

Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Assumption Parish
Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023
Bulletin

Mass intentions

Tuesday: For Melvin Maclsaac requested by Karen & Edward Hoskins

Wednesday: For Ana Doffing requested by Jules & Daphne Custodio

Thursday: For Rose Crane requested by Angela & Frank Saville

Friday: For Ronald & Joan Kendall requested by Karen & Edward Hoskins

Saturday: For the deceased members of the Steward Family, by Ag & Steve Cusick

Sunday: 10.00 am Mass for the Parishioners & 7.30 pm Mass for the Donor

Pentecost: Today is the Pentecost Sunday. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. The descent of the Holy Spirit empowered the timid apostles and enabled them to go around the whole world preaching the Gospel boldly. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church. We too have received the gift of the Holy Spirit when we were infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls when we received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Spirit transforms us and strengthens us to live a good Christian life. Today as we commemorate the feast of Pentecost, let us open our hearts and ask the Lord once again to fill us with His grace and renew in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. So that may we always remain strong in our faith and faithful to Our Lord even when we are faced with challenges and give witness to him through our lives.

Confirmation: Our **Bishop Bart** will be here on the 2nd of June. On the 4th of June, two of our children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 10.00am Mass. As these young people prepare themselves for this sacrament, let us keep them in our prayers and ask the Lord to help them to open their hearts to receive the Holy Spirit at the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also welcome our bishop and wish him a pleasant stay.

Taking down the decorations: The solemnities of Easter & Pentecost are over. Now it is time to take down the decorations we had for the Easter celebration. So, we need volunteers to help Tom to take down the decorations tomorrow (Monday) at 9.00 am.

Volunteer Appreciation Night will be held on Wednesday the 31st at 6.30 pm. All the Volunteers are invited. We express our sincere thanks to all the volunteers for volunteering, for your efforts and generosity. May God bless you all.

Meeting: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (4th Degree) will hold their meeting and election of officers on Sunday May 28th at 2pm. All the Knights are invited to join. George K Power.

CCCB INVITES ALL!

The CCCB Office for Family and Life organizes a Free Webinar, entitled "**Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness**," which will be held on **Saturday, 3 June 2023, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Newfoundland Time) / 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Labrador Time)**, and will be facilitated by **Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne**, President of the [Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences](#) (Rome, Italy). It will be presented in French with simultaneous translation into English.

The event is open to anyone from dioceses, eparchies, parishes, related organizations or groups who may be interested in the proposed content. *Please make sure to click the link on FB Page or Website to register and the zoom link will be emailed to your submitted email.*

Sacramental Programs

Our Sacramental programs are cluing up for the year. We would like to congratulate the children on having done a great job and thank you to the parents for encouraging the children to attend as well as bringing them to class and mass.

If your child has just completed the first year of either the first communion program or the confirmation program, you will have to register them for the second year of these courses. You can do this by dropping by or calling the church Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am-12pm. We would like to have all registration in by mid-September so we can get classes started early October.

A little information for other parents/guardians who are interested in registering their children in either program for the first time:

First year First communion class-----Children have to be in at least **grade one**, the classes are once a month. We do start our sessions during Sunday mass and continue on after mass usually for an hour. This is a two-year program.

Second Year First Communion---- Children have to have done the first-year program. The sessions may vary, generally it is once a month some months the session may run a little longer as a retreat. More information would be given at the first parents meeting. During this year children will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time.

First year Confirmation---Children would have to be in at least **grade seven** to attend these classes. The program is once a month usually right after mass, depending on the catechist this may change. This is also a two-year program.

Second Year Confirmation---Children have to have completed first year confirmation to register for this program. The classes are once a month. The classes are usually right after mass. During this year the children will be confirmed.

If you would like to register your child or if you have any questions or concerns contact Melissa [@holycommunionlabrador@gmail.com](mailto:holycommunionlabrador@gmail.com) or please call the church Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm at 944-2289.