

Pentecost Sunday

Parish Update: May 24th, 2026



“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
MAY 25TH TO MAY 31ST

Monday, 25 th	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church–Memorial
Office Closed	No Mass
Tuesday, 26 th	St. Philip Neri – Memorial
9:00 a.m.	All Holy Souls in Purgatory (T Miketic)
Wednesday, 27 th	Ferial
9:00 a.m.	+Anthony Chater (C&R Tracey)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, 28 th	Ferial
9:00 a.m.	+Jimmy Lehman (R Egan)
6:45-8:15 p.m.	Choir Practice, Church
Friday, 29 th	Ferial
9:00 a.m.	+Rina Couthinho (J D’Costa)
	+Matija Glavasch (L Selimovic)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, 30 th	
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession
5:00 p.m.	+Joan Elizabeth Harrison And
	+Leni & +Frank Janish (H Janish)
Sunday, 31 st	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
9:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Paroyan, Prokopich, Artinian & DiMaurizio Families (M Paroyan)
11:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Zahra Family (D Howard & Family)

From a Deacon’s Heart

The following are excerpts from the **homily of Pope Leo XIV** on the **Vigil of Pentecost last year**, 7 June 2025: “*He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.*”

*Dear sisters and brothers ... when we ask the Spirit to enlighten our minds, to multiply our languages, to awaken our senses, to instill love, to strengthen our bodies and to grant us peace, we become open to God’s Kingdom. This is, according to the Gospel, the meaning of **conversion**. It is a “**turning toward**” the Kingdom already close at hand.*

... “He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Lk 4:18-19 ... Baptism and Confirmation united us to Jesus’ mission of making all things new, to the Kingdom of God. Just as love enables us to sense the presence of a loved one, so tonight we sense in one another the fragrance of Christ. This is a mystery; it amazes us...

At Pentecost, Mary, the Apostles, and the disciples with them received a Spirit of unity, which forever grounded in the one Lord Jesus Christ all their diversity. Theirs were not multiple missions, but **a single mission**. They were no longer introverted and quarrelling with one another, but outgoing and radiant with joy... God created the world so that we might all live as one. “**Synodality**” is the ecclesial name for this. It **demands that we each recognize our own poverty and our riches, that we feel part of a greater whole, apart from which everything withers, even the most original and unique of charisms.** Think about it. All creation exists solely in the form of coexistence, sometimes dangerous, yet always interconnected. *cf. Laudato Si’*, 16; 117 And what we call “history” only takes place as coexistence, living together, however contentiously, but always together.

... The Spirit of Jesus changes the world by changing hearts. The Spirit rejects self-assertion, complaining, rivalry and the temptation to control consciences and resources. The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. *cf. 2 Cor 3:17* **An authentic spirituality thus commits us to integral human development,** to making Jesus’ words a reality in our lives. When this happens, there is always joy: **joy and hope.**

Evangelization is not our attempt to conquer the world, but **the infinite grace that radiates from lives transformed by the Kingdom of God.** It is the way of the Beatitudes, a **path that we tread together, between the “already” and the “not yet,”** hungering and thirsting for justice, poor in spirit, merciful, meek, pure of heart, men and women of peace. Jesus Himself chose this path: to follow it, we have no need of powerful patrons, worldly compromises, or emotional strategies. Evangelization is always God’s work. If at times it takes place through us, it is thanks to the bonds that it makes possible. ... The challenges facing humanity will be less frightening, the future will be less dark and discernment will be less complicated... if together we obey the Holy Spirit! **Mary, Queen of the Apostles and Mother of the Church, intercede for us.** Pax et Bonum, *Deacon Maurice o.f.s*

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CWL CORNER
(Catholic Women's League)
“Blessed are the Poor”



E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Our vibrant CWL members not only share faith and learning, we also make service a priority!

Recently, we shared some of our charitable funds (a total of \$1,000) in support of Westview Centre 4 Women and Community Crew, Niagara (sponsoring their lunch program for a full classroom of 25 students). We also made a sizeable donation (\$800) to the Bishops Annual Appeal in the name of Star of the Sea Parish.

Thank you to our CWL members and parishioners who support our fundraising efforts.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'.
Matthew 25:40



May 30 th /31 st	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	D MacNeill	Dn Maurice	R Eckstein
Lector	M Parker	I Serafini DeLuigi	K Shakespeare-Eckstein
Hospitality Ministers	R&H Hancock M Ford	Zacharchuk Family	G LaRoche H Green M Mouradikian

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the Month of May
THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – our **next meeting** will be at 1:30, **Monday, May 25**. If you like to knit, crochet, loom – come on out and help us make hats and scarves for Out of the Cold, prayer shawls, lapghans and baby blankets! We supply the yarn!!



Our Parish Photo Directory: A reminder that the next set of photo appointments has arrived. **May 26th to May 30th.** If you were unable to book a Parish Directory photo appointment, we now have openings on **Tuesday May 26 at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday May 27 at 4:30 p.m., and Saturday May 30 at 10:30 a.m.** If you are interested in taking one of these spots, please contact Connie Tracey at 905 646-1798 as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting this parish project we look forward to seeing everyone in the Directory.



Star of the Sea Vacation Bible School– June 29 to July 3, 2026: **Deadline has been extended to May 29th** for VBS! Registration forms are available at the back of the church. **Only a few spaces left please get your forms with payment in, so you Don’t miss out on the fun!** This year’s theme **Wilderness Adventure, Through the Sacraments!**

PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish’s intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com
‘He who prays most receives most.’
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

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WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

 May 17th, 2026 

Parishioner Envelopes		\$3,829.00
Loose Collection	CAD	\$ 314.00
	USD	\$ 0.00
Bishop’s Annual Appeal (Hearts on Fire)		\$ 475.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works		\$ 450.00
Total Offertory Collection:		\$5,068.00
AFT Collection for May		\$ 930.00
Our Special Needs		\$ 90.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU