

PENTECOST SUNDAY

With the upcoming Pentecost Sunday marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and celebrating the beginning of the Church, the churches of the Diocese of Saint John will be allowed to re-open for Eucharist with up to 50 of our faithful.

The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains in effect. Parishioners who are ill or vulnerable to illness according to public health advice, should remain at home. Masses continue to be offered online to assist in your Spiritual Communion, and you are free to inquire about pastoral visits to receive the Sacraments outside of Mass.

As Bishop Riesbeck stated in his May 22 letter to the faithful regarding the Solemnity of Pentecost, "as we gather again for Mass in our parishes, our churches will not only look different, they will be different."

Attending Mass will require maintaining a 2 meter / 6 foot distance from any others at all times, entering and exiting the church, and while processing to receive Holy Communion.

Parishioners may wear a mask if they wish, however they are not required to do so.

Ushers will be present to direct parishioners entering and exiting the church, and to explain the Mass changes currently required.

There will be no offertory procession or collection, although an offertory basket will be available at the exit of the church. Please consider electronic donations.

Distribution of Holy Communion will take place after the final blessing, at the end of Mass, so that you may exit immediately after receiving Holy Communion. The faithful should remove any face covering and sanitize their hands before coming forward for Holy Communion.

Please contact the parish office about any questions prior to attending Mass, or you may also ask an usher at Mass for any clarifications.

We would like to extend a "Thank YOU" to all who have brought in, or sent in, their Sunday Offertory envelopes.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE.

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Msgr. Brian Henneberry, V.G., Pastor

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday - 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. (Novena Mass)

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 12 Noon

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday - 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday - 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment only. Please call the Rectory

Sacrament of Marriage

A six (6) month prior notice is requested

Ministry to the Sick

Please contact the Rectory if you or someone you know would like to be visited at home or in hospital



**May 31st, 2020
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***The Spirit came and your church was born,
in wind and fire and words of power.***

***The Spirit came blowing fear aside,
and in its place weak hearts were stronger.***

***The Spirit came as your word foretold,
with dreams and signs, visions and wonders.***

***The Spirit came and is here today,
to feed the hearts of a world that hungers.***

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

It can happen in the closest of families and even among lifelong friends. A disagreement, a "falling out" a misunderstanding, a sin of commission or omission can place a distance between and among people. These often seem impossible to heal or overcome or forgive.

It happened to Jesus and His chosen disciples. At His last supper with them, they shared the Eucharist for the first time. He empowered them to do the same, in service and love to others. And He would always be present in the Eucharist.

Their response was to run away and abandon Him when he was arrested. Peter, chosen to lead the others, would deny he even knew who Jesus was. They scattered and argued over what they should do. The Father raised Jesus from the dead! The disciples came together in fear and hid.

But Jesus didn't bear a grudge or hold a resentment or cut them off. Rather He came among them and forgave them and gave them the gift of His peace and empowered them with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then even strangers could recognize the unity and love among this rag tag bunch of apostles.

Pope Francis says, "the peace bestowed on the apostles (*and on us and on our Church*) does not bring freedom *from* problems, but brings peace *in* problems". This peace and its freedom draw us together again, to forgive, to understand, and to allow love and care to regrow and strengthen life giving bonds of love, faith and friendship.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For Pope Francis and Bishop Christian as they pray for the spirit to come upon our Church and our Diocese and unite us in love and service. We pray to the Lord.

For the Church throughout the world as many begin to gather again in parish churches as we emerge from the pandemic on this great feast of Pentecost. We pray to the Lord.

For our city and province as ways are considered to overcome the great financial burden of the pandemic and look at ways to help families, children and the elderly. We pray to the Lord.

For each person who continues to provide care for the sick and provide essential services to us all as the risk of illness continues. We pray to the Lord.

For each person who has asked for our prayers and for each person still fearful of the corona virus and the possibility of infection. We pray to the Lord.

For the faithful departed NN..... that they will enter into the promise of their Baptism and their families will be consoled. We pray to the Lord.

John Aspen, Mark Boyce
Helen Savoie, Reg McLean, Pat Hogan

The church is still locked due to the corona virus. Stay home, be safe and if you prefer, watch daily mass on TV. Msgr. Brian Henneberry, VG will be offering an online mass at 9 a.m. each Sunday. You can watch at HolyRedeemerSJ.com. Weekend Masses have resumed via lottery ONLY.

Our office remains closed, but you may contact us by calling 653-6830 or by e-mail to stpiusx@nb.aibn.com. All telephone messages will be returned.

SALT & LIGHT TV - you can watch Mass on TV several times per day. Mass Times are as follows:

- Daily Mass from Loretto Abbey - 7:30 am/ 12:00 pm/ 4:00 pm/ 11:30 pm
- The Sunday Mass (The Passionists Mass) - 7:30 am / 4:00 pm
- Sunday TV Mass, Loretto Abbey in Toronto - 12:00 pm / 11:30 pm