

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 30 TO JUNE 7

Saturday	May 30	
	Tommaso Furino	Furino Family
Sunday	May 31	Pentecost
	Mark Julius Coelho	Mervyn & Cynthia Pereira
	Our Parishioners	
Monday	June 1	
	Tommy Whyte & family	Kathleen & Tom
Tuesday	June 2	
	Joan Hopkirk & Debbie	Kathleen & Tom
Wednesday	June 3	
	John Basciano	The Family
Thursday	June 4	
	Gerry Emsley	Lise Emsley
Friday	June 5	
	Vito, Lina & Lino Marcario	Rina Della Rocca
Saturday	June 6	
	Ernie Cassidy	Audrey & family
Sunday	June 7	The Most Holy Trinity
	Magdalena Nitti Saluzzi	Michelle Figuredo & family
	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

May 24: Pina & Joe Di Stafano requested by The Family.

May 31: Nunzio Vocino, requested by Rosemary & Joe Furino.



FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH Monday after Pentecost

O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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May 31, 2020

PENTECOST

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Audrey Poisson, wife of the late Gaétan (Gerry) Poisson, mother of Michelle, Loraine and Pierre

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after His ascension into heaven (or one week, when the Ascension is celebrated on Sunday instead of Thursday, as here in Canada).



Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. Traditionally, the Church prays the Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th. There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu'ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu'ot is sometimes called the "Festival of Weeks," referring to the seven weeks since Passover. Originally a harvest feast, Shavu'ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room (Acts, chapter 2). The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission: to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

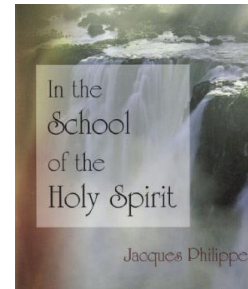
Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church: Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers were united, for the first time, by a common language and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles. In the British Isles, white is often worn to symbolize the dove (the Holy Spirit). An Italian Pentecost tradition is to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues. In France, it is tradition to blow trumpets during Mass to recall the sound of the driving wind of the Holy Spirit. In Asia, it is typical to have an extra service, called "genuflexion," during which long poems and prayers are recited. In Russia, Mass-goers often carry flowers or green branches during Pentecost services.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your Divine love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, & You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructed the hearts of the faithful, Grant, that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

WORTHWHILE READING



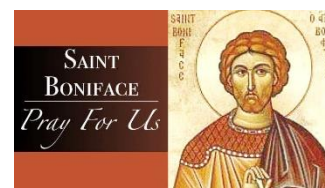
In the School of the Holy Spirit,

by Fr. Jacques Philippe

A renowned spiritual director unveils the Master of the interior life. In the prayer lives of many Christians there is one person of the Trinity that often goes overlooked – The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is no less involved in our lives than the Father and the Son, yet many are unaware of this. Jesus said about the Holy Spirit, "If I go, I will send you another Comforter." But

are we aware of the Holy Spirit in our lives? *In the School of the Holy Spirit* by renowned retreat master Fr. Jacques Philippe will help. It will lead you to be more attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit in your life as you learn to value the third person of the Trinity as the Sanctifier of your soul. Philippe explains the rewards of being attentive to the Holy Spirit and provides simple and concrete ways to grow in this inner sensitivity. In his clear and simple style, he illustrates his points with many examples from modern life. *In the School of the Holy Spirit* is a valuable aid in our own spiritual journey.

FEAST OF ST. BONIFACE, June 5



St. Boniface was born in England but went to Germany to preach the Gospel. There he was made Bishop of Mainz and founded or restored many churches in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia. He is probably best known for destroying the Great Oak of Thor. Boniface

lived in a land of pagans and preached the Gospel tirelessly and made many converts. He was killed by pagans in 754. Having been declared the "apostle to the Germans," St. Boniface is regarded as the patron saint of brewers and tailors, and an inspiration to all of Germany.

"For those who approach Boniface, an initial fact stands out: the centrality of the word of God, lived and interpreted in the faith of the Church, a word that he lived, preached and witnessed to until he gave the supreme gift of himself in martyrdom. He was so passionate about the word of God that he felt the urgent need and duty to communicate it to others, even at his own personal risk." (Pope Benedict XVI)

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Parish Wardens

The Fabrique of the Parish of St. Thomas à Becket administers all Parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021) 620-6643
Peter Cook (2022) 620-2019
Norman Cousineau (2020) 624-8753
Siro Di Marco (2020) 620-6788
Michelle Figueredo (2021) 694-8879
Michael Sciotto (2022) 626-9550

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Guild: Anna Donald 620-2258
Altar Servers: Fr. Peter Sabbath 626-4111 ext 225
Baptism Preparation Team 626-4111
Children's Liturgy Parish Office 626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator - Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930
Greeters: Norma Cook 620-2019
Ushers: Joe Ojeda 941-7914
Lectors: Tobias Koikaran 693-5514
Liturgy Team: Rosemarie Della Rocca 620-1930
Weekday Sacristan: Anna Donald 620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator - Lino Viegas 620-0750
Choirs: Brendan Kelly 944-7220

Parish Organizations

Sycamore - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222
Angels of Mercy - Sarah Sajedi 827-6408
Becket Pantry 626-4111
Catholic Women's League - Catherine Lee Jude 463-5991
Couples for Christ - Francis & Aurora Apgao 630-6586
Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare - Victoria Milewski 695-2616
Healing Ministry - Elsa Rivera 626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others - Parish Office 626-4111
Knights of Columbus - Joe Ojeda 941-7914
Marriage Course - John and Nathalie Bondyra 695-7896

Pastoral Home Care - Ailsa Lee Loy 626-7265 or Susan Carroll 887-4365
Prayer Group - (Thursday 9:15 am) Louise Eberwein 825-5198
Prayer Line - Christine Charron 694-3958 or Mary Taillon 450-424-3769
Seniors - Audrey Cassidy 626-3586
Social Club - Rina Callard 695-6995

Resources and Services

A.A. 376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics) 866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services 931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine 931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried? 344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line) 935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline 1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter 620-4845

Diocesan Website: www.diocesemontreal.org

Parish Hall Rental: Peter Cook 514-620-2019

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.
Anointing of the Sick: upon request
Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month
Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass
Baptism: Please contact the office.
Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.
Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph
R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath