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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY 2016

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tuesday through Friday 9:15 a.m.

and/or as announced

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Contact the parish office for assistance

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Contact the parish office to make arrangements for the preparation and celebration of Baptism

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert)
or the Pastoral Assistant (Sharon)

FAITH FORMATION OF CHILDREN

Catechism sessions for children (K to Grade 8) are held on **Sunday mornings, September through May, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.** Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information and to register.

FAITH FORMATION OF ADULTS

In addition to formation sessions for those preparing for the Rites of Christian Initiation, periodically other programs, workshops, and/or study sessions will be offered throughout the year to help adult parishioners deepen their love of God and understanding of our Catholic faith. Contact our Pastor or Pastoral Assistant for further information.

GATHERING, FELLOWSHIP, AND COFFEE

After Masses on the first weekend of the month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

and/or as announced or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements for preparation and celebration of marriages should be made through the Pastor at least six months in advance

CELEBRATION OF THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors

DEVOTIONS

Rosary at 9:00 a.m. before weekday Masses

Eucharistic Adoration - First Fridays at 9:45 a.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

FACILITY BOOKINGS: PARISH HALL, MEETING ROOMS, ETC.

Contact the parish office for more information

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15 – 22, 2016

As circumstances suggest, the following schedule may be subject to change.

Sunday, May 15	SOLEMNITY: PENTECOST SUNDAY
5:00 pm Saturday	MASS – <i>Helen McMullin+</i> , requested by Herb, Sandra and Shannon
9:00 am	MASS – <i>Liz Baziuk (health)</i> , requested by John Baziuk
10:15 am	Catechism Classes – last class before summer break
10:15 am	Sacramental Preparation Session for First Eucharist in room 10
11:45 am	MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>
7:30 pm	EVENING PRAYER to open the Synod – at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue
Monday, May 16	FERIAL
	<i>Office closed on Monday – custodian on duty</i>
10:00 am	Knitting Group in the lounge downstairs
1:00 pm	Serving Our Seniors (S.O.S.) gathering in Room 10
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting in Room 12
Tuesday, May 17	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – <i>Roger Magne+</i> , requested by George and Olga Bonnefoy
3:00 - 6:30 pm	First Communion Interviews with candidates and parents/guardians
Wednesday, May 18	FERIAL
9:00 am	MASS – <i>Wilfred O’Connor+</i> , requested by Margaret Downey
9:30 am	Recitation of the Rosary
10:30 am	Central Winnipeg Deanery Meeting at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elie
Thursday, May 19	FERIAL
8:45 am	MASS – <i>Special intention for a fruitful Archdiocesan Synod</i> , requested by parishioners
9:15 am	Recitation of the Rosary
10:30 am	Synod Preparation Meeting for Priests at Good Shepherd Parish, Portage la Prairie
2:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word – at Heritage Lodge, 3555 Portage Avenue
Friday, May 20	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – <i>Fr. Robert Polz on his anniversary of ordination</i> , requested by family and friends
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Saturday, May 21	FEAST: SAINT MATTHIAS, Apostle
3:30 pm	First Communion Interviews with candidates and parents/guardians
5:00 pm	MASS – <i>Lois Olinyk+</i> , requested by Maureen Ploquin
Sunday, May 22	SOLEMNITY: MOST HOLY TRINITY
9:00 am	MASS – <i>Lois Olinyk+</i> , requested by Elsie and Doug Rosler
11:45 am	MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

The word *Pentecost*—“fiftieth”—appeared in the ancient Greek version of the Old Testament to refer to the “Feast of Weeks,” a harvest and pilgrimage festival occurring 50 days after Passover. Later it recalled God’s covenant with Noah. In the first century A.D. Pentecost became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

That was the setting for what Saint Luke described in the Acts of the Apostles. In fact, Luke draws not only on the Pentecost traditions but other biblical events as well. The “noise like a strong driving wind” echoes the wind that swept over the primordial waters at the creation of the world and after the Great Flood. The ability to speak in and understand different tongues reverses the chaos of language in the aftermath of the Tower of Babel. Like God’s appearance to the Israelites during their Exodus, God’s presence in Acts appears in the form of fire.

At the first Christian Pentecost, then, the earliest assembly of the church received abundance in the form of the life-giving Spirit; the gift of a unique relationship with God; and a mission to communicate God’s new teaching to the whole world.

– Joel Schorn

FIRST COMMUNION – Sunday, May 29, 2016: Please remember in your prayers our children preparing for their first reception of the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. Our parish's First Communion Celebration will take place at the **11:45 a.m. Mass** on May 29th. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

PRO-LIFE LIVING ROSARY – Saturday, June 4, 2016: The Couples for Christ community will sponsor the praying of a Pro-Life Living Rosary on the First Saturday of June here at Saint John XXIII Church. All are invited to take part in the Living Rosary at **4:00 p.m.** and in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which will follow at the regular time of **5:00 p.m.** on June 4th.

Couples for Christ (CFC) is an international Catholic religious association of the faithful of Pontifical Right. One of its core values is to be pro-life. In support of this, CFC has established the Gift of Life Ministry, catering to all matters in defense and preservation of life, teachings on the Theology of the Body, and other pro-life activities.



Gift of Life
Ministry

Every first Saturday of each month is a special day allotted, not only to show devotion to the Blessed Mother, but as well to sponsor a Pro-Life Living Rosary and Holy Mass at a certain parish, either in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg or Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. Invitation to participate is also extended to other religious groups and parishioners where this event is being held.

PASTORAL VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP – Sunday, June 5, 2016: His Grace, Archbishop Richard Gagnon, will make a pastoral visit to Saint John XXIII Parish on Sunday, June 5th. **All parishioners are asked to make their best effort to join together with our Archbishop for Mass at 11:45 a.m. on June 5th.** A reception will follow in the parish hall. *(Please note that the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be cancelled for June 5th only.)*

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2016

The total amount of the 2016 SGG's Appeal is \$1,944,100. This represents a 1.4% increase over the previous year, reflecting the impact of inflation. Our parish share of the 2016 Appeal is based solely on our parish's 2014 Offertory collection. This revision to calculating parish targets was agreed to at the Priest Assembly meeting held on March 8th in Portage la Prairie. (In the past the allocation to parishes was based on 25% of envelope holders and 75% of the Offertory collection revenue.) Applying the revised formula and using 2014 as the base year for the Offertory collection, **our Parish's appeal target for 2016 is \$50,670.**

Thankfully, last year our parish surpassed its target so we received this year in February a reimbursement cheque of \$1,716.35 which represented funds raised in excess of our 2015 target. On a Sunday in the not too distant future, members of the Parish Finance Council will speak at Masses about our commitment to Sharing God's Gifts 2016 and brochures about the appeal will be distributed. In the meantime, those who wish to begin their contributions to Sharing God's Gifts 2016 may do so through the parish office or directly to the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Please make cheques payable to "Sharing God's Gifts". Thank you for your generous support.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT: Darrell Aucoin, Liz Baziuk, Peter Corcoran, Connie Cszmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Donald Hanis, Eola Johnson, Angela Kalichak, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Nell Ramsay, Cecile Roberts, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Jacob Trudel, Antonio F. Viegas, Maria Helena Viegas, Ted Wood and Helen Yankoski. *Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to have names added to our revised list. Please remember that to have names added to the list and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you for your help.*



MAY 15, 2016

The Solemnity of Pentecost

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Spirit of God makes it possible
for all to understand each other plainly.

Psalms 104:1ab+24ac, 29b-30, 31+34

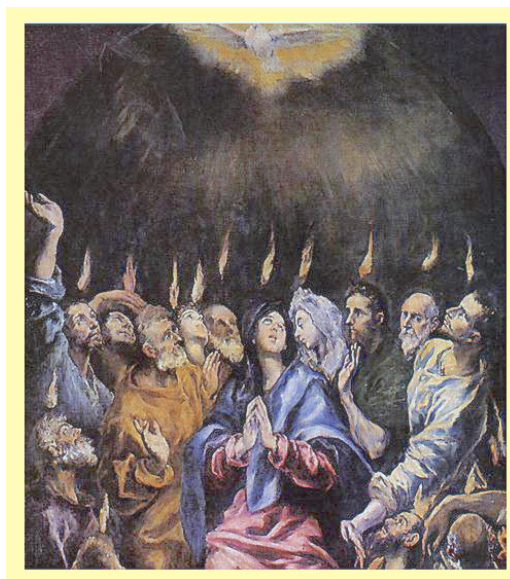
God's spirit renews creation,
making all things fresh and vital again.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17

The Spirit of God makes it possible for us
to utilize the many spiritual gifts.

John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

In an intimate gathering,
Jesus breathes the Spirit onto his disciples.



COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Jesus is Lord! Let's say it together: *Jesus is Lord!* Does it sound strange on the tongue? Are we shy to pronounce these words? Do we feel like phonies to talk like this? Are we secretly afraid we don't know what these three words imply? Or are we afraid that we do?

Saint Paul tells the folks in Corinth that no one can say those words unless the Holy Spirit permits it. So when we say *Jesus is Lord*, we might be comforted by the notion that the Spirit is allowing us to speak these words at all. It's a confession we're making. We're agreeing to hand to Jesus authority over our lives. And yes, that's a little scary and perhaps should be. It's a serious decision and a sober claim.

Once Jesus is Lord over us, nothing and no one else can be. Our lives can't be primarily about money, security, personal comfort, or gaining attention. When Jesus is Lord, it's God's will being done, not ours.

How can we do such a thing: give ourselves over to what God wills even when we'd rather do otherwise? By means of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate today. Talking about the Spirit can make some Catholics a little nervous. We're institutional creatures by nature, accustomed to liturgy and sacrament, doctrine and teaching, hierarchy and guidelines. We know what's expected of us and among the consolations of religion is having a rule book to refer to when moral issues start to look a little grey.

The Holy Spirit doesn't come with a rule book. The Spirit blows as the Spirit wills, according to Augustine. That's not comforting from an organizational perspective. You can't tame this Spirit, or channel the Divine Breath in preferred directions. The Spirit's on the move, which means the Spirit moves us in divinely preferred directions. This ungovernable Spirit guides us, not the other way around.

We say *Jesus is Lord* because the Spirit allows it. And because we make that profession of faith, the Spirit sprinkles the assembly with gifts rendered to the church and for the world. Imagine what that shower must look like! Close your eyes, look inside yourself, and let the Spirit name the gift that is given to you. Some of us will know immediately what it is: It leaps up to declare itself at once. Others of us may be less sure of this, so ask a trusted family member, a close friend, and they can probably name it with confidence. You can also consult a spiritual director to seek or confirm your gift. Once you name it, it's time to let the Spirit move you into the perfect position to use it.

— Alice Camille

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THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY: REFLECTIONS

I used to think mercy meant showing kindness to someone who didn't deserve it, as if only the recipient defined the act. The girl in between has learned that mercy is defined by its giver. Our flaws are obvious, yet we are loved and able to love, if we choose, because there is that bit of the divine still smoldering in us.

— Susan Meissner, *The Shape of Mercy*

Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church, Winnipeg, MB
SUPPLEMENT TO THE PARISH BULLETIN
Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday
May 15, 2016



OPENING OF THE SYNOD PROCESS

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016**, we will open our Synod Process for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Solemn Evening Prayer will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue, beginning at **7:30 p.m.** This Evening Prayer presided by Archbishop Richard Gagnon will mark the official beginning of our two-year Synod Process. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

Excerpt of a May 10, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO ALL PARISHES FROM ARCHBISHOP GAGNON **Re Fort McMurray Response**

"We have been shocked and saddened by the devastation we have seen on television because of the wildfires in Fort McMurray. Our prayers are with the people of Fort McMurray who have been displaced from their homes and are suffering through this time of great upheaval.

People from across Canada have been responding generously to this crisis. As a sign of our willingness to assist, I would ask that Parishes across the Archdiocese of Winnipeg join other parishes across Canada in taking a special collection for those in need in Fort McMurray this coming weekend May 14-15, 2016.

The Bishop of St. Paul, Alberta, Most Reverend Paul Terrio, has confirmed that one half of any contributions will be used to assist Catholic parishes and parishioners of Fort McMurray, while the other half will be forwarded to the Fort McMurray Ministerial Association for ecumenical assistance to those who have lost homes and jobs."

You will find in your bulletin an envelope to facilitate an offering to this special collection. Please make any cheques payable to the Parish. Funds collected in the Parish will be forwarded to the Catholic Centre of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. The Archdiocese in turn will forward the funds to the Diocese of St. Paul. Thank you so much for your kind and generous response.



2015 FINANCIAL REPORT: At Masses this weekend the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2015 will be presented to parishioners. We thank Al McMurdie, one of our parish trustees, for presenting the report to parishioners. We are grateful to the members of the Parish Finance Council and others who have been assisting in the preparation of required reports to bring to closure parish books for the 2015 fiscal year. We also thank parishioners for their continued support and patience as the process of transition and reorganization continues with administrative procedures in the parish office. We count on your generous stewardship as we move forward with the process of visioning and strategic planning to build up our parish that we might be more effective witnesses of the Good News to the community in which we are called to serve today.

ENVIRONMENT FOR CATHOLIC WORSHIP: One of the tasks of our Parish Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee is to assist our pastor in evaluating and proposing an overall strategic plan for the revamping of our church's worship space so that it is brought more into conformity with canonical and liturgical norms regarding environment for Catholic Worship. One of the first things the Committee has discerned is that, according to the expectations of our Archbishop, the music ministry should be moved from the sanctuary to its proper place within the assembly. Accordingly, before the Archbishop's planned pastoral visit on June 5th, the music ministry will be relocated from the sanctuary to the assembly in some temporary arrangement which will be tweaked once other items under consideration are determined. ***Accompanying today's bulletin are a couple of inserts, from a series of twelve, which are being provided so that parishioners at large may join the Committee in developing a better understanding of what is usually required in a dedicated Catholic worship space. In the weeks/months to come, other inserts from the series also will be made available.***

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

KNITTING GROUP: The Knitting Group would like donations of baby yarn, notions, lace and fabric, but most especially baby yarn. The last meeting of the group before the summer break will take place on **Monday, May 16th**. Following cleanup that day, a potluck meal will be held. Anyone who would like to come and join in the gathering is cordially invited. For further information, you may contact Bev Hewitt at 204-885-1202.

SERVING OUR SENIORS is a dedicated team of Saint John XXIII Parish volunteers known as S.O.S. The purpose of this team is to be available for a home visit, share a prayer, or to bring Holy Communion to our seniors or any of our parishioners – on request. Our goal is to compliment what is already established and not to replace a ministry that is currently provided. Another initiative of Serving Our Seniors team is offering a get-together event every other month. These events are open to all parishioners over fifty (50) who would enjoy a fun activity. The S.O.S. Team will host **an afternoon of cards and games on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.** here at Saint John XXIII Parish downstairs in Room 10. Refreshments provided.

HOLY NAMES HOUSE OF PEACE ANNUAL RAFFLE: Many thanks to the community of Saint John XXIII Parish for their wonderful support for the Holy Names House of Peace Annual Raffle. Over 11 raffle books were sold totalling more than \$1100.00. Anyone still wishing to purchase raffle tickets may call Barb Macdonell at 204-888-8384.

THE MANITOBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE manages a **Substitute Teacher listing** used by all Catholic Schools in the city. If you wish to apply to be included on this listing please visit the Archdiocese of Winnipeg website <<http://www.archwinnipeg.ca>> for requirements and process. Please note the Catholic Schools Office is closed for the summer from July 8th, reopening August 23rd.

RESPONDING TO THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION REPORT: Sessions begin at **7:00 p.m.** and are held at Sturgeon Creek United Church, 205 Thompson Drive. **May 16, 2016 – Walking Together:** Considering our response to what we have learned.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Register for a couple-to-couple class in Natural Family Planning. Serena Manitoba will hold its next class on **Tuesday, May 24 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.** Contact us at mbserena@gmail.com, 204-783-0091 or 1-866-317-5362. More details at www.serenamb.com and www.serena.ca

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: Monsignor Stan Jaworski extends a cordial invitation to clergy and faithful to join with him in offering a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. The Eucharistic Celebration will begin at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2016** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Winnipeg. Reception to follow. Cards and gifts are gratefully declined. In lieu of these, Monsignor requests our fervent prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

ANNUAL BRUNCH FUNDRAISER: Associates of the Child Jesus invite you to their Annual Brunch Fundraiser on **Sunday, May 29, 2016 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at the Assiniboine Gordon Inn, 1975 Portage Avenue. Tickets \$25 per person (students \$15). Proceeds to support Christians in the Holy Land and Catechists in Burkina Faso, Africa. For tickets please contact Margaret at 204-504-2185, Marie at 204-489-7062, or Genevieve at 204-895-7311.

THE ANNUAL WIND-UP AND POTLUCK DINNER is planned for St. James Assiniboia CWL on **Monday, May 30, 2016** at Saint John XXIII Parish. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. and supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favourite dish and a wrapped gift (value around \$5) for our 'charities auction'. Please come and invite a friend. If you need transportation call Elsie 204-832-5390.



MANITOBA MULTIFAITH COUNCIL: Notice of Annual General Meeting – **Monday, May 30, 2016** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Mulvey School, 750 Wolseley Avenue, Winnipeg. **Registration at 6:45 p.m.** Public is cordially invited to join us. **Panel Presentation on “Education, Religion and a New Canadian Pluralism”** – Panel will include **Antonio (Tony) Tavares**, Consultant — Diversity Education and International Languages Instruction, Curriculum/Assessment Branch, Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning; **Ruth Ashrafi**, Director – Judaic Studies, Gray Academy, and Director of Education, Ritual & Programming, Herzliya Adas-Yeshurun Synagogue; **Helen Robinson-Settee**, Director – Aboriginal Education Directorate Murdo Scribe Centre. Moderator: **Al Benarroch**, Executive Director – Jewish Child & Family Service.

For other events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please see information posted on bulletin boards at the north and south entrances of the church, and/or go to the website: www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php