

St. Philip's Parish

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EST. 1867 HOLY ROSARY (1867-2007) ST. ANNE (1866-1974)

May 31, 2020. Pentecost Sunday

The church and office remain closed at this time and for the foreseeable future. Fr. Francis continues to celebrate daily Mass, and continues to pray for all. Weekday Mass intentions are encouraged and welcomed. please email Denise at dannett@dol.ca, for your intention requests.

Monday, June 1st,

For All Members of our Parish Family Offered by Joe& Anna Jenniskens

Tuesday, June 2nd

t Margaret McCallum Offered by Rich & Margaret Holmes

Wednesday, June 3rd

t Deceased Members of the VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Families. Offered by the Estate of Frank J Vander Vloet

Thursday, June, 4th

For Government officials, as they guide our Country through these unprecedented times.

Friday, June 5th

t Deceased Family Offered by Ruth Banks

Saturday, June 6th

t Giovanni Bolzon Offered by Lilliana Bolzon

At this time, many parishioners have been asking how they can continue to make their weekly donations. This would be an opportunity for you to try the plenty donation program. The instructions can be found on our website. The great thing about this program is you are in complete control of how often and how much you donate. The site is 100% secure, and when things return to normal you can always cancel and go back to using your envelopes. If you choose. You may also drop a cheque into the mail to the Parish.

Pentecost Sunday

Our God is a God of contradiction. In fact, it is in these contradictions that we learn peace, a fruit of the spirit.

In today's readings we hear two accounts of the Holy Spirit that are radically opposed. In Acts, the Spirit comes to the Apostles like a mighty wind and a shower of flame. It is unexpected and frightening. It is incomprehensible to bystanders.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus comes to the disciples and breathes the Spirit onto them in person. Jesus is flesh and blood, and familiar to them. He wishes them peace.

These two narratives illustrate the Holy Spirit as being at once frightening and comforting, mysterious and familiar, transcendent and immanent. This is just as it should be, because the Spirit of peace is all of these things despite apparent contradiction.

Peace, a grace given and a virtue pursued, flow from knowing the spirit of God, God the creator of all. He is maker of fire, of venomous spiders, and of all clawed and toothed beasts inasmuch as he is the creator of the sun and the moon and the laughter of children.

To be at peace is to rest in this, which we cannot understand and which might even frighten us. It is to trust in the Lord who is mighty and mysterious, but who is good.

Gabrielle Johnson, Edmonton, Alberta ******

First Reading: Acts 2.1-11 Psalm: 104

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23 _____

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www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass daily.

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