

Our Sacred Stories
Spirit and Gifts – The Way Forward

Two years is a long time to be separated from family, friends and community. Covid-19 has been a lengthy experience of such separation. With vaccinations, masking and the sense that the virus is more controllable and less threatening, we are beginning to come together once more. But it is not easy. There remains some fear of the virus and two years of being apart leaves us with a gap in our relationships.

The disciples whom Jesus had called to follow him did so over a considerable time. Over the course of being with him, they had drawn close to Jesus. In fact, John’s Gospel remarks on this close bond that has been created between Jesus and his disciples: *I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father* (Jn.15:15).

The bond between Jesus and his disciples is tested as the disciples are struggling with the crucifixion and their loss of the master who had led them, instructed them and served as their mentor and example. But the disciples came to see that Jesus the Christ continued to be among them. The Gospels offer us several accounts of the disciples witnessing his resurrected presence with them.

These accounts of the disciples’ encounters with the risen Jesus often characterize his presence as bringing peace to the disciples who are fill with dismay and fear from their experience of the crucifixion. We see this near the end of John’s Gospel. The risen one appears among them and declares: *Peace be with you* (Jn.20:19-23). More than this, Jesus commissions them as his friends and closest collaborators to carry on the mission that he has had – to reconcile and heal the brokenness of the world. His mission becomes their mission. His Spirit is their spirit. By building and sharing the peace that they have received and by loving as he has loved, they will bring the reign of God to their world.

This Spirit, that was to remain with the disciples is the one that Paul refers to in his letter to the Christians in Corinth (1Cor.12:3-7) – *Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit*. Filled with this Spirit, they went forth and began to change the world with the message and the mission that they had received.

The Spirit poured out upon the disciples on that first Pentecost gave them new gifts which brought new life, new heart to the variety of their own personal talents and abilities. They became a community of disciples, filled with energy and drive for the message and the mission. The outpouring of the Spirit builds the disciples into a community of believers and missionaries of the message of Jesus. They become Church, focused on hearing the message anew and taking it out to the ends of the earth.

We are Church. We are a Spirit-filled community of disciples of Jesus the Christ. On this Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the Spirit that we have been given. With this Spirit the variety of gifts that we possess can bring new heart to a world seeking hope and new vision. This is the vision of God’s dream for all creation – of peace, of hope, of healing, of unity.

What are gifts and abilities that I hold? With the Spirit can I share them?

John Jennings
 Feast of Pentecost



St. Gertrude



Sts. Simon & Jude



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St. John the Baptist Parish

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St. Simon & Jude Sunday 9:00 am

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Reconciliation Sunday 8:15-8:45 am

June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	June 4	4:00 pm St. Gertrude.....	Yvonne Dube
Sunday	June 5	9:00 am St. Simon & Jude.....	Jerry Robbins
Sunday	June 5	11:00 am St. Gertrude	Alphee Dube
Monday	June 6	No Mass
Tuesday	June 7	12:15pm St. Gertrude	Rosary led by the CWL
Wednesday	June 8	No Mass
Thursday	June 9	No Mass
Friday	June 10	No Mass
Saturday	June 11	4:00 pm St. Gertrude.....	Pope Francis & Papal Intensions
Sunday	June 12	9:00 am St. Simon & Jude.....	Jean Claude Doiron
Sunday	June 12	11:00 am St. Gertrude.....	Anna Gallivan

Welcome Fr. John Keoughan

Please have items for Bulletin by Wednesday

Please pray for the sick: Nora Gagnon, Pat & Ed McGuire, Margaret Bridgeo, Andy McLean, Anne Marie Voutour, Cindy Ouellette, Sarah Ann Wright, Janice Ryan, John Hallihan, Noopa Abin, Carol Anne White, Barb McIntosh and Bernard Aube.

For those who have died: Kaye Ruthven, Theresa Donovan & Lynwood MacMillan.

CWL- PRAYER LINE: Prayers will be said daily for two weeks by the CWL women, on request. All requests are confidential; no information is required. To have prayers said, call Jocelyn Keirstead (328-9485) jkeirstead21@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Monday Bingo: Open at 6 pm.
50/50 – May 30, 2022 – nonwinner Dale Lawson **\$678.00** Tickets are \$2/week available at Martin's Corner Store on Broadway or Smart Stop Ultramar in Grafton Tickets must be purchased by 6 pm Sunday.

Ministries Schedule

For St. Gertrude's, please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled Mass if you are a lector. Please arrive ½ hour before Mass if you are a Door Greeter or Screener. Please let Myrna or Ann know you are present to serve. If unable to serve, please let Myrna 328-9640 or Anne 328-8398 know in advance or find a replacement. Thank you so much for your generous offer to serve.

Date	Time	Lector	Eucharistic	Hospitality	Gift Bearer
June 11	4:00 PM	Barb Woodland Kristine Anne Miguel Liam Miguel	Myrna Keenan	Gladys Dalton Vicki McLean	Ides Villabeto Ning Van Rhijn
June 12	11:00 AM	Jack Keilty Jocelyn Keirstead Diane Dube	Anne McEvoy	Patricia Paul Rudy Nadeau	Carol Polchies Sharon Tenhave
June 12	9:00 AM	1st Reading Tom	Prayer of Faithful Pierrette	Second Reading Pierrette	

We will be extending a warm Welcome to the following 2022 Nackawic High School Graduates at Simon and Jude Church on Sunday, June 5, at the 9:00 am Mass:

***Gavin Calder**
***Jordanne Grant**

***Steven-Henri Cerio-Cain**
***Gasparino Provenzano**

***Damen Grant**
***Olivia Hicks**



Offertory May 28/29

	<u>St. Gertrude</u>	<u>Sts. Simon & Jude</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>
Loose	151		
Envelops	980	323	190
PAD	1,387	222	77
E-Transfer	—	<u>200</u>	—
	2518	745	267
Cathedral Restoration	10	Global South	-
Papal Charities	105	Lynn Lake	25
St. Bonaventure	30		250

Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday, will be celebrated on June 5 this year. The word has its roots in the Greek word 'pentecoste,' which means '50th day.' Pentecost is a major festival in the Christian church and is celebrated by believers on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter.

STS. SIMON AND JUDE... RE: FOOD BANK Food insecurity is still a growing issue for many families. Higher prices, low wages, jobs cut back or lost due to Covid-19 are contributing to poverty issues. Once a month, on the 1st Sunday of the month, Sts. Simon and Jude Church accepts your offering of non-perishable grocery items to help alleviate hunger in many families. *But you may bring in items any Sunday and leave in FOOD BANK BOX in lower foyer.*

Please, if you are able, contribute to the Food Bank this Sunday, June 5TH, and Trevor will deliver them to Woodstock Food Bank.

CATHOLIC NEWS:

- * Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.cccb.ca)
- * Diocese of Saint John + New Freeman (www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org)
- * Vatican News (www.vaticannews.va)
- * Catholic News Agency (www.catholicnewsagency.com)
- * National Catholic Reporter (www.ncronline.org)
- * The Catholic Register (www.catholicregister.org)
- * Our Sunday Visitor (www.osvnews.com)
- * The Catholic Thing (www.thecatholicthing.org)
- * Catholic World Report (www.catholicworldreport.com)

Dear Parishioners,

As you may be aware, our Parish Pastoral Council has formed various Standing Committees which we aim to develop, or further develop, with time to execute our parish's pastoral mission. For now, we have chosen to focus our attention on the *Spiritual Revitalization Standing Committee*. This committee aims to connect with parish members and those who have become disaffiliated from our parish, to learn more about their concerns, and, hopefully, to encourage and foster their spiritual renewal.

We are seeking volunteers to help with the formation of the Spiritual Revitalization Standing Committee. This would involve *attending a 1 hour gathering* on Sunday, **June 5th at St. Gertrude's Parish Hall at 12pm or on Sunday, June 26th at Sts. Simon and Jude Church at 10am** to share your ideas for spiritual revitalization. **Coffee and donuts will be provided.** If you are interested in being a part of the Spiritual Revitalization Standing Committee after attending the gathering, it will involve a small time commitment (2-4 hours per month) as you work with the Parish Pastoral Council to get our Spiritual Revitalization Committee up and running!

If you cannot attend the gathering on Sunday, June 5th or Sunday, June 26th, but want to learn more or get involved, email Brittany Sprague at brittsprague@outlook.com or speak to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Sincerely,

Your Parish Pastoral Council

In 2021, due to the pandemic and closure of all Vatican Museums, the Vatican produced a video series as a way for the public to enjoy some of the world's most important Renaissance art masterpieces. Below are a number of videos that can still be viewed on 'YouTube'. To view them, please type the exact wording as noted below after the words 'utube Vatican museums':

- * St. Peter's Treasury Museum and the Vatican Grottoes (tombs of the Popes)
- * Vatican Museums Secret Rooms
- * the Temporary and the eternal
- * the Periphery at the center (artifacts given to popes, throughout the ages)
- * Woven art
- * Beauty - centimeters within reach
- * the Popes in motion
- * At the origins of the Museums
- * Greatest Art in the world

We caged the Dove, the Holy Spirit!

It is time for the rest of us in the Catholic community to let the true Holy Spirit, who doesn't honor the limited "cages" in which we unconsciously enclose her, to uncage our imaginations and move into action in response to the sacred and redemptive movements of God in our world today.

She still works in the interior realm of individual's lives, but when She does it in thousands and millions at once, guiding them in the work of justice and healing, it can become a wildfire for social transformation. Then descriptions of Her as Sanctifier or Consoler, while still true in a way, are far too weak, too tame — and misleading. It is far more accurate and exciting to see Her as the Inspirer, the Energizer and Organizer, the wise and powerful Prophetic Force.

As a Dove of Peace, she is fully uncaged, enraged at the injustices and violence everywhere, and relentlessly engaged in the hard, everyday work of peace-building our times demand.

Through the centuries, Christian churches have too often softened and domesticated our understanding of the Spirit. A lovely, tame Spirit we too often imagine Her to be, the gentle Dove of Peace.

In a typical way of referring to the Trinity in the Catholic community — Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier — She is, of course the Sanctifier.

But as we remember and celebrate Pentecost, we have to ask: What happened to the wild energy and huge, noisy, demanding Spirit that caught the attention of thousands of people in Jerusalem and drew them to the place where the apostles were that Pentecost morning? Where is the Holy Spirit who set these disciples so on fire that they couldn't stop speaking out, excited about the Good News that was turning their lives upside down — and that resulted that day in 3,000 people joining the community?

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SAINT ANTHONY – PATROL SAINT OF LOST ITEMS (from the ‘Capuchin Franciscans)

Do you know the panicked feeling when you cannot find your car keys or have helplessly misplaced your wallet? What do we do in such desperate moments? Well, if you were raised in the Catholic Church, you likely start praying immediately to St. Anthony of Padua!

Every June 13th, the Catholic Church and Franciscan orders worldwide celebrate the feast of St. Anthony, one of the most beloved and popular saints in history. The faithful seek St. Anthony’s intercession for a multitude of requests; but, above all else, his aid is sought in finding that which has been lost. People seek the help of St. Anthony for lost items, lost faith and lost people. But why is St. Anthony honored and venerated as a finder of the lost?

According to pious tradition, St. Anthony attained the patronage of lost items due to his own experience with loss. Initially skeptical of theological studies because he feared it would take his brothers’ focus away from prayer, Francis of Assisi finally entrusted the pursuit of studies to Anthony of Padua, a brilliant student and eloquent preacher. Among Anthony’s few worldly possessions was a psalter – a book of psalms – which contained many of his own notes and commentaries used in teaching his students.

One day a young Franciscan novice decided to leave the religious life of the hermitage and he stole Anthony’s valuable psalter. Upon learning that this irreplaceable book was missing, Anthony immediately began to pray that it would be found and returned.

Anthony’s prayers were answered. Not only did the thieving young novice return Anthony’s psalter, but he begged pardon and asked to be readmitted to the religious life. The famous psalter is said to be preserved to this day in the Franciscan friary at Bologna.

It was not long after the death of St. Antony that people began to seek his intercession in finding their lost articles. So renowned was his assistance in finding misplaced treasures, that one of Anthony’s contemporaries’, Julian of Speyer, was inspired to compose the following hymn:

*“ The sea obeys and fetters break;
And lifeless limbs thou dost restore.
While treasure lost are found again;
When young or old thine aid implore.”*

The hymn attests that neither the forces of nature nor shackles will hinder St. Anthony’s aid in answering the prayers of anyone who seeks his intercession.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLECTION FOR CATHEDRAL RESTORATION: As the mother church the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is important not only for its heritage value in the city but also for the ongoing missionary outreach and evangelization that takes place in one of the poorest areas of the diocese. To aid in our Cathedral restoration effort, an annual collection will be taken up in the parishes on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), this year on June 19, 2022. Envelopes will be available in your parishes for this collection, and Bishop Riesbeck is asking people to prayerfully consider a generous personal donation. To support parishes in their evangelization efforts, 10% of every dollar raised will be used to establish a diocesan endowment fund to serve youth, seniors, religious education, and leadership formation needs in the parishes of the diocese. Your ongoing support is deeply valued as we restore not only a building, but hearts and souls to Jesus.



Mission

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace), **a democratic movement for international solidarity**, supports partners in the Global South in the pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures.

The organization educates the Canadian population about the causes of impoverishment of peoples and mobilizes actions for change.

In the struggle for human dignity, Development and Peace associates with social change groups in the North and South.

It supports women in their search for social and economic justice.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official development organization of the Canadian Catholic Church, is inspired by the values of the Gospel, particularly **the preferential option for the poor**.

History

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada was established in **1967** by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI’s encyclical letter *Populorum Progressio*, which says that **Development is the new word for Peace**. Peace cannot be seen simply as the absence of war. It must be built daily, and it must strive towards a more perfect justice among human beings (*Populorum Progressio*, 76). That founding principle of Development and Peace is still maintained today. Find out more at: www.devvp.org