

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2019



MON, JUNE 10 9:15 am	Audrey Marie Gregorio †
TUES, JUNE 11 7:00 pm	Ron & Simone Desjardin †; Jack & Eremita Dias †
WED, JUNE 12 9:15 am	Domenic Maida †
THUR, JUNE 13 7:00 pm	Ron & Simone Desjardins †; Antonio Ruso †
FRI, JUNE 14 9:15 am	Beatriz Salalila †
SAT, JUNE 15 9:15 am	Bernardo Gomez †; Lina Cioppa †
5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
SUN, JUNE 16 9:00 am	Joe & Connie Cabral †; Joe & Berta Sousa †; Giuse & Maria Pham †; Gilbert & Anthony Lambe †; Nestor & Clavelina Villarroya †
10:30 am	Philip & Joe La Penna †; Donato Finelli †; Apolonio Sandoval †; Renato Bastasin †; Buenaventura Fernandez †
12:30 pm	Beatriz & Juan Salalila Jr. & Sr. †; John Abela †; Manuel Almeida Custodio & Maria Gilda; Special Intentions of Maikel & Iskandara Michricky
8:00 pm	Angel Amaleethan †



“When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” - Jn. 20: 22

Jesus breathes on His disciples the same breath of life that Adam received in the creation story. Along with its role as a teacher, advocate, guide, dynamo, and dynamite, the Spirit is a creator. The Holy Spirit that was breathed into Adam is the same that formed Jesus in Mary’s womb. The third person of the Trinity has been involved in creation even before time began. On this Sunday of Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Spirit upon the Christians in the upper room, fifty days after Christ’s Resurrection. Appearing in the Old Testament around 389 times, the Hebrew word for ‘spirit’, ruah, is often used in relation to God than of people and creatures. It is this breath that gives life to lifeless bodies for it is the spirit of the Lord, and it creates. It is incorporeal and often associated with a feeling, yet the Holy Spirit can manifest in various forms such as a dove (in the case of Jesus’ baptism) and tongues of fire (as described in Acts 2). And like these various manifestations of the Holy Ghost are the spiritual gifts that we receive; as St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians, “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” Just as many members make up the one body, so did all those in the upper room with their own languages. Each part is created for the functioning of the body as a whole; each one of us plays a vital role as members of the body of Christ, and it is the creating power of God that fills us with such vitality to serve Him in and with love. Once our lifeless bodies are electrified by the Holy Spirit, these empty vessels overflow with His grace, and seldom do we want to return back to our initial state for life becomes far more exciting with the Holy Trinity.

Ann Sairah Mathew

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your Will.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit; composed by Cardinal Désiré-Joseph Mercier (1851-1926)

The cited prayer was given to me early in my childhood and was used in my preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In turn, as a parish, we distribute the same prayer to our candidates for Confirmation on the weekend they attend with their sponsors; it is given to them on the back of a prayer card/book mark. As I have committed the prayer to memory, it is wise to have these words in one’s own treasure trove of invocations to the Holy Spirit.

And so, while I have known of the prayer for many years now, I have just looked into the background of its composer and the particular circumstances of his life. Cardinal Mercier was born in a village just south of Brussels. As a priest, he was assigned to the prestigious Leuven Catholic University in Belgium to teach philosophy. Cardinal Mercier’s speciality was to take the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas and use the great Doctor of the Churches’ scholastic method and insight to critique all the errant and misguided modern philosophies sprouting up in his day. His lectures were immensely popular and influential as he dismantled the inconsistencies, inadequacies, short-comings and errors of those who had deviated from the truth of reason and the Catholic revealed faith.

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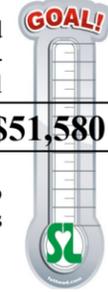
Fr. Robert

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

- Monday, June 10**
10:00 am - Stitches from the Heart
7:00 pm - St. Anthony of Padua Devotion
7:30 pm - Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
- Tuesday, June 11**
1:00 pm - 55+ Club
7:40 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior
- Wednesday, June 12**
7:45 pm - St. Anthony of Padua Devotion
6:00 pm - Choir practice
6:30 pm - ALPHA
7:00 pm - St. Anthony of Padua Devotion
- Thursday, June 13**
7:00 pm - Bible Study
7:40 pm - Choir
7:00 pm - St. Anthony of Padua Devotion
- Friday, June 14**
10:00 am - Rosary Makers
5:50 pm - Legion of Mary Sr.
- Saturday, June 15**
9:45 am - Parish Council Meeting
1:00 pm - Handmaids of the Lord
12:00 pm - Couples for Christ Jr.

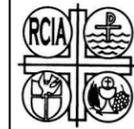
SHARELIFE

As pastor, it is important that you know of my personal support and endorsement of this annual Archdiocesan campaign that seeks to confront human need and suffering as effectively as possible with gospel charity. While various suggested initiatives such as pancake breakfasts, car washes, pasta dinner nights, walk-a-thons have made their impact in the past, I am focusing our parishes’ ShareLife appeal around our Divine Mercy devotion. In receiving mercy, we strive to act mercifully. As God has revealed his super abundant goodness to us through Jesus, we in turn vow to act generously with others.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Congratulations to the following Neophytes who were received into the Roman Catholic Church at Easter through the Sacraments of Initiation. We are so happy to welcome you into our Family!
Kathy-Ann Bruney, Meagan Fiddes, Kimberley James, Brandy Little, Chiin Long, Michelle Ly, Kashanna Peters, Pankaj Sallh & Esohe Smart.

A very special **THANK YOU** to our Sponsors, Catechists and Prayer Leaders for sharing their time and faith.

If you or someone you know would like to join our RCIA sessions beginning in September, please contact Colette Sicoli at jcsicoli@rogers.com or call the parish Office.

**13 DAYS OF PRAYER IN PREPARATION
THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

- The feast is coming up on Thursday, June 13th. Come and join us as we prepare with the 13 days of prayer until Thursday, June 13th.
- Saturday June 8 6:15 pm (After 5:00pm Mass) - Chapel
- Sunday June 9 7:15 pm (Before 8:00pm Mass) - Chapel
- Monday June 10 7:00 pm - Chapel
- Tuesday June 11 7:45 pm (After 7:00pm Mass) - Chapel
- Wednesday June 12 7:00 pm - Chapel
- Thursday June 13 7:00 pm Mass & Blessing Of The Bread



CWL EDUCATION WEEK:

The CWL would like to congratulate the following recipients of the Education Week Award. These students were selected by their Principals and Teachers as worthy recipients. Winners from the 6 elementary schools are:

- Our Lady of Providence- Kiera Kennedy*
- Father Clair Tipping- Tabitha Terrance*
- St. John Bosco- Evan Wegrzyn*
- Good Shepherd- Tianna Imbriham*
- Venerable Michael J. McGivney- Jordan Prempeh*
- St. Isaac Jogues- Adrea Rajshankar*

We would like to thank the Schools and especially the parents for supporting our Catholic Education System.

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. May some of our parishioners choose to serve you by becoming priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org

MARYGROVE CAMP

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has 1400 volunteer members and a mission to Turn our Concern into Action by helping the most-needy families in our community. This work allows us to identify children who would greatly benefit from going to the Society’s Marygrove Camp and Camp Ozanam. These camps provide summer programs for girls and boys who would not normally have the opportunity to enjoy a residential summer camping experience. This weekend, a special collection will be taken up in our parish to support the work of Marygrove Camp. Since 1962, thousands of children have experienced all that Marygrove has to offer. We have had the privilege to witness first-hand how camp can change the lives of these children. We thank you for your support and for being part of this change.

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrob-in22@gmail.com

PRAYER GROUP

The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group meets on Thursday nights in the chapel after the 7:00 PM mass. All are welcome!

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Meets every Monday at 10 am, everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. Hope to see you there. For further information, please contact Mary Abela at 905-793-4502. *Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.*

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 7:40 PM; every Friday Children 5:50 PM. Parents are welcome. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary’s most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? Join the Rosary Apostolate. Training and supplies will be provided. For more information please call Joseph Farrugia at 905- 497-1925 .

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

HOLD is one of the family ministries which aims to provide a Christian support environment for women; we are inviting all women to join us in this very special event in order to experience more the love of God and to understand more how special you are to Him. For more information contact Esther at esther.lacerna@hotmail.ca or 647-471-5552.

Pentecost People

*Come, Holy Spirit,
and make us Pentecost People.
Let your wisdom and right judgment guide
our decisions and temper our impulses.
Let knowledge and understanding increase
our capacity for empathy and compassion.
Let reverence and awe fill us with
gratitude and respect for all of creation.
Give us the courage to witness boldly to our
faith in word and deed.
Through and with and in Jesus Christ,
we pray.
Amen.*