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Pentecost Sunday

June 5th 2022



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and renew the face of the earth.*

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Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
FRIDAY 7:00 pm
SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house.... Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...."

"Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ... So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Acts 2: 2-4, 38-39, 41-42

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MONDAY, 6 JUNE

9:00 AM + TYNCEL HASAN
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TUESDAY, 7 JUNE

9:00 AM + DELMARE RODRIGUES
+ NILDA LABALAN
+ TEODORA VALLEDOR

WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS
RECEIVED

THURSDAY, 9 JUNE

9:00 AM S.I. PERRY SHIM
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, 10 JUNE

7:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR BLESSED
MOTHER
+ GIUSEPPE SULTANA
+ ROCCHINA LAMANNA

SATURDAY, 11 JUNE

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

5:00 PM + ENZO CORRADO

SUNDAY, 12 JUNE

8:30 AM S.I. THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS OF THE
YAMSON FAMILY
+ JANET & JOHN SOARES & DECEASED
FAMILY MEMBERS

10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

12:00 PM + JIM CHISOLMS

7:00 PM AVAILABLE

MASS DISPENSATION RESCINDED

On 13 March 2020, Cardinal Collins issued a dispensation from Mass due to the Covid pandemic. This dispensation has been rescinded as of 31 May 2022. The Church does not obligate people to do the impossible. If individuals, based on their conscience, cannot attend Mass for a rare reason, including a great vulnerability to COVID-19 or because they are self-isolating to limit the spread of illness, then they are excused from their Sunday obligation, as the law of the Church allows.

SL ShareLife

Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. **To date, we have collected \$37,160 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 54% of our parish goal, which is \$69,000.** You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card. To donate online go to: www.sharelife.org Our next ShareLife collection date is 4/5 June weekend.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know of a non-Catholic living in our neighbourhood, who would like to join the Catholic Church, please have him or her phone Fr. Joe at 905-683-1403 ext. 105 for an appointment. Our classes will begin in **mid-September 2022.**

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION HELP



If you would like to assist our priests or deacon with Baptisms on Sunday, please email your name and phone number to the parish office.

MARYGROVE CAMP SPECIAL

There will be a special collection for Marygrove Camp on June 11 and 12.

After 2 years of shutdown due to Covid-19, Marygrove is now open at limited capacity for 2022. Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay, near Penetang, Ontario. Open to eligible girls age 5 – 13, Marygrove provides an 8-day camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Campers participate in a full range of activities, including swimming, canoeing, crafts, drama, sports, co-operative games, cook-outs, sleepovers, hikes, star gazing, and camp fires. Each camper's holiday is fully subsidized through the generous support of an annual Camp Collection held in the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. We ask for your kind generosity in supporting this cause. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets. Thank you for your support. St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis de Sales Conference

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REFLECTION

The building of the first Babel was an act of pride. (cf. Gen 11) Like Adam and Eve, the builders didn't want to receive from God; they wanted to obtain things on their own. They sought to construct a tower "with its top in the heavens" and to make a name for themselves, lest they be "scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." They desired to raise themselves to God's level – to be self-sufficient – and to establish unity on their own terms.

To frustrate their aims and punish their pride, God confused their language and scattered them. The lesson of Babel is clear: it is human pride that has produced confusion and division in the world.

We are witnessing the construction of a new Babel. Ours is a post-Christian society, an anti-culture that has rejected the Word of God. In our pride, we want on our own terms and by our own accomplishments what creatures can only receive from God. We have thrown off His reality – about gender, sex, life, etc. – and tried to construct our own.

As a result, our language is increasingly disconnected from truth, our words unintelligible, and our ability to communicate crippled. To say that a man can menstruate and give birth or that a woman's pronouns are legitimately "he/his/him" is complete gibberish. To say "Love is love" is to rob words of any real meaning.

Nor is it only our words that suffer this loss of meaning. The human body has also fallen victim. If a transgender man (i.e., a biological woman) is really a man, then the body tells us nothing about who we are. It has become unintelligible. We are now strangers to our very selves.

The crippling of language divides us. Once language is no longer a vehicle for truth, it becomes an instrument for control and domination. So, we are reduced to the status of animals; we can only make noises at each other as we jockey for power.

Pentecost is the undoing of Babel. (Acts 2:7-11) The Apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, speak in a way that all hearers can understand. Redeemed by the Word, man can now speak intelligibly about God and about himself. And because he can communicate the truth to others, this intelligibility leads to unity.

The Church is the locus of that intelligibility and unity. Animated by the Spirit, she restores meaning to the world. It is because the Church is devoted to the Word of God – is, indeed, His Body – that she can purify and redeem the word of man. In the Church, all peoples come to the divine Word and find also that the human word can convey the truth.

As the Church is marginalized (or as she yields her ground) the curse of Babel creeps back into the world. This has produced our current situation, which Saint John Paul II once called a "crisis of meaning." The modern world despairs of knowing what is true and in the absence of truth it will have only division and conflict.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Communion over the last several weeks! We pray that you continue to keep that excitement to receive Jesus each week at Mass. A very special thank you, to all of our First Communion families for your patience and support this year. You truly are the first teachers of the faith and your children are so blessed to have you to learn more about Jesus and to keep a beautiful relationship with him through weekly Mass and daily prayer. Jesus said "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We pray that you all have a happy, healthy and safe summer where you can rest, recharge and renew. God Bless, Mrs. Selda



We would like to thank all of our parishioners for their generosity throughout our samosa sale last weekend. We raised \$1652.70! Proceeds for the sale will go

towards supporting our youth going to Edge and High School Leadership Camp. Edge Camp registration is now closed. Leadership camp is still open to all **high school students** and registration closes June 30th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Noah Aquino. Students in Gr 5-8 are invited to come to our last Edge night on Friday, June 10 at 7:30pm. It's a night filled with fun and some water, so you may want to bring a towel! Please email Noah Aquino if you're interested in coming, if you're not already registered. God Bless!

Reflection cont'd...

Thus, our need for Pentecost. One dimension of that day was the intelligibility and unity that the Spirit brought to the world through the Church. This new Pentecost requires of the Church's pastors and members to speak clearly and charitably. It is a failure of charity to be unclear, to indulge another in error, and to craft our language to accommodate lies. It is likewise a failure of clarity to speak in an uncharitable manner. To restore the centrality of the Word, we need to use our own words properly and not be co-opted by any newspeak.

The solution to our current Babel is the same as in the ancient world: a Pentecost that brings the Church to imbue the world with meaning.

Scalia, Rev. Paul D.

<https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2021/05/23/the-new-babel-and-the-new-pentecost/>

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