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They Were All Filled With The Holy Spirit

From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; May 24, 2015

The feast of Pentecost makes us relive the Church’s beginnings. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles tells that, 50 days after Easter, in the house where Jesus’ disciples were, “suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house.... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (2:2-4). The disciples are completely transformed by this outpouring: fear is supplanted by courage, imperviousness gives way to the proclamation, and all doubt is driven away by faith filled with love. It is the “baptism” of the Church, which thus began her journey in history, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This event, which changes the heart and life of the Apostles and the other disciples, is immediately felt outside the Upper Room. Indeed, that door kept locked for 50 days is finally thrust open and the first Christian Community, no longer closed in upon itself, begins speaking to crowds of different origins about the mighty works that God has done (cf. v. 11), that is to say, of the Resurrection of Jesus who was crucified. Each one present hears his own language being spoken by the disciples. The gift of the Holy Spirit restores the linguistic harmony that was lost in Babel, prefiguring the universal mission of the Apostles. The Church is not born isolated, she is born universal, one, and Catholic, with a precise identity, open to all, not closed, an identity which embraces the entire world, excluding no one. Mother Church closes her door in the face of no one, no one! Not even to the greatest sinner, to no one! This is through the power, through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Mother Church opens, opens wide her doors to everyone because she is mother.

The Holy Spirit at Pentecost pours into the hearts of the disciples and begins a new season: the season of testimony and fraternity. It is a season which comes from above, comes from God, like the tongues of fire that rest on the head of each disciple. It was the flame of love which burns all harshness; it was the tongue of the Gospel which surpasses manmade borders and reaches the hearts of the multitudes, without distinction of language, race or nationality. As on that day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out constantly even today on the Church and on each one of us so we may step outside of our mediocrity and our imperviousness and communicate to the entire world the merciful love of the Lord. Communicating the merciful love of the Lord: this is our mission! We too have been given the gift of the “tongue” of the Gospel and the “fire” of the Holy Spirit, so that while we proclaim Jesus risen, living and present in our midst, we may warm our heart and also the heart of the peoples drawing near to Him, the way, truth and life.

Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of Mary Most Holy, who was present as Mother in the midst of the disciples in the Upper Room: she is the mother of the Church, the mother of Jesus became mother of the Church. Let us entrust ourselves to Her that the Holy Spirit may descend in abundance upon the Church of our time, fill the hearts of all the faithful and kindle in them the fire of his love.

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✠ **Solemnity of Pentecost** ✠

May 23, 2021



The Sequence Hymn for Pentecost

Come, holy Spirit, and send forth from heaven the rays of your light.
 Come, father of the poor; come, giver of gifts; come, light of hearts.
 Best comforter, sweet guest of the soul, sweet refreshment.
 Rest in labor, temperateness in heat, solace in tears.
 O most blessed light, fill the inmost heart of your faithful.
 Without your divinity, nothing is in man, nothing that is harmless.
 Wash that which is sordid, water that which is dry,
 heal that which is wounded.
 Make flexible that which is rigid, warm that which is cold,
 guide that which is wayward.
 Grant to your faithful, who trust in you, the holy sevenfold gift.
 Grant the reward of virtue, grant salvation at our going forth,
 grant eternal joy. Amen.

Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

May 26- 28

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. +For the Souls of the Faithful Departed: Family & Friends
Pre-registration Required

Thursday 9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of all Parishioners during the Pandemic
Pre-registration Required

Friday 9:00 a.m. +For the Souls of the Faithful Departed: Family & Friends
Pre-registration Required

✠ The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ✠

May 30, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of all Parishioners during the Pandemic
Pre-registration Required

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Intentions of the People (*Missa pro populo*)
Pre-registration Required

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-for the Sisters of Saint Joseph, living and deceased, who are celebrating 100 years of religious presence in our Diocese this year, working as teachers, nurses and caregivers for the elderly since their arrival in Pembroke in 1921: may the Lord bless them for their faithful presence and for all the works they have accomplished in our Diocese throughout these many years of devoted service to the people of God;

-those who have been affected by the coronavirus: the sick, the dying, their families and care givers; those who struggle with fear, anxiety and depression; those who have lost their jobs and are suffering economic hardship;

- parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially: Don Lascelle.



St. John Chrysostom Parish uses *flocknote* to register parishioners and send out weekly newsletters by email. Email the parish office to sign up!

~ PARISH STEWARDSHIP ~

SUNDAY OFFERING: May 16 - \$3,326.00

Thank you for your continuing commitment during these difficult times. **Sunday Envelope Offerings can also be put through the mail slot on the parish office door.**

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Why not use direct deposit for the sake of convenience and for the continual support of our parish? Just call the parish office to set it up! We have 53 parishioners who have chosen this option.

CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION: The amount of \$3,870.00 from the month of April was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you!

This monthly appeal continues on the last Sunday of the month using a special envelope and collection dedicated to the Church Exterior Restoration Debt. These envelopes have been inserted into every box of Sunday Collection envelopes and are also available on the racks at the entrance of the church.

A sample of a collection envelope for St. John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior, ON. The envelope is light beige with a decorative top edge. It contains a form with the following fields: "Env. # _____", "Church Exterior Restoration Debt", "Name: _____", "Address: _____", and "Postal Code: _____ Amount \$ _____".

SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHURCH: Consider a bequest to St. John Chrysostom Exterior Restoration Project through your will and leave an extraordinary legacy gift for the glory of God and to ensure that future generations continue to have a home to celebrate our Christian Faith.

THIS WEEKEND would normally have marked the beginning of dispersing tickets for our PARISH HARVEST RAFFLE. Because of the ongoing realities and uncertainties caused by the pandemic, we have once again had to make the difficult and sad decision to cancel both the Raffle and this year's Festival. There are just too many variables regarding the impact of the pandemic and ongoing civil restrictions in order to prudently begin planning for such a major social event at this time.

We will again make a **Harvest Festival Financial Appeal** later in the summer and draw attention to the envelope that is already in your Sunday Envelope box.

