

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday (B)

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

*And suddenly there came from the sky
a noise like a strong driving wind, and it
filled the entire house in which they were.*

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2

Tongues of Fire

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✱ *Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?*
- ✱ *How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?*



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

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

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9 (506) 857-0425

St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St, Sackville, NB E4L 2Y5 (506) 536-1460

St. Clement's, 14 Church St, Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9 (506) 538-2262

MASS TIMES – WEEK OF MAY 24-30, 2021

St. Bernard's	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Every 2 nd Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm



**Register
for Mass**

Please note you must register each week to attend Mass - call 857-0425

Deadline to register for all regular Masses: Thursdays, 12 noon

Please arrive early to allow for ushered seating.

Facemasks mandatory.

We are currently in the Covid-19 yellow phase.

Six feet social distancing must be maintained at all times.

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator:	Fr. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice:	Claudia McCloskey
Assistant: (part-time)	Fr. Charles Broderick	Catechetics:	Lorella Dunnett
Liturgy	Darlene McGraw	Adult Faith:	Dr. Andrew Wilson

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Custodian	Michel Saulnier	

Access to the Parish office is restricted. Phone messages & emails are checked regularly.

If you wish to make an appointment, call the parish office to arrange a time.

Parish office: 506-857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF WEEK OF MAY 24-30, 2021

Friday	May 28	9:30 AM	Late Coughran family members	Family
Saturday	May 29	4:00 PM	Late Bob Comeau	JoAnn LeBlanc
Sunday	May 30	11:00 AM	Late John Vautour	St. Bernard's Choir



STANDING TOGETHER – EVEN TWO METERS APART!

of course, and I am happy to support my parish through a donation by pre-authorized debit (PAD). It is a convenient way to make my Sunday offering and it saves the trouble of filing an envelope or of looking for the right amount of change. It

also allows my parish to be able to count on my uninterrupted contribution ... and I have the pleasure of being part of the solution.

OFFERINGS

MAY 8 & 9, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 3,353.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 34.00
Loose	\$ 42.00	Capital Expenditure	\$ 420.00
Papal charities	\$ 442.00	Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 20.00	Donation	\$ 100.00

Thank you

Thank you for your generous and continued support !!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn...

Our sincere sympathies to the families of:

Nick Evers	Husband of Corry, father of Mark, Casey, Tim & Angela
Rosina Gallant	
George Redmond	Husband of (late) Elizabeth "Betty"
Rene Comeau	
Mary MacLeod	Wife of (late) Milton
David Stewart	Cousin of Deb (Mike) Gillespie

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Ecclesiastes 3...

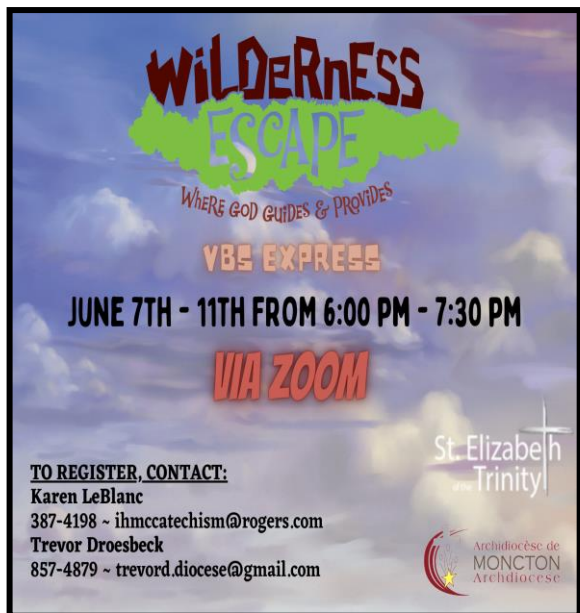
*Under every season there is a time... A time to heal.
We remember in our prayers those who are sick.:*

Roger Berube	Jessica Fowler	Edgar Doiron
Jenny Purcell	Beth Tingley	Cathy Jensen

And for all who care for them.

Latin Mass (according to the Tridentine rite):

Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck, CC, bishop of Saint John, has informed us that on January 12, 2021, he has appointed Rev. Michael McGowan as Spiritual Advisor to the Latin Mass Community of the Diocese of Saint John. Father McGowan will provide Mass to the faithful who wish to worship in the Extraordinary Form (according to the Tridentine rite). The Latin Mass will be offered every Sunday at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Fredericton at 12:30 PM. Those interested in attending this Mass are invited to register by contacting the parish by email: olfatima1962@gmail.com Faithful who wish to celebrate the Eucharist according to this rite should participate in this Mass that the Church officially recognizes. **Archbishop Valéry Vienneau.**



**WILDERNESS
ESCAPE**
WHERE GOD GUIDES & PROVIDES
VBS EXPRESS
JUNE 7TH - 11TH FROM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:
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387-4198 ~ ihmccatechism@rogers.com
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St. Elizabeth
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Archdiocese

VBS Express!

Vacation Bible School 2021

We are now accepting registrations for our virtual VBS which will take place June 7th-11th, on Zoom from 6:00 - 7:30 each evening. This year's theme is **Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides.** For more information or to register, contact Trevor or Karen LeBlanc at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish grouping, ihmccatechism@rogers.com / 387-4198.

From the Office of Catechetics:



We have wrapped up another year, and what a year it has been. Thank you to all our families for adapting to in-person session to zoom sessions back to in-person session, it has been a roller coaster, but we made it through. We have had a busy year, we celebrated with 15 candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, 14 candidates who were welcomed to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and 15 candidates who received the sacrament of Reconciliation. This year would not have been made possible without the help of our most dedicated catechist: Carolyn O'Brien, Deb D'Ettore, Maria Miller, Claudia McCloskey and Sheila Gorman, along with our helpers, Linda Arseneault and Susan McCarthy. We look forward to seeing all our current and new families back this fall. Wishing all a spectacular and safe summer. Blessings always, Lorella

No Confessions May 29: Please note that Fr. Charlie will not be hearing confessions on Saturday, May 29th at Immaculate Heart of Mary as the church is being cleaned. Confessions will resume as normal on Saturday, June 5th. Thank you for your understanding.



St. Bernard's Parish is offering a \$1,000 Bursary to a graduate who is pursuing or enrolled in post-secondary studies. Send or deliver your

application to: St. Bernard's Parish Bursary, Parish Office, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9. **Deadline for applications: May 30th, 2021.** Please include a personal letter detailing your involvement at school, in the parish and in the community, as well as your future plans.



Graduation Mass

Sunday, June 20, 2021 @11:00 AM

With much hard work and dedication, high school graduation is just around the corner! We will celebrate our students who are graduating with a graduation mass. If your child is graduating from high school this year, please confirm their attendance by emailing me directly at lorella_st.bernards@hotmail.com by June 6th, 2021. We will require registration for this mass in keeping with our protocols, last minute additions are not possible. A stride into a future full of success...Blessings, Lorella



From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development

To contact us: Ellen - 857- 9952 or ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com;
Trevor - 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com



Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

O glorious Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of our Country, Canada, we implore your prayers and guidance as we seek to live as children of our heavenly Father in these trying times. Pray for our Country so we may live in obedience to God's laws and inspire all of us to live Christ's great command of love by caring for one another as you did in raising your family in the ways of God yet through all difficulties and tribulations.

V. O Saint Joseph, righteous and loving in the sight of God,

R. Lead us on the path of holiness.

(From the Consecration to St. Joseph (CCCB))

More resources to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph can be found at the CCCB website at the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/>

The month of May – Message from Pope Francis: Pope Francis invites us to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary. He is requesting that during May 2021, the entire Church invokes the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and invites us to pray fervently for those most affected by it. Thirty Marian shrines have been chosen to take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church. Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, is among the Marian shrines chosen. The Vatican website offers some models of prayers to follow & interesting articles: http://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/index_rosary.htm

Archbishop Valéry Vienneau



BECAUSE HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE WEEKENDS OFF



Isthmus is a charity that packs bags of food for children and their families to bridge them from after school on Friday until they return on Monday.



**THEY NEEDED SOUP AND
OUR PARISH GROUPING DELIVERED!**

Thank you everyone for your generous response to this need!

Many more children will have a full belly thanks to you!



Exploring Our Faith Gifted Stumblers



In the Pentecost narrative, we hear of Jesus' post-resurrection visit to his 12 BFFs, how they were infused with the Holy Spirit, and the instructions Jesus left them (and us) for sharing the Good News with the world. Jesus would have known his Apostles well enough to gauge their strengths and weaknesses and he would have understood how differently each of them would confront the task set out before them. I suspect the same was true then as now: We as people are blessed with quite different gifts and the Holy Spirit moves most vibrantly when those gifts are used not in competition with one another, but in a collaborative effort where we come together to form a completely different entity...the Body of Christ. The symbolic use of "body" is meant to suggest that our faith community is not static, each of us comes together to form a living, breathing, growing being where all the parts must collaborate with one another in sync to survive. The personal challenge for me is to accept that while God has bestowed upon me many gifts, I also suffer from infirmities. In both cases the gifts and the infirmities exist whether they are visible to me or not. In a fun, ironic twist of human nature, sometimes I like to ignore my own infirmities and spend my time pointing out those I see in others. In the 15 years I have served the Archdiocese of Moncton I have overheard the phrases "he's not Catholic enough," or "she's not Christian enough," and, "her Facebook page doesn't look very Catholic," or "they practice a watered-down Catholicism." For those who believe or who have been told they are not Catholic enough or not Christian enough, take comfort: The Apostles were a motley crew, inexperienced in being purveyors of Good News. They were recruited by Jesus from among the lowest classes, fishermen and day labourers and with a couple of exceptions, mostly illiterate. Lutheran pastor Nadia-Bolz-Weber wrote "...never once did Jesus scan the room for the best example of holy living and send that person out to tell others about him. He always sent stumblers and sinners." (Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People, 2015) Well, that's good news. Regular people with routine lives who were on a mission and were stronger together than separate. It would be interesting to see who Jesus would pick in 2021 as his BFFs and perhaps more importantly, would we listen?

Trevor Driesbeck Office of Youth Faith Development Archdiocese of Moncton

Dear Padre,

Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

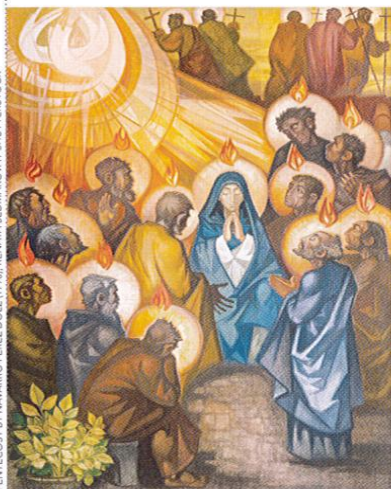
The eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13–14; 2:1–13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. "Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body" (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 24

Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20

or Acts 1:12–14

Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

MAY 25

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12

Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17

Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

MAY 27

Weekday

Sir 42:15–25

Mk 10:46–52

Friday

MAY 28

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9–13

Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

MAY 29

Weekday

Sir 51:12cd–20

Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32–34, 39–40

Rom 8:14–17

Mt 28:16–20

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