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PENTECOST SUNDAY

57-4

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May/Jun	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
29 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
30 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – John Taylor	Pauline Taylor
31 Wed, 9am	Lorna D'Souza	D'Souza Family
June 1 Thur, 9am	Thanksgiving – Owen Taylor	Pauline Taylor
2 1 st Fri 9am 6pm 7pm	Maria Paz Beltran + Holy Hour Thanksgiving - Nancy Ingrouville Thanksgiving – Diana Williams Dionisia Claudio + Cristita Benedicto +	Rico & Yvette Beltran CWL Teresita Macarayan Severina & Oscar Mamaril Elena & Ligaya Manuel
3 Sat, 9am 5pm	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + Florentino Luna Jr. + Venus Reyes Umali + Nancy Redding + Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon Thanksgiving – Frank Robbins Thanksgiving – Lorraine Thanksgiving – Jovita C. Montille Catherine & Emanuel Saliba + Nikola & Sharon Fidel Vilorio Jr. Galla Montille-Bertoia Tara McLaughlin Ella Ferris CWL Incoronata Ambrosini Galla Montille-Bertoia Georgina Saliba & Mary Agius
4 Sun 9am 11 am	8 th Thanksgiving Birthday – Aristea Nguyen Thanksgiving – Shauna D'Souza	Karin Doumouras & Family D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: John 20.19-23 - Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Being Strengthened by the Spirit

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday which is called by many as the birthday of the Church. Let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives as stewards. Firstly, we should never fail to marvel at the fact that starting with 11 lowly men 2000 years ago, the Catholic Church still continues to this day and the name of Jesus is praised and adored all over the world. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. From a human standpoint, the church should have failed centuries ago if it were not sustained by the Spirit. This should inspire us as stewards to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide all of our actions. Moreover, in today's second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul says that "there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit ... [and] to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Each of us as stewards have particular gifts and talents from the Spirit that are not to be hoarded but generously used for the "common good" of the Church. We should all take time to reflect on what particular way is God calling us to serve Him. None of us are exempt from this call for St. Paul explains that we are all to work for the good of the Church in our own ways. Let us pray this week for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives. May the same Spirit that has birthed the Church and guided her through the millennium continue to raise up great stewards to continue to carry out the great commission of Christ in all the world. Summary

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church ***except on holidays.***

Let us pray for the sick



We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



Join the Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' series for 4 Tuesdays: 7 – 9 p.m. on **May 30th**, as we continue our study on **"SALVATION HISTORY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW: Part V"**. Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information.



Celebration of Marriage Mass for Rodolfo Tapiador & Grace Palmares this Sunday May 28 @ 2pm, wishing you a lifetime of happiness together and a love that grows stronger with each passing day.



**May 27 - Happy Christening!
Zaiah Vida Guzman**

May this Holy occasion bring with it lots of joy and happy memories. God is smiling upon you on this special day.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Join with us as we pray for the sick and ask Jesus to heal their illness. Maria Santelices, William McNeal, Anne Fernandez. **Let us pray for Fr. Freddie's successful eye operation this coming June 2.**



This week Special Devotion Candle is dedicated in loving memory of **Cristita N. Benedicto** "Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord!" as requested by **Elena & Ligaya Manuel.**

Special Devotion Candle (Sanctuary Lamp in the Tabernacle) is available to burn for your intention for one week for \$20.00. Please call the parish office to book your lamp.



Volunteer Choir for July & August

Our Church is looking for **volunteer organist and cantor** who can participate for the **Sunday 11am** Liturgy this coming **July & August**. All ages and abilities are welcome, as well as all skill levels, styles of music and genres, beginner or an advanced musician. Church worship music is an important part of the experience in the church. Choir, organist and bands can help to make a church service more engaging and memorable. For more information please call 416-421-5225 or email the office (holycrosssto@archtoronto.org)

The volunteer choir is an unpaid church choir made of people who love to sing. Thank you in advance!



Pentecost Sunday - The Coming of the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or

Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

A Pentecost Prayer

Welcome Holy Spirit,

In the silence of a still night's fearful thought you come
Comfort in the sleepless worries
Gentle in the rising doubts
Forgiving all our handmade hurts
Patient in our pointless hurry
Counseling as the waves come crashing,

Wonderful counselor, comforter, God with us
You will never abandon us
You will always be with us
Your promises are sure
Help us to give like you, forgive like you, live for you

Amen

"Be still and know that I am God"



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