

## HAPPY FEAST DAY EVERYONE!

### Come, Holy Spirit

The traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit can be a wonderful source of reflection.

#### *Holy Spirit*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.*

#### *Let us pray.*

*O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise  
and ever to rejoice in His consolation.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### **Come, Holy Spirit**

The first movement of this prayer is to ask for the Holy Spirit to come to us. A lot goes into preparing our hearts to ask for the Holy Spirit to come, not the least of which is to acknowledge that there is a Holy Spirit and that we feel something missing without the presence of the Spirit in our lives. This is the Spirit Jesus promised to send us so that we would not feel orphaned. This is the Spirit that transformed the first disciples from people afraid and locked in to the upper room.

#### **Fill the hearts of your faithful**

This is a request for a heart filled with the Spirit. This isn't asking, "Give me a little bit of your Spirit." This is a bold request. We are asking that we might be filled - and therefore, transformed by the Spirit. No hesitation, no doubt, no fear, no judgment, now wrangling, no selfishness can remain. Fill us. Fill me.

#### **Enkindle in them the fire of your love**

Our prayer gets even more specific. We desire the love which only the Spirit can bring. We know it is a fire, and we ask for it. It is a purifying fire. It burns away all that is in the way. And, it warms whatever is cold. This fire brings a new vitality and courage. And, fire can be shared with others, without being diminished. Set our hearts on fire. Set my heart on fire.

#### **Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created**

Paul tells us, " So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold; new things have come. [2 Corinthians 5:17] We are asking the Spirit to make us a new creation. This is more than a new beginning or a fresh start. We are asking for a transforming renewal. Our lives can be new with the Spirit filling our hearts. Give us/me your Spirit and make us/me new.

#### **And you shall renew the face of the earth**

When we are on fire and renewed by the Spirit, we can become one with that Spirit's activity of renewing the whole world. We can be the fire that ignites other fires. We can work to bring reconciliation, healing, true justice and renewal for all the people on the face of the earth. Let me be part of your Spirit's fire for all God's creation.

#### **O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful**

We acknowledge before God that the work of the Spirit is alive among us, enlightening our minds and hearts, helping us listen and discern with growing freedom and courage.

Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

So, we conclude our prayer, asking that this same Spirit will allow us to be truly wise - with that discerning Spirit - and to give ourselves to enjoying - that is, being consoled by - what the Spirit gives us.

Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to come to us and to our communities.

### **History of the Feast**

Pentecost was the second of the three great annual festivals of Israel, the others being Passover and the feast of Tabernacles. The festival was often called the feast of Weeks because it took place seven complete weeks, or 50 days, after the Passover. Jews from all over the world came to Jerusalem for this festival, more than for any other. The day was one of solemn convocation when no work was to be done. The people offered the first loaves of fine flour made from the just harvested late grain crops. Other sacrifices were offered in the temple and a meal was prepared with freewill offerings from the people. To this meal the widows, orphans, the poor and the stranger were invited.

### **Coming of the Spirit**

On this festive day, in the year of Jesus' death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit was bestowed upon the apostles. In Acts, Luke describes the sound of a mighty rushing wind and the sight of tongues of flame resting on the head of each apostle. What a transformation took place in these men and women! They were truly "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:29). Out into the crowd they went, boldly proclaiming the "mighty works of God" (Acts 2:11). One of the gifts of the Spirit—the gift of tongues—enabled the polyglot crowd to hear the apostles speaking, each in his or her own language.

Peter, no longer afraid, boldly proclaimed the event to be a fulfillment of the promise of God made through the prophet Joel: "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh... whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Acts 2:17a, 21). Then he preached the first Christian sermon, witnessing to the resurrection of the Messiah "this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36).

Acts, which is often called the gospel of the Holy Spirit, is full of stories that show the power of the Holy Spirit working in the early Church. It was the Spirit who gave life to the early Church; that same Spirit gives life to us in these latter days.

### **Baptized and Sent**

Baptism brings us into new life in the Holy Spirit who will "guide you into all truth" (John 16:13), "teach you all things (John 14:26), and enable us to grow in the likeness of Christ." Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:3 that we cannot confess Jesus as our Lord except by the Spirit.

The power the apostles and the early Church had, we have also! We, too, can turn the world upside down, as Paul was accused of doing! Our lives—taught, strengthened, and led by the Holy Spirit—can truly glorify God and hasten the coming of God's kingdom.

**MASS SCHEDULE 2021**

May 25, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Delcia Brideau
May 26, 2021	Wed	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	Frances N. McElligott
May 27, 2021	Thurs	St. Rose Worship Site	12:10pm	Adrice Leblanc
May 29, 2021	Sat	St. Rose Worship Site	4pm	Andrea Limkilde Gladys Williams Michael Francis Waltz
May 30, 2021	Sun	St. Rose Worship Site	9am	Adrice Leblanc Larry Joudry
May 30, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Artie Langden

**St. Rose Place will be closed to the public for 2 weeks beginning May 18, 2021. All office duties will be conducted out of the office at St. Matthews Worship Site.**

**Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

**Holy Hour of Adoration – Sunday, May 23 & 30, 2021 @ Holy Spirit Parish,  
St. Rose Worship Site from 1-2 pm**

**COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

May 15 & 16 – Regular \$2,225.00 Loose \$91.00 Papal Charities - \$340.00 Food Bank - \$40.00  
BLDG Fund - \$145.00 eTransfers - \$90.00 PAD Weekly Average - \$1,694.00 PAD BLDG - \$172.00

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DROP OFF OR MAIL THEIR MONETARY DONATIONS. WITHOUT THIS EFFORT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET OUR EXPENSES.

**BLESSINGS ON THIS VICTORIA DAY LONG WEEKEND - STAY SAFE!**

**Life**

The life we have been given is now – right now – wherever and however we are. Live today as if this were your last day. The story is told of Saint Francis of Assisi who was out hoeing his garden. A passerby asked him what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he would die before sunset that very day. Francis replied, “I would finish hoeing my garden.”

*Last weekend we welcomed into our Faith Community, through the waters of Baptism*

*Rylee Lori Ann Cyr*

*Wrenley Linda Rose Adams*

**HOLY SPIRIT BURSARY**

Holy Spirit Parish is awarding 5 bursaries amounting to \$500.00 each. Applicants must be an **active member** of Holy Spirit Parish and will be required to submit a short paper including: name of secondary institution for the fall of 2021, current activities in the parish and goals for the future. This Bursary is offered to those who are graduating from High School and are attending a secondary level of education (University or College). Please submit to parish office by June 18, 2021 by email: [holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com](mailto:holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com)

**Holy Spirit Parish**

**St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites**

**Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2021**

*We are a welcoming community of growing disciples who share our faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus.*

**\*\*\* OFFICE HOURS\*\*\***

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Office Number - 738-2320 Office Number - 653-6850

Monday: both offices closed

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**Confessions - The Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:15pm Saturdays at  
St. Rose of Lima Worship Site**

*Month of May – Michael Francis Waltz – 1985 - 2021*

*Michael you are at peace now as you sleep with the Angels – Love Nana*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION**

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at [linspin@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:linspin@nbnet.nb.ca)

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**Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope**

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 28 Richmond Street Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon’s Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

**We offer counselling for:**

Anxiety	Addictions	Grief & Loss	Domestic Violence
Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

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