

**PENTECOST MESSAGE
TO CATHOLIC MOVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Spiritual realities are usually so sublime that we only understand them not by speaking about them directly, but by using images and allusions. Jesus was a master at this, especially when it came to speaking about the Kingdom of God. In fact, the Kingdom of God was the object of his parables. "To what can I compare it?" He asks (Mark 4:30). It is like a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds; it is like yeast that a woman mixed with measures of flour; it is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. These images challenge the listener to ponder the qualities and characteristics of the image itself, and then to grasp the meaning of the spiritual realities they reflect.

As we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost 2021, let us linger a while on the action of the Holy Spirit in the Christian community. We speak of Pentecost as "the birthday of the Church". The earliest disciples, who had encountered Jesus during his time on earth, had sufficient teachings and instructions to continue His mission on earth. But they lacked the Spirit. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, they had the confidence and courage to proclaim Jesus and His message. The Church was indeed born.

The eminent Bishop and theologian St. Irenaeus of Lyons (130-202 AD) uses a fine image in speaking about the formation of the Church: "Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven." What water might that be? Irenaeus goes on to say, "Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay, we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul."

Brothers and sisters, let us hold these images close to our heart. Jesus prayed that we may all be One in Him. This unity with the Risen Lord is our source of hope as we continue to face the challenges of the pandemic. We likewise receive hope through the solidarities of our communities. The differences of language and culture that distinguished Christian communities in the early Church did not keep them apart. We see in contemporary society (and sadly, in the Church in some quarters) unsettling cracks that arise from ideologies and alliances. "I'm for Paul." "I'm for Apollos." (1 Cor. 3:4) And who is for Christ? Only those who are imbued with the true Spirit of Jesus Himself.

During these days of Pentecost, let us be of one mind and one heart. There is but one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. (Ephesians 4:5)

Standing Committee for Relations with Movements and Associations
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

**May 23rd, 2021
Solemnity of Pentecost**

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.

Mass During Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm
Friday at 10 am.

Lohnes Complex First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex, ***closed to public.***

Bible Study: Sunday at 7pm. All are welcome.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Discontinued until further notice.

Reconciliation: By request

Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections: At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

These masks should be worn at all times. (as per newest Government Regulations). Always remain 2 meters distant from others.



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May 16th, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1230.00
E-transfer April	410.00
Cemetery Fund	50.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Baptism Fees	30.00
Good Friday	10.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late Bernard Quigley
Wed. 7pm	Late Rita Hall
Thu. 7pm	Late Joe Gallant
Fri. 10am	Special Intention
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Bernard Brake
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 24, Victoria Day.

MAY DEVOTIONS: May is the month of the blessed virgin Mary. As the mother of God, we believe she plays a role in obtaining blessings and graces for us.

The Ladies Group will lead the Rosary in church at 6:30 pm Tuesdays and Father Jim will lead the Rosary on Sundays at 6:30 during the month of May.

CEMETERY – NEW FENCE: This is a very costly project but will hopefully mean a fence that will endure. While monies received in the memorial fund and the cemetery collection will offset some of this cost, we will invite donations to this project.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Brown Bag it – Fridays 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, the side entrance.

SPRING CHURCH CLEAN UP:

We will be cleaning the church on Monday May 31st. Beginning at 9am. Get your buckets and cleaning cloths ready! Please do not forget your masks.



PARISH MAINTENANCE PERSON POSITION:

Jeff Banks has resigned from his position here and taken a full-time job in his hometown. The parish pastoral council and finance committee has decided to request applications from the parish of persons interested in taking this position. Position is part time based on 50 hours per month. For a job description and other inquiries please contact the parish office Monday to Friday between 9am and 1pm. Applications can be dropped off at the parish house until **Wednesday, May 26th**.

LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING: Now is the time to get your donations in for the May draw. Parishioners with last names beginning with G through M will be asked for a donation, but anyone can donate at any time. For each donation of \$10 you get one entry for the draw. You may drop off your donation in my mailbox at 86 Allen's Road or to Pat Jones at 11 Noseworthy's Lane, or to the parish house. Please stay safe, follow the medical guidelines. Thank you for your continued support.

COVID INDIA – SPECIAL COLLECTION: After consultation with the Consultors, the Diocese is launching a special appeal for our brothers and sisters in India. This collection will take place on the weekends of May 22-23 and May 29-30. All funds received by the parishes will be sent to the Diocese and forwarded to Development and Peace. We hope to publish the overall result of the Appeal in early to mid June. Fraternaly in Christ, Bishop Bart

YARD SALE: Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish is having a yard sale June 5 from 9am to 12pm. The yard sale will take place in the parish office (House) parking lot. If it does rain, the sale will be moved inside to the church basement. We appreciate your support.

COVID-19 VACCINATION AVAILABLE:

Individuals 12 to 17 years of age are eligible for the vaccine. Please follow instructions carefully to ensure that you book for a clinic offering a vaccine approved for their age range: <https://portal.healthmyself.net/nlwesternhealth/forms/lgA> **Parents may bring children to a public vaccine clinic.**

If anyone is experiencing difficulty booking their appointment, contact 1-833-703-5470 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Individuals will know when the clinics are full when there are no longer any available appointment slots available in the online system. If an appointment is no longer available in the community/clinic of choice, more clinics will be available in the future. However, people should continue to check Western Health's website as we are continuing to add clinics weekly.

While waiting for your opportunity for vaccination, and after vaccination, it is important for everyone to continue to follow public health guidance to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your communities including:

- Wearing a mask in public
- Washing your hands frequently
- Respecting public health guidance on gatherings, travel and quarantine

Completing the online self-assessment at www.811healthline.ca or calling 811 if you are experiencing one or more symptoms of COVID-19 to arrange testing.

SPRING INTO ACTION' CONTACTLESS FOOD

DRIVE: Thursday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Drop-off your donations at any grocery store location **or** Drive-thru at the Salvation Army Temple. The Food Bank Network is partnering with the Knights of Columbus to hold a food drive to keep the shelves stocked to help feed families during the summer months. A truck will be available to accept your non-perishable food donations at all grocery stores or you can drive-thru with your donations at the Salvation Army Temple (Enter Pioneer Street, exit to Citadel Drive.) Pop your trunk and wait for a volunteer to unload your donation. Thank you for your continued support.



REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE COMMITTED BY OR COVERED UP BY A BISHOP:

On May 6th, 2021 the Bishops of Canada launched a national bilingual service for reporting situations of sexual abuse committed by or covered up by a bishop who is presently active or retired from ministry in a diocese in Canada. This reporting system can be accessed online; BishopReportingSystem.ca or toll free - 1- 800-892-3737. For more information on the reported please go to our Diocesan Web Page: www.rcchurch.com.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP WESTERN

HEALTH: will be held every Thursday from 9am to 11am until June 24th. Call 634- 4566 to pre-register.

HUMOUR:

Q: What do dentists call X-rays?
A: Tooth pics.