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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (UKI)

Sunday Mass: 2:00 p.m.

(Second & Fourth Sundays of the Month)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment – Course Required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements 12 months in advance

Marriage Course is required

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the Griffin Room Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Mass Intentions for Week

Tuesday, May 21st, 8:15 a.m.

Nora Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, May 22nd, 8:15 a.m.

Rosalie & Frank Pepevnak

Requested by Catherine Pepevnak

Thursday, May 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Loconte Family

Friday, May 24th, 8:15 a.m.

Francis Ford

Requested by Barbara Ford

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebJune08

3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write

“webinar June 8” in the title line +

your name(s) in the body of the message.



WebJune08



The UN dedicated MAY 20th as **WORLD BEE DAY** to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development”. Bees are essential for maintaining a healthful ecosystem. According to Greenpeace Canada, one third of our global food supply depends on the pollination services provided by bees, butterflies and other insects. Protecting these pollinators “would significantly contribute to solving problems related to the global food supply and eliminate hunger in developing countries”. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day>

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Learn more about bees through these websites: 1. <https://beeinformed.org/> 2. pollinatorpartnership.ca/

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT THE 11:00AM MASS

Thank you to Fernanda and her team for leading the Children’s Liturgy again this year! We look forward to being able to offer the programme through June 16th. This drop-in is offered every Sunday at the 11am Mass and is meant for children currently in preschool, kindergarten and Grade 1 only.

The final Children’s Liturgy before summer break will take place next Sunday, June 16th during the 11:00am Mass.

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love..

The Pentecost Event



Luke wrote his two volumes, the Gospel and Acts, to help his readers understand Jesus while they also tried to understand what was happening among them. Most especially, he wanted to help them see how God's promises to the Chosen People were still valid and

were active among gentiles as well. In that sense, Pentecost is the perfect starting point for Acts. Today's scene opens with the disciples gathered in one place, waiting for the Spirit as Jesus had told them to do. Listening to the narrative with ears attuned to motifs from the Hebrew scriptures, we can discover rich allusions that situate the Pentecost event in salvation history. Luke sets the stage by saying "they" were gathered in one place. He could have specified who "they" were, but instead he left it open-ended to the possibility of including the re-formed Twelve along with other disciples: men, women, officials like Joseph of Arimathea ... just about anyone except the deceased Judas. What happens next echoes the stellar moments of times past when God visited the people. The wind-like sound that fills the house recalls Exodus 19, when the resounding noise accompanying God frightened the people nearly to death; it also recalls God's whispering approach to Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-12). When Luke described the fire, he brought his audience into the realm of the great actions of our God in biblical history. Luke's symbols proclaim it loud and clear: God is doing something big here! We have often heard that the Spirit's gift of all-intelligible speech was the reversal of the punishment at Babel when human languages were differentiated and confused. But people who have been oppressed understand that the construction of Babel was an attempt to usurp divine power and the leaders' desire that everyone speak just one language is seen as a tactic to impose one way of thinking on everyone.

The desire for one official language and the attempt to reach heaven on human power were signs of arrogance and oppression — remember, the aristocrats were never the bricklayers for the monuments of the Nile valley! In contrast to the days of Babel, the Pentecost event not only respects but actually celebrates the diversity of tongues. It is not that everybody present suddenly began to speak the same language or even hear differently. The disciples, filled with the Spirit, could speak to everyone, no matter what their culture. This tells us a lot about the rest of Luke's story and the church's mission to the world. When we look carefully at the story, the actual event of the coming of the Spirit is related very briefly: there was noise and fire; they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak. The details come with the results, not the event itself. The major focus of the story is the diversity of the people who heard the disciples. Not satisfied with saying they were from all over, Luke lists their many homelands. Rather than emphasizing the enthusiasm of the Spirit-filled disciples, he tells about the astonishment of the multinational crowd. They are somehow made one by taking in the same message, even as it is communicated in a way that each group can comprehend it from their own cultural background. What we see here is a too-often-neglected dimension of this feast. With the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, the church received the mission to incarnate the Gospel message in every time and culture. As Pope Francis wrote in "The Joy of the Gospel," "In the diversity of peoples who experience the gift of God, each in accordance with its own culture, the Church expresses her genuine catholicity and shows forth the 'beauty of her varied face' " (116). Put most simply: to be Catholic, the church must be diverse. The Pentecost story therefore invites us to seek and enjoy a multitude of expressions of the Gospel. As people gifted by God's Spirit in an age of unprecedented potential for communications, we, more than any people in history, have the opportunity to appreciate the wonderful diversity God has cultivated in our world.

For a renewal of the Gifts of the Spirit in our lives, that we may recognize and use these gifts in service to God and to each other...We pray...

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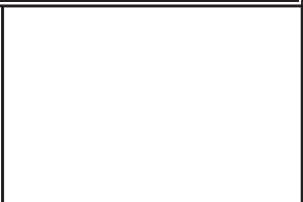
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