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Pentecost Sunday

May 28th, 2023



*Lord send out your Spirit,
 and renew the face of the earth.*

Our mission at St. Francis de Sales is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing of peace without being judged. If discouraged, you will rejoice in hope. If alone, you will find companionship and Christian love. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

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
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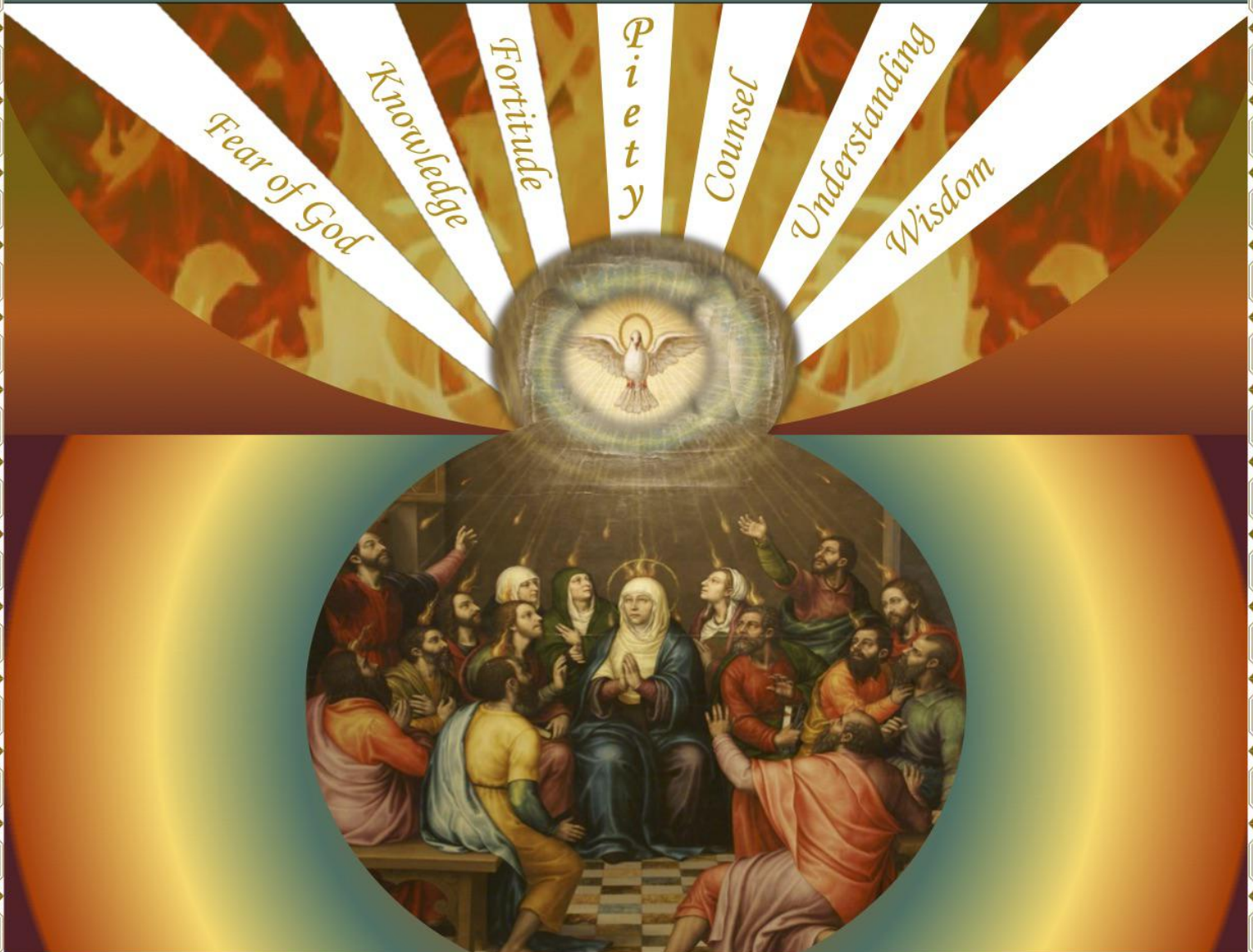
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Pentecost

The Birth of the Church and its Mission



738 Thus the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity....

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 29 MAY *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
 9:00 AM S.I. SHEILA BAPTISTE
 + CATERINA VITRO
 + JOSEPH COUTINHO

TUESDAY, 30 MAY
 9:00 AM S.I. MARTIN CALLISTE
 + CECILIA CLEMENTS
 + GLORIA C. STA. ANA

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY *The Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary*
 9:00 AM S.I. YVONNE STEINWALL

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE *St Justin, Martyr*
 9:00 AM S.I. EMILY LOWING

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE *St Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*
 7:00 PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 3 JUNE *St Charles Lwanga and Companions*
 9:00 AM AVAILABLE
 5:00 PM
 + EUDINE WILSON-WHITEMAN
 + JOSEPH COUTINHO
 + RACHEL ADAMS

SUNDAY, 4 JUNE
 8:30 AM + CRESCENCIA M CARVALHO

10:15 AM S.I. FOR BLESSINGS OF OUR GRADUATION STUDENTS
 + IRENE COYNE

12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

7:00 PM + JOE SULTANA
 + ROCCHINA & LEONARDO LAMANNA



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 \$37,120 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 48% of our parish goal, which is \$77,700** 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 **September 2023**.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Steven Kwon
 February 18 – 29, 2024 (12 days) for \$4,490.00
 Some highlights include travel by boat on the Sea of Galilee; visits to Capernaum, Cana, Bethlehem; Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation, and so much more! For more information and registration, call Stan at 647-463-9057 or email Liliana at liliana@ihtours.com



Attention all ladies of the parish! The CWL will be hosting a **Fashion Dress Sale on Saturday June 3rd from 11am-2pm**. Brand new special occasion dresses will be available in a variety of colours and sizes priced well below retail value. Come try and buy! This is a cash only event.

REMINDER: To all CWL members and ladies of the parish for our monthly Mass on Sunday June 4th at 10:15 a.m. This will be the last mass/meeting for the summer. We will be closing up with a Brunch at the Mandarin Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. Senior's discount 20% off. We encourage all our members to come and enjoy food and friendship with your league sisters.

A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day? Try out this joke.
What did the mop say to the vacuum?
 - *You clean up nice!*



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every **Friday from 6 to 7pm**. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?



Saints Marcellinus and Peter, help all those who seek your intercession to face persecution and intimidation of any kind, via words, or arms, or threats, with bravery and heroic resistance.

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REFLECTION

In his **First Letter to the Corinthians**, St. Paul writes about various issues, but paramount of them all, St. Paul writes about being different, something which Christians in Corinth and Catholics today dare not be in society. Today's society is strikingly similar to milieu of Corinth. Most would consider themselves as Canadians who happen to be Catholic rather than being Catholic who happen to be Canadian.

Corinth was the "lowest" place in the world, the "spiritual gutter" yet its citizens thought of themselves as high. They were well educated yet they produced no philosophers. The most prominent philosophical school was skepticism. The Corinthians were rich due to trade and prostitution. (There was a large temple dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of sex). Into that society, St. Paul preached two words disliked the most (even by today's standards): authority (or lordship) and obedience.

The 4 major topics in this first letter are:

- (1) **Sectarianism.** St. Paul is scandalized at the factionalism in the Corinthian Church. He sees the proud claim to possess superior "wisdom" and not submitting to Christ as God's Wisdom (1:10-13). The wonderful irony is that God's folly is wiser than human wisdom (1:18-3:23).
- (2) **Faith and reason** (Christianity and philosophy). If God's folly is wiser than any philosophy, then philosophers and theologians ought to keep Christo centrism to avoid taking Christians in different and schismatic directions.
- (3) **Sex and Love.** St. Paul condemned lax attitudes towards sexual immorality by the Corinthians in Chapters 5 and 6. St. Paul writes that a Christian as a member of Christ's body, makes Christ fornicate with a prostitute (6:15). 1 Cor 12:31-13:8 is one of the most famous passages, usually read at weddings. This passage does not refer to romantic (*eros*) love (of falling in love) but on sacrificial (*agape*) love (of rising in love) shown by Jesus. Christ had prophesied that the world would be able to distinguish Christians from others by the special kind of love they had (Jn 13:35), not having the same kind of love as the world had.
- (4) **The resurrection of the dead**, both Christ's and our own. The Greek philosophers in Corinth did not believe in the resurrection of the body because they did not believe that the body was good and that it was not created by God. Their sexual materialism and their philosophical spiritualism went hand in hand. Plato had called the body, "the soul's tomb." For St. Paul, to deny the resurrection of Christ was to deny His divinity. Because of Jesus' divinity, best exemplified in the resurrection, we will be resurrected at the end of time, a promise made by Christ Himself. Without the resurrection, "our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (15:17), and "if for this



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."

God Bless, Mrs. Selda



EDGE CAMP REGISTRATION

Students in Grades 5 – 8! The deadline to register for Edge camp is on May 31st! To register, please visit edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com. For questions, please contact Noah Aquino.

Reflection Cont'd...

life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied" (15:19). The earthly body will be different from that of the resurrected body. It will be the same but different much like the body of a caterpillar is different from a butterfly before cocooning itself.

In this First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul also includes topics on incest, pagan lawyers, eating food offered to idols, prostitution, divorce, the Eucharist, the order in worship, speaking in tongues and other spiritual gifts. As for the **Eucharist**, St. Paul writes: "*whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm and a considerable number are dying*" (1 Cor 11:27-30). St. Paul is telling us that the Eucharist which brings Life to the soul can bring spiritual death if the recipient is not in the state of **Grace**, that is God's Life. **If we are in mortal sin, we need to confess of our sins before we partake of the Eucharist.**

Kreeft, Peter "How a Christian is Different" Reading and Praying the New Testament. Ed. Twin Circle Publishing Co. 1992, pp. 73-78



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