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**SUNDAY, June 5, 2022
The Feast of Pentecost**

REFLECTION ~ Deacon David Kraemer

Happy Birthday ! Today we mark the birth of the Church on earth, with the descending of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. In last week's Feast of the Ascension first reading (Acts 1:1-11), Jesus tells his disciples to stay in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth."

And so it was that many pilgrims were there in Jerusalem at that time, celebrating their own Pentecost, or specifically the Feast of Shavuot. This feast (also known as the Feast of Weeks) was celebrated 50 days after Passover to celebrate the wheat harvest in the Land of Israel (Exodus 34:22). But more importantly, it marked the revelation of the Torah to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai. On Passover, the people of Israel were freed from their enslavement to Pharaoh; on Shavuot, they were given the Torah and became a nation committed to serving God. These pilgrims represented the far reaches of the known world at that time, the 'ends of the earth' so to speak.

Thus it was so appropriate that Jesus, who frequently described himself as the fulfilment of the Hebrew Law, the Torah, should initiate the New Life in the Spirit, the new chosen people, the New Testament Church by sending the Holy Spirit upon his followers. It was the power of the Spirit that opened their minds and hearts to the scriptures and all that Jesus had taught them. It was the power of the Spirit that caused the mighty wind to attract the attention of those in Jerusalem. It was the power of the Spirit that gave the apostles the courage to leave the secret room where they were hiding behind locked doors and proclaim the truth of God's salvation.

When the apostles spoke to the people of Jerusalem and they all heard it in their own native language, was the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the words the apostles spoke or was it in the ears of those who heard it? Perhaps both.

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Was the audience awe-struck by the power of the Spirit that manifested itself in the wind and sounds but also the joyful and courageous exuberance of the newly empowered apostles? How the Holy Spirit works is yet another divine mystery that we can only marvel at.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, counsel, piety and awe of the Lord) help us, imperfect people that we are, to carry thru with our mission of being Christ's witnesses and bringing God's love to the ends of the earth. When we call on the Holy Spirit, these gifts give us the power to understand scripture and the teachings of Jesus and they give us the courage to step out from behind our own locked doors. The fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) are thus evidenced to the world around us by our sharing of these gifts. The unique talents or Charisms that we receive from God are to be fitted together with the charisms of our fellow believers, like a jigsaw puzzle, to bring the picture of God to our world. The picture of God's plan is incomplete if my piece is missing.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit.

Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and
you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of your faithful.

Grant that by that same Holy Spirit,
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

A note from our Pastor Fr. Brian

As a result of the priest moves announced by Bishop Fabbro earlier this week, Fr. Anthony Eboh will be transferred to the Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes effective July 4, 2022. We thank Fr. Anthony for his wonderful priestly service to our Family of Parishes here in Sarnia and wish him many Blessings as he continues to serve God's people in St. Thomas.

You are invited to a gathering at St. Joseph Church hall after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday June 26th to say goodbye to Fr. Anthony.

Bishop Fabbro also announced that Fr. Paul Kim will be joining our Family of Parishes as associate pastor effective July 4th. At our Family of Parishes 1st Anniversary celebration at St. Patrick's high school on Sunday July 10, 2022 there will be opportunity to greet Fr. Paul and welcome him to our family. *Fr. Brian*

Dear Parishioners of the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes,

My name is Fr. Paul Kim, your newly appointed Associate Pastor. Below is a brief bio about myself: I was born and raised in London, Ontario and recently ordained in April of 2018. Priesthood has certainly been an adventure so far, filled with many blessings. So far, I have been serving parishes in Windsor-Essex county, and more recently, as the Parochial Vicar at St. Michael's Parish (my home parish) and chaplain at Christ the King University Parish and King's College. I am also currently serving as the spiritual advisor for the diocesan Catholic Women's League. Before entering seminary, I was a teacher. A few fun facts: I am an avid Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Raptors, and Toronto Blue Jays fan and enjoy coffee, running and lately triathlons. I am very eager to serve with our pastoral team and to meet and journey with you all, as we grow in the beauty of our faith and bring the Good News of our Lord to others!

God bless and see you soon!

Fr. Paul

Pray for Vocations: June 5 to June 11

Sunday: Parish Business managers of the Diocese of London

Monday: Mrs. Karen Doyle, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Tuesday: Rev. Joseph Langlois

Wednesday: Mrs. Dianne O'Neil, Pastoral Minister

Thursday: Rev. Barnabas Kiss, O.F.M.

Friday: Deacon Carol Tamas

Saturday: Deacon Guy Alden

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

*We pray for all who have died
and for those who mourn their
passing.*

Nancy Thomas

Oscar Bento



Liturgy of the Word with Children Prayer Service



Please use the following link to access this week's kids' bulletin.

[June 5, 2022](#)

[Kids Bulletin](#)

Please note:

This is the last Liturgy of the Word with Children Program that will be made available for parishioner use. Due to the period of dispensation from attending regular services coming to a close, so too is our copyright agreement to share these lessons in this manner.

Stay tuned to the Bulletin for more information about the return to in-person Liturgy of the Word with Children activities to begin in September.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy summer!

Readings for Sunday, June 5, 2022

1st Reading:

Acts 2.1-11

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel:

Romans 8.8-17

Please Pray For

Emmett Kameka



Sarnia Latin Mass

Friday June 10th, 2022 at 7:00pm
St Joseph's Church, 293 Stuart St Sarnia

Please join us after Mass for a social in the church hall which is beneath the Church. Light refreshment to be served.



Congratulations

Sacred Heart parishioners, Mary Ellen & Mark Merchant on your 50th Wedding Anniversary ~ June 3rd.

Assumption University Marks 165th Anniversary

Assumption University celebrates 165 years of higher education in Canada and Windsor-Essex.

On February 10, 1857, Assumption College opened its doors and welcomed its first cohort of students. A special celebration will begin at 1:00 p.m. June 18, 2022, 2022 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

For more information go to: www.assumptionu.ca



SARNIA BLUEWATER ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES SARNIA YOUTH MINISTRY

ALL EVENTS AT ST. THOMAS D'AQUIN CATHOLIC CHURCH

All Event changes and updates
will be posted on
Sarniacatholic.ca/youth, and the bulletins
Questions? Email: ajbarrows@dol.ca



Morning
10am-12pm

Evening
6pm-8pm

Summer events every
Monday & Wednesday July-Aug.
Summer events starts July 4th

**Mondays
(6th-8th Graders)**

**Wednesday
(9th-12th Graders)**

Mornings Events

Slip n' slide Kickball, Bubble Soccer, Archery Tag, Board & Card Games, Video Games, Cereal Bar and Cartoons, Building &DIY Projects, Spike Ball, and more

Evening Events

Campfires and Flannels, 9 Square in the Air, Dodge Ball Movies, Paint Night, Capture the Flag, Trivia, Glow-in-the-Dark Frisbee, Free Guitar, ukulele music lessons, and more

Scan QR Code to
get summer event
updates directly



The CHOSEN

No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you!

Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with him - the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed. What would that look like? Now you can experience it!

The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. The Chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him.

The Chosen stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. This T.V. series brings to life those people that are mentioned in the Bible, using the historical context of life at the time of Jesus. The series does not contradict scripture, but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, "What was life like with Jesus."

As you encounter the characters in The Chosen for these eight sessions, you could build a new curiosity about the life of Jesus and those that followed him when he walked the earth.

The Chosen is a fresh look at the Gospels for those who have been reading the stories for years or for those who are just curious about who Jesus is and was.

WHEN: Monday September 12, 2022 to Monday, October 31, 2022

TIME: 10AM to 12:00PM

WHERE: St. Benedict Church Hall

Register online at www.sbrcfp.dol.ca or by calling the business office at 519-336-2653

Weekday Mass Intentions - June 6 to June 12

<i>Monday, June 6</i>		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Intentions of Prisco Santos ~ Karen Mowe	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Dennis Dufour ~ The Dufour Family Bertha Loosemore ~ The Family Our Lady of Fatima ~ Maria E. Aguiar	
<i>Tuesday, June 7</i>		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart John Nowak ~ The McDonough Family Hap Gottfried ~The McDonough Family Marie Buchanan ~ Kay & Dermot McDonough Maggy Barnfield ~ Blair & Anne Marie Gillis Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh Nancy Thomas ~ Margaret Potter	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Terence & Iris Coates For the intentions of Begonia Rosario 7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquin-French Laurette Haché ~ Les enfants 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Margaret & Bernard Wiechula ~ B.	6:30 PM St. Benedict Sabina De La Torre ~ Rey & Adel Quijalvo Joao Cabral ~ Gabriela Ferreira Margaret Cornell ~ The Belak & Anderson Families Domenic D’Agostini ~ Lisa, Julian & Christian For the deceased members of the St. Benedict KofC ~ St. Benedict KofC
<i>Wednesday June 8</i>		
9:30 AM St. Joseph Horacio Teixeira ~ Maria M. Teixeira	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Antonio Amaral ~ Wife, Lonnie Juanito Rosario ~ Mellie DeKoning Special Intention	7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquin For the souls in purgatory ~ Liliane
<i>Thursday, June 9</i>		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – Bilingual All Souls in Purgatory ~ Irena 9:30 AM St. Benedict Betty Paolini ~ St. Benedict CWL Robert Lucan ~ The Varsava & Bresette Families Gladys Vincent ~ Bernice (Bonny) Mathieson Terence & Iris Coates	12:10 AM Our Lady of Mercy Frank Bandura ~ Wife & Children Denise Ann White ~ Helen Bartos Juanito Rosario	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Mike Iaccino ~ Wife, Elda Antonio Taraborelli ~ Angela Taraborelli & Family Len Fera ~ Ann & Mike Baker Ryan Jude D’Silva ~ The Family Iain Bickerstaff & Restituta Ilustrisimo ~Nancy & Fiona Bickerstaff Terence & Iris Coates

Friday, June 10		
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English Elzear & Gilberte Charron ~ Denise Charron 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Reinaldo Mendonca ~ Wife, Ligia & Family John Kelders ~ The Kelders Family	9:30 AM Sacred Heart Serafino & Giuseppa Iannucci ~ Daughter, Rosa & Family Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh Margaret McShane ~ Karen Gallagher Joan & Johnny Withers ~ Dorothy Wright Cecile O'Rae ~ Dorothy Wright For the intentions of Marj & Larry Scully ~ Blair & Anne Marie Gillis	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish Blessings for Oliver Rade ~ Bernice Rade O błogosławieństwo Boże dla dzieci i wnuków ~ Rodzice
Saturday, June 11		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Bill & Mary Thomson ~ Marg & Steve Schwab	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Bertha Loosemore ~ Her daughter Ethel	9:30 AM St. Joseph Ross Morin ~ Frances Morin Gary Steven MacDougall & Michael Joseph MacDougall ~ Lauchie For the deceased members of the MacDougall & Beaton Families ~ Lauchie Spiritual Bouquet for Pope Francis & His Intentions ~ St. Joseph CWL

WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions

8:45 - 9:30am: Queen of Peace ~ Sacristy

9:15 - 10:00am: St. Michael ~ Hall

9:15 - 10:00am: St. Thomas d'Aquin ~ Hall

11:00am - 12:00pm: Our Lady of Mercy ~ Hall

Confessions are also available by appointment by calling the parish office.

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy

4:30pm - St. Benedict

5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English)

In memory of Nan & Bill Smyth ~ Carrie Mousseau

5:00pm - St. Michael, Bright's Grove

5:30pm - Sacred Heart

Sunday Masses

8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy

9:00am - Queen of Peace (English)

Deceased from Van Werde Family ~ John Van Werde

9:00am - Sacred Heart

9:00am - St. Benedict

9:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (English)

10:30am - St. Michael, Bright's Grove

11:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish)

11:00am - Sacred Heart

11:00am - St. Joseph

11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (French)

5:00pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (Spanish)

6:30pm - St. Benedict



Be sure to check out our Family of Parishes website (sarniacatholic.ca) to hear what some of our pat guests have to say about their experience of Alpha.

If you have experienced Alpha in the past and would like to join the team, please leave your name at the Family of Parishes office and you will be contacted by one of our team members.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, June 5	• Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict — following 9am Mass
Monday, June 6	• Sacred Heart Knitting & Crocheting group ~ Sacred Heart — CANCELLED — Watch for details of a Potluck luncheon on June 20th • Consecration to St. Joseph Study Group ~ St. Joseph — 7pm
Tuesday, June 7	• Sacred Heart Sharing Faith group ~ Sacred Heart — 1pm • Knights of Columbus general meeting ~ St. Benedict — 7pm
Wednesday, June 8	• Eucharistic Adoration ~ St. Joseph — 10am • CWL Potluck ~ St. Benedict — 5:30pm • Dames de Ste Anne executive meeting ~ At. Thomas d'Aquin — 6:30pm
Thursday, June 9	• Consecration to Mary Study Group ~ Sacred Heart — 6:30pm • St. Michael KofC executive mtg/general mtg ~ St. Thomas D'Aquin — 7pm
Friday, June 10	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy 1pm — 3pm; Drawing Room • Latin Mass ~ St. Joseph — 7pm
Saturday, June 11	• Strategic Planning, session 1 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 9am • St. Joseph CWL meeting ~ St. Joseph — 10am

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, June 12	• Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict — following 9am Mass • STA Knights of Columbus breakfast ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — from 10am • Trinity Sunday Corpus Christie Procession ~ Queen of Peace — 11am Polish Mass
Monday, June 13	• Sacred Heart Knitting & Crocheting group ~ Sacred Heart — 1pm • Consecration to St. Joseph Study Group ~ St. Joseph — 7pm
Tuesday, June 14	• Sacred Heart Sharing Faith group ~ Sacred Heart — 1pm • St. Benedict General meeting ~ St. Benedict 7pm
Wednesday, June 15	• Eucharistic Adoration ~ St. Joseph — 10am • Soup Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy -12:30pm • St. Thomas d'Aquin KofC meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 7pm
Thursday, June 16	• Consecration to Mary Study Group ~ Sacred Heart — 6:30pm • Franciscans meeting ~ St. Benedict — 7pm
Friday, June 17	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy 1pm — 3pm; Drawing Room
Saturday, June 18	• Strategic Planning, session 1 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 9am

Ways to Make Donations to your Parish...

Interac e-Transfer now available at all parishes.

Interac e-Transfer is a quick and easy way to donate to your parish, or to pay for a mass intention. Please use the message field to ensure that your transfer goes to the appropriate parish fund (i.e. donation, SSVP, Mass intention, etc.)

Please use the following emails on your online banking platform when making your transfer to your respective parish. No need for a security question, as we are set up with *Autodeposit*.

Consider enrolling in Pre-Authorized Donations directly from your bank account. Please contact Lisa at ldesena@dol.ca or Cathy at ccimetta@dol.ca, or by calling 519-336-2653. They will be happy to assist you in the set-up.

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Sacred Heart	shsarnia@dol.ca
Queen of Peace	qofpeace@dol.ca
St Thomas d'Aquin	sta@dol.ca

LIVESTREAMED MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

The Family of Parishes Sunday Mass recording from St. Benedict Church is also available on Cogeco channel 6 with all our Family of Parishes priests taking turns serving as the celebrant at this Mass.

Please note that some recorded Sunday masses on Cogeco may run longer so the Rosary prayed before the mass may need to be shortened to accommodate.

Daily Televised Masses...

If Cogeco is your provider:

Cogeco TV—channel 6(Sunday 12 noon)
EWTN—channel 184
(contact Cogeco to have it set up)
VisionTV—channel 24
(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)
Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

EWTN—channel 633
Vision TV—channel 261
(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

If you are on Shaw direct satellite:

Shaw direct advanced—EWTN channel 292
Shaw classic—EWTN channel 559
Shaw national—EWTN channel 28

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-J7SLof9enNCR6dwEM--uw>

SSVP & JJ TRADES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

"Tool Sale" selection of both new and used tools for sale, at St. Christopher's Church, 68 Union St., Forest on Saturday June 11th. (8:30 - 3:00) & Sunday June 12th, (12:30 - 3:00)

Raffle tickets available on

1. New Stanley Rolling Tool Chest (value \$2,000)
2. New Mastercraft Rolling Tool Chest (value \$900)
3. New Milwaukee 3/4" Impact Gun (value \$700)

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10

For more info contact Bill at 519-899-2898 or email stewartbillynn@gmail.com

The scholarship grant is open to any individual, residing in Lambton County, who have the desire and ability to attend a provincial college offering trades education or college level certification but who have significant financial need. Since 2010 to 2019 there have been twenty-three awards given (\$1,000 each). We hope to raise both awareness of the awards and the ability to increase the numbers offered.



ST. BENEDICT'S CWL

St. Benedict's CWL welcomes all of their members to the June Potluck on Wednesday June 8th, starting at 5:30 in the hall. Service pins will be presented.

Please note the date as it is a change of night.

Members are asked to bring a donation for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Suggestions: peanut free snack bars, pudding cups, juice boxes, wipes, diapers (sizes 5 & 6) pullups (sizes 2-3, girls size 6)

Get Connected to our
Family and Youth Ministry

SCAN ME!



KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE

1. Czerwiec, w tradycji Kościoła Katolickiego, jest miesiącem poświęconym Najświętszemu Sercu Pana Jezusa.

Zapraszamy na nabożeństwa czerwcowe we wtorki i w piątki o 6:30 pm (wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu z odśpiewaniem Litanii do Serca Jezusa).

June, in the tradition of the Catholic Church, is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We invite all of you to the Sacred Heart Devotion on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 6:30 pm, (the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and singing of the Litany of the Heart of Jesus).

2. Prosimy o zgłaszanie w biurze parafialnym, Parafian, którzy nie mogą przychodzić do Kościoła (z powodu zaawansowanego wieku lub choroby), a chcieliby skorzystać ze Sakramentu Pokuty i Eucharystii.

Ksiądz Jan będzie odwiedzał chorych w Pierwsze Piątki miesiąca.

The parishioners, who can not come to the Church (due to age, illness) will have opportunity to have priest, bringing them Eucharist home. Father Jan will be visiting the sick on the First Fridays of the month.

3. W ostatnim tygodniu, odeszła do Pana, Nancy Thomas. Wyrazy współczucia Rodzinie zmarłej.

Nancy Thomas (mother of Dan Thomas), went to the Lord. Our sympathy to the family of the deceased.

Eternal rest, give her Lord,
and let the eternal light shine on her
and let her rest in eternal peace!

COVID-19 Update from Bishop Fabbro

During the most recent meeting of the Episcopal Council, I reviewed with the Episcopal Vicars and Vicars General all of the protocols that are still in place with respect to our churches, halls and offices.

As of Monday, 6 June 2022, I hereby abrogate all the restrictions and expectations as found in all previous **COVID-related directives...**

1. Some Precautions for the General Public

Though the worst of COVID -19 seems to have passed, we are aware that there are still variants which arise from time to time and that there is still danger of the spread of the virus. Therefore, all are encouraged to continue to wear masks in public spaces such as churches and halls. In offices, sensitivity to those who may be immuno-compromised should be shown by a willingness to wear masks also in the public spaces of our offices.

It is prudent, as well, to continue to make hand sanitizer available in all of our buildings.

If a member of your staff, parish team, volunteer or a parishioner has symptoms of COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, follow the directions, such as those given for isolation, on the website of your local health unit. There is no longer a need to report positive cases to the Diocesan Centre.

2. Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation Extended

The celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments is central to our Catholic faith. Not only do we need to pray and hear the word of God together, but our participation in Holy Communion is the essential "food for our journey" as disciples of Jesus. For this reason, we need to encourage the faithful to return to the celebration of Mass, providing a warm welcome, good homilies and good music - really, good liturgies in general - the three points I have often highlighted when I have spoken with various groups.

Our Pastoral Services team is working with people across the Diocese to develop the "Nurturing Joy Initiative". The idea is to have a diocesan-wide approach to welcoming all those who have continued to come to Mass during the pandemic and to encourage those who until now have been concerned about returning. In later stages of "Nurturing Joy", we want to extend such a welcome to the "de-churched" (those who for any number of reasons have stopped coming to Mass and the sacraments) and the "un-churched" (those who have no affiliation with any Church or ecclesial community). This is a vital part of the work of evangelization and the *raison d'être* of the Church, to bring people to Jesus and to form them as disciples.

We realize, however, that many are still cautious and concerned about being in crowds, since COVID is still with us. As such, we want to be sensitive to their needs and to serve them in the best way possible. Therefore, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation is now extended to the last weekend of the summer vacation period, that is, until 6 September 2022. Unless a serious danger presents itself again at some future date, this will be the last extension. The removal of the dispensation will be confirmed before Labour Day.

<https://dol.ca/news/covid-19-update-from-bishop-fabbro-update-26>

ST. THOMAS d'Aquin

Sacrement de la confirmation: Nos félicitations à nos jeunes qui ont été confirmés cette fin de semaine: Ryan Dubreuil, Émilie Misner, Mattias Mosley et Anthony Tassone. Que Dieu vous bénisse afin que vous continuiez à grandir pleinement dans votre foi.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend: Ryan Dubreuil, Emilie Misner, Mattias Mosley & Anthony Tassone. May God continue to bless you to live your faith meaningfully each day.

Chevaliers de Colomb: Le prochain déjeuner des Chevaliers aura lieu dimanche le 12 juin après les messes de 9h et 11h. Vous êtes tous les bienvenus. Aussi les prochains bingos des Chevaliers auront lieu les 2 et 16 juin prochain à la salle paroissiale de l'église Our Lady of Mercy à partir de 19h.

Knight of Columbus: Their next brunch will be on Sunday, June 12 after the 9 & 11am Masses. You are all welcome. Also their next Bingos will take place on June 2 and 16 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall starting at 7 p.m

RÉFLEXION DE PÈRE JOSE:

Pourquoi nous comparons-nous aux autres? Pas surprenant alors que nous ayons beaucoup de rivaux. Nous essayons toujours de dépasser nos voisins! Bien que Pierre et Jean aient été appelés à devenir disciples de Jésus, chacun a reçu une fonction ou une tâche différente et n'ont pas été en rivalité. Après la résurrection, nous voyons Pierre qui demande au sujet de Jean, Seigneur, et lui? et Jésus lui répond, Que t'importe? Toi, suis-moi. Le Christ confie à Pierre la tâche de « Paître ses brebis. » et finalement il va être mis à mort à cause de sa fidélité au Christ. Quant à Jean, il va vivre une très longue vie pendant laquelle il sera lui aussi témoin du Christ et de sa Résurrection et au cours de laquelle il va écrire son Évangile. Comme chrétiens, nous sommes appelés à être des pacificateurs ou des artisans de paix. Nous pouvons être des pacificateurs en favorisant les bonnes relations et en cherchant les moyens de toucher les cœurs. Si nous portons attention aux cœurs, nous allons découvrir des moyens pour assurer la paix dans nos familles et avec nos amis. Lorsque Jésus est apparu à ses disciples après sa Résurrection, les premières paroles qu'il a prononcées ont été un souhait de paix, La paix soit avec vous! Ces paroles ont sans doute été très réconfortantes pour ses disciples parce qu'ils avaient peur. Ils l'avaient d'abord abandonné et maintenant ils avaient peur qu'on les arrête pour les faire mourir eux aussi. Ils avaient grandement besoin d'entendre ces paroles réconfortantes de la part de Jésus lui-même. La présence du Christ pour assurer la réconciliation est célébrée dans la vie sacramentelle de l'Église. Dans le sacrement du baptême, nous sommes lavés de nos péchés et nous devenons enfants de Dieu en Jésus-Christ. Dans le sacrement de la réconciliation, l'Église célèbre la miséricorde de Dieu toujours prêts à pardonner nos péchés et nous rappelle que nous sommes appelés à être des agents de paix et d'harmonie là où nous vivons. Cet effort de réconciliation doit devenir un mode de vie pour les chrétiens. Dans les situations de conflit, nous sommes appelés à être des agents de paix et d'harmonie entre les peuples. Aujourd'hui, Jésus envoie l'Esprit de Paix au monde entier ! Bonne fête du dimanche de Pentecôte.

REFLECCION DEL PADRE JOSE:

¿Por qué nos comparamos con los demás? No es de extrañar entonces que tengamos muchos rivales !. ¡Siempre tratamos de superar a nuestros vecinos! Aunque Pedro y Juan fueron llamados a convertirse en discípulos de Jesús, a cada uno se le dio una función o tarea diferente y no estaban en rivalidad. Después de la resurrección, vemos a Pedro preguntando acerca de Juan, « Señor y él ? » y Jesús le responde: « ¿Qué te importa? Tú, sígueme » Cristo confía a Pedro la tarea de "Alimentar a sus ovejas" y finalmente será ejecutado por su fidelidad a Cristo. En cuanto a Juan, vivirá una vida muy larga durante la cual él también será testigo de Cristo y de su Resurrección y durante la cual escribirá su Evangelio. Como cristianos, estamos llamados a ser pacificadores o pacificadoras. Podemos ser pacificadores fomentando buenas relaciones y buscando maneras de tocar los corazones. Si prestamos atención a los corazones, descubriremos maneras de asegurar la paz en nuestras familias y con nuestros amigos. Cuando Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos después de su resurrección, las primeras palabras que pronunció fueron un deseo de paz, « ¡la paz sea con ustedes! » Estas palabras fueron sin duda muy reconfortantes para sus discípulos porque tenían miedo. Al principio lo habían abandonado y ahora tenían miedo de ser arrestados y obligados a morir también. Necesitaban urgentemente escuchar estas palabras reconfortantes de Jesús mismo. La presencia de Cristo para asegurar la reconciliación -atravez del Espíritu Santo- se celebra en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia. En el sacramento del bautismo, somos limpiados de nuestros pecados y nos convertimos en hijos de Dios en Jesucristo. En el sacramento de la reconciliación, la Iglesia celebra la misericordia de Dios, que siempre está dispuesto a perdonar nuestros pecados y nos recuerda que estamos llamados a ser agentes de paz y armonía donde vivimos. Este esfuerzo hacia la reconciliación debe convertirse en una forma de vida para los cristianos. En situaciones de conflicto, estamos llamados a ser agentes de paz y armonía entre las personas. ¡Hoy, Jesús envía el Espíritu de Paz a todo el mundo! Feliz fiesta del domingo de Pentecostés.