

FEAST OF PENTECOST

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

BREATH OF REBIRTH

... they were all in one place together. Acts 2:1

Something I often notice is how much comfort, strength and encouragement I experience when I pray with others. This is particularly true when I sit in the harmony of quiet meditation. Even though I pray by myself each day, I am more focused and at peace when joining others who are meditating. Similarly, when at Eucharist or another form of communal prayer, a sense of spiritual solidarity moves through my being. Some would call this an "energy" of Divine unity, the joining of minds and hearts focused on the same intention. Those who gathered in the upper room at Pentecost undoubtedly felt this bond as they prayed together. The Spirit entered as wind and fire to reenergized them, to dispel discouragement and fear. What powerful strength they jointly received from this passionate Breath of Rebirth. We are reminded of this developing unity later in the Acts of the Apostles when we read, "The community of believers was *of one heart and mind...*" (Acts 4:32).

Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.
From: **LIVING FAITH**

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. May 23 **FEAST OF PENTECOST**

Mon. May 24 **VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY**

- Parish Office Closed for holiday

Thur. May 27 7:00pm Finance Council meets via Zoom

Sun. May 30 **FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

- **Bundle Up Sunday** for SVDP at St. Margaret's (see special notice)

Sun. June 6 **FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

Tues. June 8 **Congratulations to our Deacon Robert Kinghorn**, on the **36th Anniversary** of his ordination to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese.

Sun. June 13 **11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sun. June 20 **13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all our Fathers!**

GREAT APPRECIATION FOR GENEROUS PLANNING

Recently we have had two former parishioners leave a gift to the parish through their estates.

We recognize and thank:

MARGARET ANNE STINSON

and

HELEN LORRAINE McALLISTER

For including the needs of our parish in their estate planning. These two recent generous gifts are especially helpful, since we are experiencing such a desperate shortage in our parish revenue, due to this ongoing pandemic crisis.

We thank these two ladies, who made many contributions to the parish over the years, and now, through their estate planning. Like many who have gone before them, Margaret Anne and Helen, now join in, as Benefactors, who we will continue to remember in our prayers, as the faith community of St. Margaret of Scotland.

SOLITUDE AND SOLIDARITY

Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it'd be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. The monastic life, for example, is all about withdrawing from society to draw closer to God and ultimately to each other. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life – in the midst of grief and stress and fear – helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger – let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

We are fortunate in the Catholic community to have ShareLife-funded agencies that reach out to the marginalized in our communities, especially during the pandemic. These agencies respect the values we hold dear as a Catholic community.

As a pastor, it is reassuring to know I can refer those who come to me for guidance with difficult family issues to a Catholic Family Service agency that will be attentive to our beliefs and values as they help them.

These services are made possible through our generosity toward ShareLife. When you support these agencies, you are helping them to grow in response to the increased demand for service they face. This results in a positive impact on the lives of those who turn to

them for help.

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another. One of the ways we do this is through our support of ShareLife. We express this love and care by supporting the work of ShareLife-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign. If you have not contributed to date, please consider doing so.

Please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at sharelife.org please give generously.

2021 YTD \$18,774 Goal \$150,000

Previous Results	Amount	Donors
2020	138,138	395
2019	148,555	821
2018	140,836	814
2017	146,628	802

BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MAY 29TH & 30TH

Bundle Up

For the

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



We are collecting your donations at

St. Margaret

222 Ridley Blvd., Toronto

On

May 29 - 30, 2021



We DO NOT ACCEPT
appliances, baby or regular furniture,
books, mattresses, dishes,
construction material or video tapes
For more information visit
www.ssvptoronto.ca



A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate & sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. **The truck will be open all day Saturday and all day Sunday until 4:00pm.**

TORONTO CELEBRATION OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

One of our goals is to get our young people – Filipinos and non-Filipinos alike – involved in their community by realizing their God-given gifts and how they can use them to serve others. Thus, we invite you to share with your parishioners our series of forthcoming virtual talks by Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations of the Archdiocese of Toronto, as part of our continuing diocesan celebration of 500 years of Christianity in the

Philippines.

Feel free to use the following materials:

- **Social media graphic:**
<http://bit.ly/URGiftedtoGive-graphic>
- **Poster:** <http://bit.ly/URGiftedtoGive-poster>

Kindly consider including the following announcement in your parish bulletin:

"U R Gifted to Give!" Virtual Short Talks by Fr. Matthew "Matt" McCarthy

For the youth, young adults and young at hearts! Every Saturday in May at 12 p.m., join Fr. Matt as he shares how YOU can discover your gifts and use them for God's greater glory!

May 22: Listening to the Spirit

View online at our website www.ph500toronto.com, Facebook (www.facebook.com/500yocTO) or YouTube (<http://bit.ly/GiftedToGive>).

Kindly share. Please email questions to:

ph500@archtoronto.org. Thank you for your support!

BLESSING FOR PENTECOST

May the enthusiasm of Spirit leap incessantly within you and help you to live a vibrant life.

May the warmth of Spirit's fire be extended through your concern and care for all those who need your love. May the blaze of Spirit's courage enable you to speak the truth and to stand up for respect, dignity, and justice.

May the undying embers of Spirit's faithfulness support you when you feel spiritually dry and empty.

May the strength of Spirit's love sustain your hope as you enter into the pain of our world.

May the clear light of Spirit's guidance be a source of effective discernment and decision-making for you. May Spirit's patient endurance be yours while you wait for what is unknown to be revealed.

May the steady flame of Spirit's goodness within you convince you every day of the power of your presence with others.

May the joyful fire of Spirit dance within you and set happiness ablaze in your life.

May the spark of your relationship with Spirit catch afire in the hearts of those with whom you live and work.

May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you. May you rely on this Source of Love to be your constant ally and steady guide.

~ **Joyce Rupp**

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PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

PENTECOST

Come, Holy Spirit, illuminate the darkness in my heart and the darkness in the body of Christ. Open us wide to your wisdom and love. Inspire and work through us to build a church and society that glorifies you. Free us from our ideas about how that might look or any desire to tame you. Come, Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Sr. Julia Walsh, F.S.P.A.

From: **LIVING FAITH**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Living in a Spirit of Unity

The Holy Spirit is often times the least recognized person of the Trinity. He seems more mysterious to us and harder to grasp. However, on this great Feast of Pentecost, let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit and how He unites all of us in the Church. St. Cyril of Alexandria, a doctor of the church, says "All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God." There are two beautiful impacts of this statement.

Firstly, this means that all the baptized are bound together as one. How often do we perceive this sense of unity in our own parish? As stewards, we should strive to create a charitable and hospitable community for all of our parishioners. Let us go out of our way to meet one new family at the parish this week as a sign of this commitment to unity.

The second implication in St. Cyril's words is that this is not a mere human club or group. Rather, we are connected to one another "and with God." Our unity is essentially rooted in God Himself. This elevates our community to one that is truly divine, and as a divine community, we should strive to eliminate all anger and unforgiveness that may exist between us. These vices run the risk of wearing away at the life and joy of our parish. Let us strive to make amends with anyone in the parish who has wronged us so that a spirit of stewardship may continue to flourish among us.

Summary

On this feast day of Pentecost let us reflect on the words of St. Cyril of Alexandria who says that those who've received the Holy Spirit are "in a sense blended together with one another and with God." We are firstly

connected to one another and so as stewards we should strive to create a charitable and hospitable community for all of our parishioners. Secondly, we are all connected with God, so we should strive to forgive those who've hurt us in order to foster a divine community free of all anger and resentment.

From: **STEWARDSHIP**

SPIRIT GIFTS FOR TURBULENT TIMES

By Joseph Grant

Deeper and wider

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because [God] has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. ...has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4:18-19)

What gifts do we have, and what gifts do we urgently need in times like these?

In our own lives, the difference between a gift and a burden is often determined by how we receive it. So much that appears at first as burden can, in the end, become a grace-filled gift.

When we find ourselves backed into a fearful space and deeply troubled by turbulent times, it helps to keep in mind that our fundamental expression of church, remembered in the breaking of the bread, we acknowledge that there is another, deeper, primal and cosmic movement always at work in our lives and our communities.

In 1968, at the World Council of Churches, Orthodox Metropolitan Ignatius of Latakia offered this description of what happens when we neglect or try to suppress the free-flow and potent presence of the Holy Spirit:

Without the Holy Spirit, God is far away,

Christ stays in the past,

The Gospel is a dead letter,

The Church is simply an organization,

Authority is a matter of domination,

Mission is a matter of propaganda,

The liturgy is no more than an evocation,

Christian living a slave morality.

But in the Holy Spirit:

The cosmos is resurrected and groans with the birth

Pangs of the Kingdom,

The risen Christ is there,

The Gospel is the power of life,

The Church shows forth the life of the Trinity,
Authority is a liberating service,
Mission is a Pentecost,
The liturgy is both memorial and anticipation
And, human action is deified.

(Experiencing God, Kenneth Leech)

Pentecost begs a community and gifts it with a mission! It is in our encounters with the gate-crashing, free and fiery Holy Spirit of Pentecost that we are pulled into the outpouring spiral of God's healing mission we call salvation. The ultimate aim and trajectory of authentic spirituality is always down toward intimacy, and out toward ever broader connection. It is this ongoing reclamation of our original at-one-ness we recreate each Sunday in Holy Communion.

This feral Spirit shows no respect for religious, cultural, ethnic, national, social, gender or ideological boundaries. It is a fence-jumper, border-crosser, door-buster and bridge-builder. And such spiritual momentum can also carry us up and over, or draw us down and under, every barricade of ideology, theology, caste, class or national agenda that would seek to separate God's children and the primordial oneness of creation.

FROM: **CELEBRATION MAY 2018**

**POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"
December 8, 2000 – December 8, 2021**

**Message of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the occasion of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
1 May 2021**

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to celebrate Joseph, the patron saint of workers on 1 May each year. We learn from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 13:55-56) that St. Joseph was a carpenter. As a worker, St. Joseph would have been gifted in his craft but dependent on others for work that would help him meet the basic needs of his family.

Since 1891, when Pope Leo XIII issued the Encyclical Letter *Rerum Novarum* in response to injustices to workers that arose during the industrial revolution, the Church has stated that the right to work, and the rights of workers, must be maintained and strengthened no matter the nature of the work or the stature of the worker. *The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* identifies work as a human right that enhances dignity, sustains families, and contributes to the common good of society. Work allows the individual to share his or her gifts, cooperate with others for the

building up of society, and participate in God's work of Creation.

Of late, amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Canadians have become acutely aware that despite labour laws that protect workers, there remain many inequities and indeed numerous difficult working conditions for many of our brothers and sisters. We find this particularly prevalent among those deemed "essential workers," such as grocery store clerks, restaurant workers, factory employees, distribution centre workers, gas station operators, health care workers, educators, and migrants who labour in the farming industry – to name only a few. "Essential workers" do not have the option of working from home. Many of these workers do not have access to paid sick leave. Some who need to stay home face consequences such as loss of pay, a lay-off, or even dismissal. Many do not have adequate health benefits that would assist them in purchasing medicine and other supplies. This, combined with the fear of contracting Covid-19 at work and spreading it to their families, makes the situation untenable. Even if "essential workers" are not sick, when schools are closed, and children must learn virtually, access to affordable day-care is not always available. The parent is left to choose between care and supervision of their children and their jobs. This is a choice that no one should have to make. Furthermore, it must not be lost on us that many of our brothers and sisters here in Canada do not have equitable access to just remuneration, to living wages, paid sick leave and adequate child care. Collectively, we must heed Pope Francis' call to "review our priorities" and advocate for justice for all workers, especially those identified as essential. Work is essential for the life of an individual and of the community.

Another sobering effect of the Covid-19 pandemic has been the reality of increased unemployment in Canada. This is particularly true for women and youth. Many youths rely on the money they make during the summer and throughout the school year to offset the costs associated with post-secondary education. This lack of income has left many in a state of uncertainty and created mounting obstacles to continue post-secondary education. Those who graduated from college or university in 2020 find themselves without work in their field of study, stalling their life plans.

As we continue to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, we are reminded of the words of Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, where he writes:

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Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, pray for us!

St. Joseph, patron saint of Canada, pray for us!

EMERGENCY UPDATE ON PANDEMIC RESTRICTION

Due to the **Enhanced "Stay At Home Order" restrictions**, announced by the Ontario Government, we offer the following information:

- As of **Monday, April 19th**, there will be **NO PUBLIC MASSES** celebrated, at St. Margaret's or St. Eugene's, and **both** churches, **will not** be open to the public, until further notice.
- Please know that the elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be strongly encouraged to remain home. Livestreaming of services should continue where this practice is underway and the dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist remains. A full list of livestream services can be accessed at: www.archtoronto.org

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2021 & supports the bulletin service. Call Liturgical Publications at **905-624-4422**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 16, 2021

Offertory	\$814	PAG	\$925
Budget	\$8,300		(\$6,561)

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW THE CATHOLIC FAITH COULD HELP YOU LIVE BETTER?

How it could help you find more joy at work, manage your personal finances, improve your marriage, or make you a better parent?

THERE IS GENIUS IN CATHOLICISM.

When *Catholicism* is lived as it is intended to be, it elevates every part of our lives. It may sound simple, but they say *genius is taking something complex and making it simple*.

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HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – India's COVID-19 Outbreak

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 of new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. International observers expect that the actual numbers are significantly higher. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time.

In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who may wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through **Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis**, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as those with inadequate housing, migrant labourers, persons with special needs and widows. Relief services and materials provided by the Church, or with its support, include:

- ❖ **Food at kitchens and distribution centres in slums, at migration transit points, etc.**
- ❖ **Masks, sanitizers and hygiene kits to vulnerable communities**
- ❖ **Psychosocial support and hotline services to traumatized and grieving people**
- ❖ **Public education campaigns on infection**

prevention and vaccination

- ❖ **Supporting the public healthcare system, including donating expertise, facilities and equipment from Church-run clinics and hospitals**

To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch this video: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- **Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org**
- **By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411**
- **Through the parish, making cheques payable to:**

Name of Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

ONGOING DIRECTIVES

1. The **parish office is closed to the public**. Please contact us by phone only on: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00am – 12noon, 1:00pm – 4:00pm or any day by e-mail at st.marg@sympatico.ca
2. **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**
Obviously due to the present restrictions, it becomes even more important to have the e-mail addresses of as many parishioners as possible. If you or you know anyone who may not have already informed the parish office of your e-mail address, we strongly encourage you to contact the parish office during the above scheduled times!
3. **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by appointment only**
4. **The Church dispensation** from attending Sunday Eucharist, for all the faithful, who are unable to attend Sunday Mass, continues throughout the covid-19 pandemic.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves, via our website and parish blast. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

IT'S HERE – OUR NEW WEBSITE

Take a peek! We encourage you to visit and explore our new website.

Our new website, aside from being aesthetically pleasing, is

more interactive, AODA compliant and is easier to navigate. We are excited of the new experience, but we know there's still work to do. In the coming months, we hope to continue improving the site that it best serves how we communicate with you.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO'S ONLINE SESSIONS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. The single-session consultation is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of his/her inability to pay fees.



Online Quick Access Single Session Counselling For Individuals, Couples & Families

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering Online Quick Access Single Sessions.

To arrange for a session, please email info@cfstoronto.com or call 416 921-1163 or 416 222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is a Catholic Charities member agency supported by ShareLife.



CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

The Nuns Were Great Teacher In Many Ways!

An old nun who was living in a convent next to a construction site noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways.

She decided she would take her lunch and sit with them, so she put the sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating.

Sporting a big smile, she walked up to the group and asked: "Any of you men know Jesus Christ?"

They shook their heads and looked at each other, very confused.

Then one of the workers looked up into the steelworks and yelled out "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?"

One of the steelworkers yelled back down, "Why?"

The worker yelled back, "Cause his mum's here with his lunch."