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## PENTECOST SUNDAY



<b>MON, MAY 29</b> 9:15 am	In Thanksgiving - Elizabeth Xavier
<b>TUES, MAY 30</b> 7:00 pm	In thanksgiving and for the soul of Donald Godinho †
<b>WED, MAY 31</b> 9:15 am	
<b>THUR, JUN 1</b> 7:00 pm	Francis Gomes †
<b>FRI, JUN 2</b> 9:15 am	
7:30 pm	Peter & Mariamatha Lam
<b>SAT, JUN 3</b> 9:15 am	Nancy Rooney †; John & Bertha Zammit †; Jimmy & Theresa Borg & family †
5:00 PM	Antonio Spirito †
<b>SUN, JUN 4</b> 9:00 am	Victoriano & Angelica Lucero †
10:30 am	Saverio & Elena Ladisa †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Alfredo Minetto †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish



There are only two more classes for Edge left until the end of September/ beginning of October before Edge resumes again.

**Friday, June 2nd, 2023 &  
Friday, June 16th, 2023  
from 7pm-830pm**

If you would like more information email Margaret at [dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com](mailto:dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com)

*Where parishes are too large and impersonal, they install small communities in which the individual feels known, appreciated, loved and given a meaningful role. Where lay people or women feel marginalized, they assign leadership roles to them. Where the sacred liturgy is celebrated in a cold and routine manner, they celebrate religious services marked by crowd participation, punctuated with shouts of "alleluia" and "Jesus is the Lord", and interspersed with scriptural phrases. Where inculturation is still in its hesitating stages, the New Religious Movements (NRMs) give an appearance of indigenous religious groups which seem to the people as locally rooted. Where homilies are intellectually above the heads of the people, the NRMs urge personal commitment to Jesus Christ and strict and literal adherence to the Bible. Where the Church seems presented too much as an institution marked by structures and hierarchy, the NRMs stress personal relationship with God. No one can doubt that the NRMs show palpable dynamism.*

**-Cardinal Francis Arinze, from a 1991 report on the challenges posed by sects and new religious movements**

The sparkling and brilliant Nigerian raised Cardinal became the youngest bishop in the world at the time of his ordination and the first African Cardinal to head a Vatican office. Under the papacies of Pope JP II and Benedict XVIth, his love for the liturgy and the properly ordered worship owed to God had him rightly placed in the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments. Now at the age of 91, his service to the Church includes contributing his wise and accurate insights gained from decades of fruitful oversight.

On this Feast of Pentecost, Cardinal Arinze's address highlights his awareness of how evangelical groups can pose a serious challenge to Catholics throughout the world. While warning of the luring elements that can entice poorly formed Catholics to be attracted to their "charismatic" appeal, Cardinal Arinze emphasizes the deep and rich reservoir that sound Catholic doctrine and spirituality have to offer. Ultimately, Cardinal Arinze highlights that as traditional Catholic devotion is suppressed, the door is left open for foreign influences to creep in to our own Catholic parishes where we begin to look increasingly less like the faith of our ancestors and adopt more towards Protestant trends. An ongoing and receptive disposition to the Holy Spirit is needed by the Church hierarchy and her members to best discern where our Lord is leading us.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Mt Sinai.

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles.

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle.

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.



*Fr. Roger*



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### CROWNING OF MARY

Crowning of our Heavenly Mother Mary and procession will be held on Sunday May 28th at the 12:30pm Mass. Children who received their First Communion this year are encouraged to participate; dress in your outfits accompanied by your parents. Ministry leaders inform your group. Bring your group banner. Bring flowers to offer at the statue. All are welcome to join this beautiful celebration.



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



First Friday Adoration, is a Eucharistic adoration held the first Friday of every month in the church. It begins with 9:15 AM Mass and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day. Adoration concludes at 7:00pm followed by Mass. **WHAT FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION PARTICIPANTS DO:** Come any time during the adoration

hours (approximately 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM) to spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. Adoration participants commit to specific time. These "Guardians of the Eucharist" ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.

### FIRST FRIDAY - HOLY HOUR

Please join us in this holy hour of prayers during the Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays of every month. We start with the 3 O'clock Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Then, we continue with Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation, and Intercession. We also pray the Eucharistic Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament. We end the hour with a hymn of praise and adoration at 4:00pm. 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. For further information, please contact Mary Abela at 905-915-8765. *Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.*

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### SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



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### THE 55+ CLUB

Meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. The 55 Club will be hosting a fund raiser concert with Jonathan Lee on Friday June 9th at 7pm in the church. Tickets cost \$10.00, proceeds going to the church. Tickets will go on sale after all masses May 27th and 28th. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: [sandyrobin22@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrobin22@gmail.com)

### BIBLE STUDY

Join us for 8 session on the Letters of St. Paul. Starting Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm & Saturday, May 27th at 3pm in the Parish Hall. Make sure you bring a Bible & a pen.



### CONFIRMATIONS

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this week, on the following dates May 26th, 29th, 31st & June 1st at 7:00pm in the Church; for the

Grade 7 students who attend one of our six parish schools and who attend local public schools. pray for these young men and women as they celebrate this very special moment in their lives of faith.

*Heavenly Father, the Acts of the Apostles tells us the story of how Your Son's promise of sending the help of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled on Pentecost day. The powerful signs of strengthening timid hearts to boldness is very much needed in our day, especially for those to be Confirmed.*

*The indwelling of the Holy Ghost helped timid men and women to take up the challenge of being your resilient and effective witnesses in the world. So too, our sons and daughters require heavenly help to discern truth and goodness from all that is false and ugly and be able to hold fast to that which you reveal to their consciences despite the bombardment of distortions that assault them.*

*Almighty Lord, your Blessed Mother was so instrumental in uniting a frightened Church and invoking your grace. May those to be confirmed learn to trust her powerful intercession. Help all of us who are confirmed to be coherent examples to those who need our guidance and support. Though Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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