



## May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

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### MASS INTENTIONS –May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup> 2023

#### St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

**Sat. 4 pm** Anniv. Rick Muise  
**Sun. 9am** Albert Landry  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Special Intentions  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Special Intentions  
**Thurs: 9 am** John, Sandy & Mary MacIsaac  
**Fri. 9 am** Anniv. of Fr. Wieslaw Papuga's Ordination  
**Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 9 am** Intentions of Isabelle Sweeney  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Lois Armstrong

#### Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

**Sat. 6 pm** May 27 Daniel Saulnier  
**Sun. 10 am** June 4 Sandy MacKinnon

**REFLECTION: The Age of the Holy Spirit** And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. And with that, the Church was born. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost which, in

many ways, was the culmination of the mission of Christ. The pinnacle of His mission will come at the end of time when He returns in all His glory to judge the living and the dead and to establish His permanent Kingdom. But for now, we live under the rule of the Holy Spirit Who has descended upon us in full form, transforming us and making it possible to prepare for Jesus' final and glorious coming.

The Trinity is truly a Mystery of Faith. In our limited way, we understand that God is Three in One. He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each a distinct Person. Each fully sharing in the one divine nature. Though They act in perfect unison, they each fulfill Their unique mission. The Father is the one Who sent the Son into the world and willed that He give His life for the salvation of all. The Son was sent and perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father, uniting humanity with divinity. The Holy Spirit is the Promise of Father and Son Who proceeds from Them and descends upon us, animating us and making it possible for us to share in the life of the Most Holy Trinity.

If that is hard to comprehend, it should be. Our limited intellects can only grasp a shadow of the reality of God. That fact, however, should not discourage us. On the contrary, it should inspire us to anticipate that day when we will see God face to face and enter more deeply into the mystery of His divine life.

Today we especially focus upon the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity: The Holy Spirit. It is an incredible gift we have been given to live in this age of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you have thought to yourself that it would have been nice to live during the time that Jesus walked the earth. But Jesus Himself said that it was good that He go. Why? Because then He would send His Advocate, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, Who will lead you into all Truth. Thus, the age in which we now live, the age of the Holy Spirit, is the most blessed age the world has ever seen. This is because we are now able to receive the indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity by the power of the Holy Spirit. God is no longer spoken only through the prophets. He is no longer revealed only through the Person of the Son in Jesus Christ. He is now also able to live within us, making our very souls His dwelling place. Heaven and earth unite within our souls. There could be nothing greater than this.

As the Holy Spirit descends upon you, He brings the presence of the Father and the Son. They are inseparable. Therefore, as we prayerfully look within ourselves, we discover the Voice of the Father, leading us into His holy will. We discover the Person of the Son to Whom we are called to be conformed in every way, living as members of His very body on earth. This is made possible because the Holy Spirit descends upon us in a way similar to the way the Holy Spirit overshadowed our Blessed Mother, conceiving within her the Son of God. As the Holy Spirit overshadows us, God is conceived within our souls, and we begin to share in the very life of God here and now.

Reflect, today, upon these holy mysteries of our faith. See the actions of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as a true mystery. The only way we will be able to begin to probe these mysteries is through prayerful pondering. We must look for the workings of God within, see Him at work within our souls, savor His presence, rejoice in it and keep our eyes firmly fixed on Him. We must see the fruit of God's presence in our lives, such as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Below is a full list of these Gifts. Ponder them today. As you do, and as you see these Gifts within you, you will be seeing God Himself, the Holy Spirit, alive and living within the depths of your soul.

- *My Catholic Faith*

**ULTREYA:** The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be held June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Every summer, we run a Summer Camp for the youth. Some of the youth struggle to find financial resources to participate in this activity. If you are able and would like to make a contribution to help, send a youth to camp, please submit your donation into the collection at Mass or stop by the parish office. Please mark that you are sponsoring for summer camp.

**FOOD BANK:** Next weekend, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** More and more let us insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek the kingdom of God; the rest will be given. -St. Teresa of Calcutta



**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS:** Community breakfast May 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 12:00 cost is \$10.00 Adults and 12 and under \$7.00. Take outs are also available.



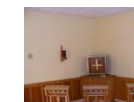
**CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP:** We are happy to say Catholic Summer Camp is on for August 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> at Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$200.00 early bird fee if registered by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After this registration will be \$225.00. It's for youth ages 10 to 14 and you can get a registration form at the entrance of the church, the parish office or on the website.



**PARISH LIBRARY:** Did you know we have a parish library in the Parish Center? We have many good books to choose from. Books on saints, spirituality, biographies and many other topics. Come and check out what we have and borrow one!



**ADORATION CHAPEL:** There is a very special place where Jesus actually resides where you can go and be alone with him. Quiet your soul in prayer or in silence with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is literally waiting for you in our little Adoration Chapel. If you want a radical change in your life, this may be what you are looking for. This is an opportunity to be still and hear the voice of God. If interested, please call Debbie Murphy-Payie at 902-740-2005.



**LOOKING FOR A MUSICIAN:** Do you have musical skills like playing the piano or guitar that you can share with the Parish? We are looking for someone who can play a musical instrument to join the 9:00am choir. If you are able to help, please talk with Pat Gascoigne or myself (Fr. Henry). Please be generous in giving of your talents to your parish.

