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Newsletter for the week of May 31st 2020

In compliance with the shutdown ordered by Premier Doug Ford, all parish properties, including the church itself, the parish hall and the office will be closed till further notice.

If there is anything you need, please leave a message at the office. If it is of an urgent matter, please contact Fr. Joseph at 705-920-1514

The following masses will be celebrated **privately** by Fr. Joseph as they were previously requested for these dates. If you would prefer to have them celebrated after the churches open, this can be arranged with no extra stipend required.

St. Bartholomew :

June 2 – Souls in Purgatory

June 6 – For the Marian Consecrated Members by Arnet & Michelle

June 7 – Debbie Wilson by Danny and Louise

St. Francis Xavier :

Sunday May 31 – For the People / Missa pro popula

June 4 – Souls in Purgatory by Jeff and Sandy

St-Étienne/ St. Stephen the Martyr :

June 5 – Ray and Cathy Morgan by James Morgan

June 7 – For the People / Missa pro popula

The Catholic Parishes would like to thank the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your continued support and generosity at this very difficult time is truly appreciated!

Donations May 24th 2020

Church envelopes (white) \$ 575.00

HOP \$ 40.00

Total Deposit \$ 615.00

If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a **PADP** - pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)

Congratulations to Mike Maloney, winner of \$50 in week #6 of the Parish Lottery!

Pentecost Sunday

Dear friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Pentecost. Before his Ascension, Jesus had promised his followers that he would send the Holy Spirit. Therefore on the day of Pentecost, as they were gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem, united in prayer, the apostles and disciples of Jesus received the Holy Spirit and manifested many powers and gifts. (Acts 2:1ff).

The Holy Spirit is at the heart of the church's life. It is through the Spirit that we witness the truth of the resurrection and death of Jesus Christ and are able to communicate the message of salvation to everyone. The sacrament of confirmation which celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the sealing of the graces given in baptism is our personal Pentecost. Like the disciples of Christ, we are transformed into witnesses of the teachings and examples of Jesus and the church.

We are invited today to seek the spirit of God within ourselves and not to imagine it as a trophy reserved for some special people. That is why St Paul in the second reading (1Corinthian) indicates that the Spirit is at work in our lives to make us like Jesus. The good things we do are all manifestations of the spirit of God. So let us continue to fan into flames the gifts of God that we have received and bear much fruit for God's glory and our own salvation.

May the Holy Spirit lead us to deep union with Jesus and help us to fulfill our mission to the glory of God.

Amen.

Happy Pentecost Sunday!!!

Chers amis dans le Christ,

Aujourd'hui nous célébrons la fête de la Pentecôte. Avant son ascension, Jésus avait promis à ses disciples d'envoyer le Saint-Esprit. Ainsi le jour de la Pentecôte, alors qu'ils étaient réunis dans la chambre haute à Jérusalem, les apôtres et les disciples de Jésus, unis dans la prière, ont reçu le Saint-Esprit et ont manifesté de nombreux pouvoirs et dons. (Actes des apôtres 2:1)

Le Saint-Esprit est au cœur de la vie de l'Eglise. C'est par l'Esprit que nous pouvons témoigner la vérité de la résurrection et de la mort de Jésus et que nous pouvons communiquer le message du salut à tous. Le sacrement de confirmation, qui célèbre l'effusion du Saint-Esprit et le scellement des grâces données au baptême, est notre Pentecôte personnelle. Comme les disciples de Jésus Christ, nous sommes transformés en témoins des enseignements et devenons des exemples de Jésus et de l'église.

Nous sommes invités aujourd'hui à rechercher l'Esprit de Dieu en nous-mêmes et à ne pas l'imaginer comme un trophée réservé à certaines personnes spéciales. C'est pourquoi Saint-Paul dans la deuxième lecture, (Corinthiens 1) indique que l'Esprit est à l'oeuvre dans nos vies pour nous rendre semblables à Jésus. Les bonnes choses que nous faisons sont toutes des manifestations de l'Esprit de Dieu.

Continuons donc à enflammer le don de Dieu que nous avons reçu et à porter beaucoup de fruits pour la gloire de Dieu et pour notre salut. Puisque le Saint-Esprit nous dirige à une union profonde avec Jésus et nous aide à remplir notre mission pour la gloire de Dieu. Amen

Bon dimanche de la Pentecôte!