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

On **Pentecost**, the disciples were gathered in the upper room, afraid to go out and do what Jesus had told them. We are not alone when we feel unsure of how to witness to God's great love. God sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, sending them out to speak all different languages, to encounter all kinds of people, to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Unfortunately, we sometimes forget that the good news is for everyone, and we get trapped in racism, political ideologies, and unjust discriminations. That is not the life God desires for us. The Spirit is sent to bring us peace and lead us to truth. We do not need to be afraid of the Spirit at work among us in different ways: different languages and customs, cultural traditions and family rituals. As each of us receives the Spirit and is sent forth, let us remember that we are called together and that our differences make it possible for us to reach more people with life and love.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of **Anna Kok-Mee Chin**
Tuesday	Soul of **Eugene Penoso**
	Soul of **Rookmin Teresa Kawall**
	Soul of **Rosalina Bustamante**
	Soul of **Edward Somers**
	Soul of **Jose Montouto**
Wednesday	Souls of **Rajpat & Rookmin Teresa Kawall**
Thursday	Soul of **Angel Pappa**
Friday	Soul of **Lola Vaz**

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially: Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius, Lily Pinto, Filomena Santopolo, Jenny Pu, Daniel Chan, Gino Matrungola, Louis Roach, Gene Dionisio and Joe Servidio

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

The Gift of the Holy Spirit-Pentecost

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. One question that usually comes up is, "How do we recognize the presence and gifts of the Holy Spirit?"
Richard Hauser, S.J. in his article *"Finding God in Daily Life: The Heart of Ignatian Spirituality"* states that recognizing the presence of the Spirit is connected to our inner experiences, to our quality of heart. We know that external actions can be performed with little or no love and hence cannot be in themselves accurate indications of the presence of the Spirit. The question then becomes which of our inner experiences—imagination, thinking, desiring, feeling—become the best criteria for discernment?
The desire to love arising within us is the basic criterion for recognizing the transformation of our inner experience by the Holy Spirit. The theological reasoning behind this truth is simple: We can make no movement toward good, toward God or others in love, by our own initiative; since the desire to love and serve God and others is definitely a movement toward good, it cannot come from our initiative; therefore it must come from the Spirit—"without me you can do nothing!"

Desire is a more reliable criterion for recognizing the Spirit than feelings or even inner peace. We know how ephemeral feelings are. We may wake up sick one morning and not feel like serving God and others. But we can still desire to serve—*feelings come and go but desire remains. And desire is even a more reliable criterion than inner peace.(my emphasis)*
We may be experiencing a period in life dominated by sadness from troubled relationships or discouragement from failure in work. Our habitual inner peace may be lacking, yet we still "hang on" to the desire to love and serve. When this inner peace is absent and we still desire to serve the Lord, it is comforting to realize that we are indeed responding to the Spirit. It should be noted, however, that normally inner peace will accompany our desire to serve; Paul reminds us that "the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Gal. 5:23). Service is also central.

The two great commandments of love given by Jesus center on service; we prove our love for God by loving our neighbor. It asks us to move through life regarding our neighbor's need as primary. Since this desire is situated in the will, it need not necessarily be accompanied by feelings of affection. We are commanded to love everyone irrespective of personal feelings— even our enemies! For our love is to be like God's whose care and concern are universal. (Adapted) Richard Hauser's article originally appeared in Creighton University Window magazine, Winter 1995-96, 20–25
Let us pray, "Come Holy Spirit, Come"

Antoinette

NOTICE
Emergency STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

Friday, April 16th the provincial government announced further restrictions to the Emergency Stay-At-Home order in an attempt to minimize the transmission of COVID-19. The new restrictions will now have a direct impact on places of worship and remain in place until at least June 2, 2021. While we have demonstrated our ability to welcome parishioners safely with our stringent WorshipSafe measures, we must also recognize the serious nature of the current situation, especially in Toronto, Peel and Yok regions, where new cases have dramatically increased and stretched our health care facilities to their limit.

- Effective Monday, April 19th all public masses are temporarily cancelled (weekday & weekend masses). **The sanctuary will be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-11:00 for private prayer.**

- Weddings, funeral and baptisms will be restricted to 10 persons including the priest & any required parish staff.

- First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation services are postponed until further notice.

- To ensure compliance with the order, the parish building will be locked and the office will operate on restricted hours. Please arrange an appointment if you must attend the parish for any reason by leaving a voicemail at 905-881-2786 x221. We also encourage you to check our website – stlukesth@archtoronto.org or the myParish app for regular updates or to make weekly donations and to view our parish bulletin.

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HUMANITARIAN Relief - India COVID-19 Outbreak

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. International observers expect that the actual number are significantly higher. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time. In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, an organization that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

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: Name of Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch this video: http://bitly/CaritasIndiaRelief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

MOSAIC INTERFAITH EVENT

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Sundays: May 30 & June 6 – 2:00 PM

Zoom link https://zoom.us/j/5929544287

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Mosaic Interfaith has partnered with the Organization for Islamic Learning to offer a two part series on Spirituality. It will offer two insightful and educational online sessions to learn about the meaning and practice of spirituality in different faiths. This series is free and will be recorded for watching at a later time.

The participating religions: Buddhism. Christianity, First Nations Spirituality, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism and Zoroastrian.

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