



Parish Priest Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Greetings of love, peace and joy.

In the last month's message, I had begun like this: "Referring to Covid-19, some people are asking, when will all this end? When will we go back to *normal*?" And we found the answer in Easter. "Easter was never meant to go back to normal; but

was, and still is, intended to make all things *new*." During Covid-19, We have been embracing *new ways*, adopting *new life-style*, living a different life. I also mentioned that in the Post-COVID world, we must come together to choose decisions and actions that make things "*new*." This is in keeping with the safety of ourselves and others. This is what the world and media says it as *New Normal*.

We must have really struggled with this lockdown and stay-at-home directives. Really struggled. If the elders found it so tough, certainly children and young people could have gone crazy. However, we all together were able to cope up with this new situation.

The closure of churches and restrictions on the administration of the sacraments have been especially painful for us. We are painfully aware that many of us are troubled and hurt by not being able to attend the Eucharist physically in the church. This is an unpleasant condition that we all feel deeply. We long for the day when we can be reunited around the altar of the Lord to celebrate the Eucharist as one community. However, keeping in mind the good of our health and other's health we complied, and we are happy that God lifted us up and is walking with us on this journey.

Some told me..., believe me, I'm thankful for many things happened during these days despite all difficulties and hardships... I'm thankful that I got my garbage cleaned out and organized my files... I'm thankful that I got my house is in order.... many of us will agree with me to say, that I'm thankful for the technology that allows me to work remotely... I'm thankful for the technology that allows our parish to livestream Masses and the media which has helped many of us to have many other activities like prayers, rosaries, meetings... etc. on Zoom and other social media.

Many of us have embraced this time, though it was tough

with restrictions and with new rules. We embraced the quiet and humble time and strengthened our relationship with Christ, strengthened family bonds. We embraced the struggle, with the help of God. Therefore, even in this extraordinary and challenging moment, we give thanks for what Jesus Christ has done for us by his life, death, and resurrection, to show Father's love; we give thanks because He accompanied us in our struggles as we carried our cross. Jesus is Father's love for us.

Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus Christ's Sacred Heart remains open to everyone. Jesus' Sacred Heart is the symbol of God's love. Because He loves us, and because His love can never change, we should not be afraid, even in this time of trial and testing. 'He is always faithful.' As we remember and reflect the Sacred Heart of Jesus this month, let us renew our faith in His love. Even though we cannot worship together in the Church, each of us can seek Him in the tabernacles of our own hearts, which are temples of the Holy Spirit; and in our homes, dedicating our families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and praying to fill our hearts with His abounding love. Let us listen Jesus' consoling words of love: "*you will weep and mourn... you will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.*" (Jn 16: 20) Jesus's Sacred Heart is open for us, despite 'bitter affliction' of coronavirus. May His loving Heart turn all our fear, grief & anxiety... into joy.

A beautiful prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, from Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. We can pray this prayer during this month, keeping in mind the present situation:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a furnace of love. You are refuge and my sanctuary.

O my adorable and loving saviour, consume my heart with the burning fire with which yours is inflamed.

Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from your love. Let my heart be united with yours. Let my will be conformed to yours in all things.

May your Heart bring healing for the world of the COVID-19 pandemic; May your Heart especially bring healing to the sick, and protection and care of the many health-care workers and service providers in our communities.

May Your Will be the rule of all my desires and actions.
AMEN.

Stay safe and healthy. God bless you all.

“Opting for the Culture of Pentecost”

WE

just concluded the Paschal season with the glorious feast of the Pentecost. It is a feast that has let the torch of Christ's mission to go over to the disciples and to us, through them. All that happened at that moment of the outpouring of the Holy spirit



at the Upper Room in Jerusalem, on Mother Mary and the disciples induce us to reflect on our mission, in our times. We easily grasp, at the face level, our obligation to spread the good news and be a witness to Jesus Christ. But an in depth understanding of it calls for a drastic change, inaugurated at the Pentecost.

The Pentecost (Acts 2:1-12) is a reversal of the Babel tower (Gen 11:1-11). Pentecost restored a culture that was destroyed by the Babel Tower and destroyed the culture introduced by the Babel tower. The Pentecost restored the original culture of unity, mutuality and interdependence destroyed by the Babel Tower. Pentecost destroyed the culture of division, descension, competition, spectacularism, extravagance, exploitation, hoarding and grabbing inaugurated by the Babel Tower. People of Babel wanted to compete with God and prove their capability against God and others. But the obedience of the Disciples and Mary at the Pentecost brought in the culture of love, peace, sharing, unity, humility, and fear of God.

The culture of Babel has survived even to our times and has made a monstrous impact on our society, and in a hidden way has made in-roads into our hearts. Every time we opt for ways of division, descension, exclusion, pride, pomp, and exploitation. we let the culture of Babel Tower influence us. How easily we want to show off our affluence and influence in our home functions and public manifestations! We are attracted to massive, gorgeous, and huge things, buildings, malls, and gadgets. We hardly realize that behind all such things there is so much of exploitation, oppression, bloodshed, and corruption. Do we realize that our uncontrolled use of material resources and our money puts the little ones of the Lord's poor into shame?

We all need a new Pentecost to live a life of mutuality, sharing, inclusivity, unity, sensitivity and support of the weak. Let us be convinced that we will be judged by the Lord not by the culture of Babel rather by the culture of Pentecost (Mt 25: 31-46). Let us in concrete situation opt for values inaugurated by the Pentecost and opt against the values of the Babel Tower. Our human society, as is with Nature, depends heavily on the values of the Pentecost. We need to cultivate these values even in our dealings with the Nature and natural resources. In short, like our Beloved Mother and the disciples, acknowledge the Lordship of God over our lives and capabilities and

become agents of unity and mutual help and support. Soon we will be called upon to face a situation of adverse need and want, as the total relaxation of the lockdown is around the corner. Probably, we will have ample opportunity to practice the values of the Pentecost. Let us join our helping hands and praying hands for that day.

Fr. Divakar OFM Cap.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Holy Mass Live Stream

We are live streaming on YouTube (to get the site please type on YouTube search: ("St Paul's Catholic Church Musaffah live streaming") Please participate in live streaming as much as possible so that we can really devote our time for God .



ALL 3 ARE CO-ETERNAL

One of the errors that we must guard against in our thinking about the Holy Trinity is this: We must NOT think of God the Father as having “come first” and God the Son a little later, and God the Holy Spirit later still. All three are equally eternal, possessing as they do one Divine nature.

“For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal.”

- From the Athanasian Creed

Church Events

- June 5-7: Most Holy Trinity (S)
- June 12: 5th Anniversary of Consecration of St. Paul's Church
- June 12-14: Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (S)
- June 12: Priestly Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Paul Koenig
- June 13: St. Anthony of Padua (S)
- June 19: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)
- June 24: Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- June 26-28: SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles (S)
- June 27: Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

We invite your Spiritual Messages, Articles & Special Activity Photos of Prayer Groups & Communities Please Contact Editorial Team OR Parish Office.



29-Jun-2013 Foundation Stone Laid



During Construction . . .



11-Jun-2015 Inauguration by HE Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan



12-Jun-2015 Consecration of St. Paul's Church



Food Packets distributed by Malayalam Cordination Committee during Covid-19 Pandemic



May Devotion
 "Meghangaile Mazhavillu"
 Malayalam Coordination
 Committee released
 31 Days short video clips
 during the month of May,
 which includes, May Devotion
 Prayers, Testimonies and
 Blessings by Fr. Vargheese.K
 (Spiritual Director).

Congratulations!

Bible Quiz Winners May 2020

1. Pearl Fernandes - 3rd Grade
2. Shawn Jerrick - 2nd Grade
3. Sergius Anthony Prince - 4th Grade

Participants

- Rion Anthony D'souza-2nd Grade
- Crissal Lobo- 7th Grade
- Deron Lawrance- 7th Grade
- Tesia Lawrance-5th Grade
- Melita Leonie Pereira-10th Grade
- Melonie Lianna Pereira-2nd Grade

