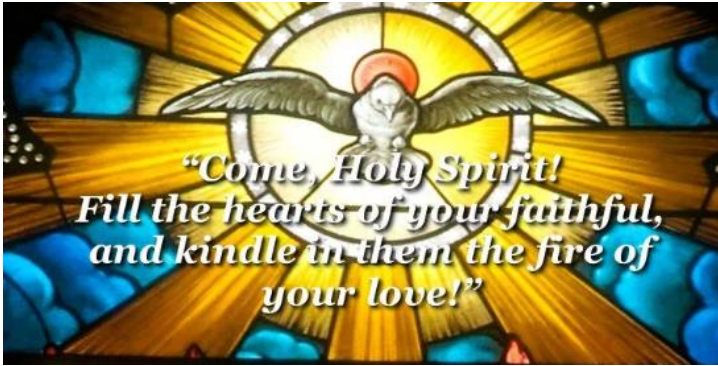


Pentecost Sunday



From the Desk of Fr. Dunstan: The Feast of Pentecost reminds us of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles as well as of the birth of the Church. The event of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the young community of believers was, indeed, the starting point of the Church of Christ on earth. Before the coming of the Holy Spirit, the apostles and the disciples were overwhelmed by fear. They enclosed themselves not only behind the locked doors of their homes, but they also locked themselves psychologically within themselves by taking no risk in faith. As soon as they had experienced the Holy Spirit, everything is changed in them: from fear they passed to confidence, from insecurity they passed to boldness. Their life was transformed.

It should be so for us too! With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we should move from a negative to a positive spirit; move from criticism to wonder; from complaint to praise; from tepidity to fervour; from apathy to enthusiasm; from self-centredness to being of service; from animosity to peace. In summary, with the grace of the Holy Spirit in us, we should be able to deepen our spirituality and proclaim the Good News of salvation through the witness of our personal transformation.

If we look at the story of the construction of the tower of Babel in Genesis, we notice that the builders acted in their own name and especially for their own misplaced vanity. At the beginning of the project, all spoke the same language and understood each other. But as the construction progressed, their language became confused, and they no longer understood each other. Result? They ended up being divided among themselves, dispersed and so, they had to interrupt building the tower.

At Pentecost, on the other hand, the apostles expressed themselves in various tongues from the beginning; then, the more they allowed themselves to be taken by the Holy Spirit, the more this linguistic diversity gave way to the unity of hearts. Our parish has diverse countries, languages and cultures but we are all united by the same Holy Spirit. Let us all open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, and work together, more and more, to *create peace, fellowship and community in Jesus Christ.*

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 27th

For INTENTIONS OF THE DECOURCY FAMILY
Requested by The Decourcy Family

Tuesday, May 30th

For INTENTIONS OF REV. JAMES DUNSTAN
Requested by Amelia, Astrid & James Peterson

Wednesday, May 31st

For + LEONORA COLEMAN
Requested by The McGee Family

Thursday, June 1st

For + LAWRENCE RYAN
Requested by Reit Ryan

Friday, June 2nd

For INTENTIONS OF DEACON PAUL MCCOURT
Requested by Amelia, Astrid & James Peterson



Rest in Peace

*In your charity please pray for
the repose of the soul of*

Sharon Houston & Leila Cardinal

Please Pray For The Sick

Marianne Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran,
Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Diane
Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard

Come join us in praying the **ROSARY** before Mass,
Tuesday to Friday at 7:45 am



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Sunday Offertory	\$ 2290	\$3001
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$1421



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In The News



Empowerment Day toward Unity & Rivalal: Join Bishop Bob Kasan and many others on the 1 day Workshop focused on Leadership empowerment, Charismatic Identity, and much more surprises of the Holy Spirit on Saturday June 3rd from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall, Toronto. As well, we will be offering to all Young Adults a night to celebrate in the Holy Spirit Fire, called "RETURN", based on Isaiah 55, Return to Christ, our hope. Our First encounter will be on Saturday, June 3rd, St. Leo's Parish 277 Royal York Road, Etobicoke. Starting at 7:30 pm. Our goal is to help re-ignite, revive our present and future church and be able to fully live in the power of Pentecost. For more info or to register please visit. <https://ccrctoronto.ca/all-events/>

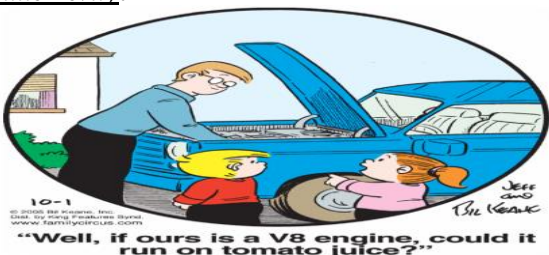
ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM: June 14, 2023 @ 7 pm. Register at: <https://nbb0623.eventbrite.ca>. New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement. For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com, 647. 215.3978

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE INVITES ALL WOMEN: to the 2023 Women Together Retreat on Saturday, June 17th. Facilitated by Anne Hales And Questa Fernandes. Registration: 8:30 am Cost: \$45.00 Includes: Coffee/Tea with Muffins & Hot Lunch. Mass Queen of Apostles is located at 1617 Blythe Road, Payment by: Mississauga ON L5H 2C3 Cash, Cheque, Visa or Master Card Phone: 905 278 5229 Fax: 905 278 7513 Email: office@qoa.ca

ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY: Office of Vocations is offering a weekly Online Discernment Group for single men aged 18+ journeying with the book: "Pray, Decide and Don't Worry" by Bobby & Jakie Angel, Fr. Mike Schmitz. Books can be purchased through the Office of Vocations for \$10. Online meetings will run from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. For more information visit <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/mens-online-discernment-group-2023>



Little Levity:



Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

Parish News

ShareLife ShareLife-funded agencies turn no one away

Did you know that no one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay? This is all thanks to your generosity to our annual appeal. It is through your support that ShareLife agencies are able to help the most vulnerable in our community and around the world.

Thus far we have raised \$22,471 toward our goal of \$76,300. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Join us for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday June 2nd from 4 to 5 pm. It is a well attested fact, that this devotion increases the graces of God in any parish that has Adoration. For those who keep watch for an hour on these days, great and wonderful graces are given. What do I do at Eucharistic adoration? Eucharistic adoration is a time to set apart for deep prayer and devotion to Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament." Come Adore, come sing, come & pray.

THE SPRING CONCERT IS BACK! The St. John's Harmony Choir is excited to invite you to their annual Spring Concert. After three years without a concert, due to the pandemic, they are excited to once again sing for you. There will be a variety of music, from silly to sacred, for you to enjoy as well as an outstanding soprano soloist. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4th at 3 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS: to our New Altar Servers who were Installed last weekend. Alec Johnston, Rose Milway & Sofia Liscidini



Renewing their Altar Server Commitment, vows were Declan Milway, Finlay Johnston, & Ignatius Chatterton

We congratulate our Confirmation students who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, amongst their fellow parishioners, family and friends. Congratulations!

