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## *St. Luke's Parish*

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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	Intentions of <b>Lucia Won</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Stephen Schmoll</b> Soul of <b>Lola Vaz</b> Soul of <b>Patrick Lobo</b> Soul of <b>Victor D'Souza</b> Souls of <b>Rajpat &amp; Rookmin Teresa Kawall</b>
Wednesday	Souls of <b>Eugene &amp; Eddie Peñoso</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Angel Papa</b> Souls of <b>Reginald Kingsford &amp; George Martin</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Romulo Tibor</b>

***Please pray for the sick in our community.***

Especially: Maria DiRienzo, Maria McCarron, Rosaria Lee, Magdalene Ki, Tita Mateo, Marie Ceolin, Janice Abramowitz, Nelia Pablico Dela Vega, Don Bownes, Monsignor John Weber, Noli Reyes, Lucia Won, Dolores Trinidad, Bill Lemke, Leslie Albert and Edna Mae Sheker

**Celebrating Our Convictions**

This weekend we celebrate the beautiful feast of Pentecost, the receiving of the Holy Spirit giving birth to the Church. The bible uses a variety of symbols to describe the Holy Spirit including dove, fire and wind. The Holy Spirit is also described as the Advocate as we see in John's Gospel.

Describing the Holy Spirit as an advocate, I find very interesting. Advocates were the lawyers of Jesus' time and did not speak on a person's behalf as they do today but stood and supported the defendant suggesting arguments a person could use before the two judges in the case. I find it deeply comforting to know that we always have the Third Person of the Trinity at our side supporting and consoling us in all we encounter.

In John chapter 8, Jesus describes the three-fold mission of the Advocate, which is to convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and condemnation. Contrary to modern day lawyers who defend a person's innocence even when obviously guilty the mission of the Advocate is to convict the individual and the world with regard to sin. For without sickness a person has little need for a doctor and without brokenness, a person has little need of a Saviour. The Advocate does this lovingly and with compassion.

The second work of the Spirit is to convict the world with regard to righteousness. That righteousness is not fundamentally our work but God's. It's "Jesus' going to the Father," it's Jesus' holiness in communion with the Father. Our justification is our incorporation into Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, not just later but now.

The third work of the Spirit is to convict the world with regard to condemnation. Condemnation is not principally our eternal self-alienation through trusting in sin more than in God but in the condemnation of the evil one. The Holy Spirit wants to help us join in that condemnation by helping us to reject Satan, all his evil works and empty promises, and insofar as Christ came into the world to save not condemn the world, to help us enter our salvation. It is also for us as Temples of the Holy Spirit to advocate on our neighbour's behalf rather than accuse and scapegoat.

The amazing thing about being convicted in these three ways is just how liberating it is. One would think that accepting brokenness, relying on Another and rejecting the allures of the world would lead to low self-esteem, codependence and depression but it has the opposite affect. As St. Therese so aptly describes it allows us to be little and small, like children doing little things with great love taking all the pressure and anxiety off. It allows for right relationship where God is Creator and we are his beloved creatures. Amen.

John Humphries.

May 28, 2023

**ST. LUKE'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT**

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

**6:30 pm**



Come one!! Come All!!  
Join us for an evening of international fun, food & dance! Tickets are still available and are:  
\$10.00 for adults & \$5.00 for each child **plus** a dish from

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Thank you for living the Gospel!

**Pray & Play Night**

Join St. Luke's Ministry every Thursday evening until the end of June from 6-8pm for **Family Pray & Play Night**.

All are welcome!

Any questions? Contact Alan at [ahoy@archtoronto.org](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org) or Krishna at [kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org](mailto:kshanthakumar@archtoronto.org)



Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:30 am

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:30 am

**CELEBRATE MARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!**



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**DAY CAMP (for Grades 1-6)**

Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM July 24-28

**EVENING PROGRAM (for Grades 7-12)**

Sunday to Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM July 23-27

Register at: <https://linktr.ee/stlukessthyim> or contact Alan Lee Hoy at [ahoy@archtoronto.org](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org) or visit the Parish Website. More information about the program is also available at [www.totustuutoronto.ca](http://www.totustuutoronto.ca).

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**WHEN** – August 27-31, 2023

**WHERE** – Camp Whilte Pine, Haliburton, ON

**COST** - \$525 between May 1-31 (**last day to register**).

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS:** See our website for the Parent Information Sheet. [stlukessthyim@archtoronto.org](mailto:stlukessthyim@archtoronto.org)

**VIDEO:** <https://youtu.be/xAnwIXPKLLY>

**REGISTER:** <https://linktr.ee/stlukessthyim>

**QUESTIONS:** ALAN Lee Hoy – [ahoy@archtoronto.org](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org)



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to our newly Confirmed. The love of God has been poured into your hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to you (Romans 5:5).

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