesus' love give us all peace today and always speak to him wherever you are and remember his word, ***"I am with you always, to the end of time."***
God Bless, Fr. Mark

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