



ST. PATRICK OF THE ISLAND – BULLETIN WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

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This Week's Readings:

In today's readings the Holy Spirit is represented as a mighty wind and a shower of flame, unexpected and frightening. In the Gospel He is the breath of Jesus, comforting and familiar. The Spirit of peace is all these things.

ACTS 2:1-11 – The Spirit comes on the Apostles and gives them many abilities.

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3b-7, 12-13– “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

JOHN 20: 19-23 – “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:



Josephine, Audrey Angelozzi, Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy.
Anyone affected by the virus.



THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

- June Lea Friesen



REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

It is hard to believe 50 days have passed since Easter Sunday. Not long ago we could not imagine what Easter would look like outside the church walls, but we made it through and are about to start a new liturgical season, Ordinary Time. We are not sure what the future holds. We are not sure when we will be able to gather in person again. In these unprecedented times we are much like the disciples in today's readings.

In the Gospel, the disciples are in a locked room, fearful of the unknown outside their door. Sounds a lot like what we have been living these past months! Jesus appears and the first thing he says is, "Peace be with you." He does not scold them for how they behaved before and during his crucifixion. He does not mock them for being afraid. He does not question their faith. At first, they do not recognize him. But when they do, they rejoice. There may have been the feeling that everything would be okay now, that the time of fear and uncertainty was over. Jesus continues, however, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

It is easy to imagine the disciples' doubt and their questions. *What exactly is Jesus asking us to do? How will we do it? Will it be difficult? Will I have the wisdom, patience and faithfulness needed for the task?*

Now that life as we knew it is slowly reappearing, we are also rejoicing. We feel reassured, that all is not lost. But much like the disciples, the way forward will look different than what was left behind. God is leading us down a different path. We might feel anxious, confused, perhaps even angry that our plans for the future have changed. But Jesus did not leave the disciples to figure things out for themselves and likewise we are not alone. The Holy Spirit offers all the gifts we need to journey through this unique time in our lives.

Peace be with you. – Melissa Wiebe

An Encouraging Message from Pope Francis



“Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement. They believe that love is more powerful than death, and that surely one day it will triumph, even if in times and ways that we do not understand. Men and women of prayer bear gleaming reflections of light on their faces: because, the sun does not stop illuminating them, even in the darkest of days. Prayer illuminates you: it illuminates the souls, it illuminates the heart and it illuminates the face. Even in the darkest times, even in times of greatest suffering.”

- Pope Francis

ARE YOU LONGING TO PRAY TOGETHER? JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY

Every Tuesday at 7pm until June 16th, 2020, you are invited to join fellow parishioners via Zoom, to pray the Rosary. To join the Zoom Meeting, click on the link below and follow the instructions on your screen.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78397290004?pwd=RzNObDN3VCtEcXZER1RoNWpCRU9MUT09>

Meeting ID: 783 9729 0004

Password: 9xMWvB

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR FAITH?

Every Thursday at 7pm until June 18th, 2020, you are invited to join Deacon Nic via Zoom, to share your faith. To join the Zoom Meeting, click on the link below and follow the instructions on your screen.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78686231805?pwd=bCtSN1NZeWQ4ODAzT21SdlBHODNTUT09>

Meeting ID: 786 8623 1805

Password: 1jFenf

Pope Francis' Message For These Times:



“Christian life is always a response to God's call, in any living condition...Once again I would like to express my closeness to those who are suffering from Covid-19, to those who are dedicated to their care and to all those who, in any way, are suffering from the pandemic. At the same time, I would like to support and encourage the international cooperation that is launching various initiatives aimed at responding adequately and effectively to the serious crisis we are experiencing. Indeed, it is important to bring together scientific capabilities, in a transparent and disinterested way, in order to find vaccines and treatments and to guarantee universal access to essential technologies that will enable every infected person, in every part of the world, to receive the necessary health care...May, the quintessential Marian month, during which the faithful love to visit the Shrines dedicated to Our Lady. This year, because of the health situation, let us visit these places of faith and devotion spiritually, to place in the heart of the Blessed Virgin our worries, expectations and plans for the future.”

- Pope Francis



IS ISOLATION GETTING TO YOU?

Do you need to talk to someone? In these difficult times, some days can be stressful and your faith tested. If you need to talk, we are here to listen. You can call Deacon Nic at 514-703-3736 or Anne Coulter at 514-453-8634.