

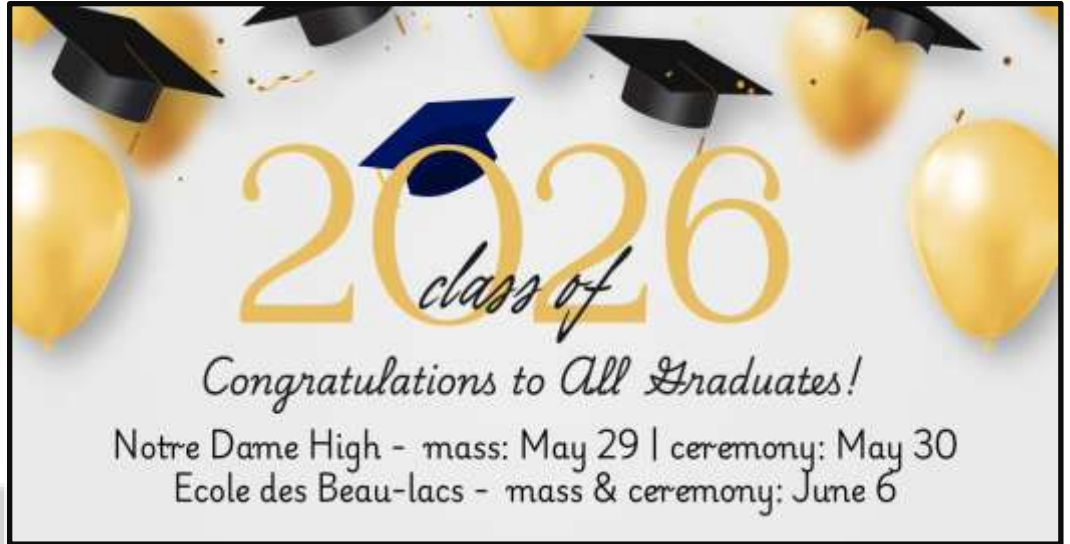


### First Communion Retreat

June 13, 9 am to 1pm

### First Communion Celebration

June 14, 2 pm @ Church



## 2026 class of

*Congratulations to All Graduates!*

Notre Dame High - mass: May 29 | ceremony: May 30  
Ecole des Beau-lacs - mass & ceremony: June 6



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**MEETING**  
MAY 25 @ 7 PM

Please Call or visit the office for any update on your Contact Info



### Next Week's Reading - May 31

**1st Reading:** Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

*The Lord, a God merciful and gracious.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

*R: Glory and praise for ever!*

**2nd Reading:** 2Corinthians 13:11-13

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

**Gospel:** John 3:16-18

*God sent his only-begotten Son in order that the world might be saved through him*

### Attention Readers

**Training session for all readers who haven't taken the in-service for Lectors**

Tuesday June 02 7:00 pm  
at the church

For more information

Contact Audrey 780-812-5245

### Music Ministry Schedule

10 am

May 24 Youth Eng Choir	Jun 7 English	Jun 28 French
May 31 Youth French Choir	Jun 14 French	July 5 English
	Jun 21 English	July 12 French

## PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Rene Realuyo, **Pastor**  
Dave Scott, *Maintenance* – part-time  
Jojo Policarpio, *Secretary*  
Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010  
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Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Parish Council Elected Members

Dave Sharun – *Chairperson*

Members -----

Leona Bonneau	Wayne Marks
Audrey Campbell	Lise Medford
Gerarda Germain	Rachel Reid
Nathan Gumangan	Maria Shea
Vince MacDonald	Marie Southcombe
Joe Marion	Vince Spila
Jason Morgan	Sheldon Germain

### Finance Committee

Russ Yarmuch \* Luc Vincent \* Loriann Lafreniere \*  
Stacey Taylor \* Carrie Goldsmith \* Isabelle Hetu

### Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell \* Germaine Prybysh.

### Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh \* Annette Schultz  
Robert Albert \* Paul Husereau \* Yvonne Primeau

**Adoration** - Janet Ancitil – 780 826-1085

**Adult Servers** - Dan Dugas

**Baptism Preparation** - JoJo Policarpio

**Bldg & Maintenance Concerns** – Roger Lafreniere

**Camp St. Louis:** Monique Morgan 780-812-5879

**Collections** - Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

**Communion in the Homes** - Call the Parish Office

**Knights of Columbus** - Dave Scott

**Lakeland LIVE IN:** Monique Morgan 780-812-5879

Robert Lambert 780-826-0905

**Ladies' Prayer Group:** Natasha Miller  
780-815-1500

### Liturgical Scheduling

Fran Kusch – 5 p.m. Mass

Audrey Campbell – 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Marriage Preparation** – Call Fr. Rene  
6 months in advance.

**Men's Group:** Robert Lambert 780-826-0905

### Music Ministry

Saturday: Patrice MacDonald

Sunday: Margaret Borders

Dimanche: Anna Laplante

**NOVUM:** Lana Lambert 780-201-5262

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Jojo - Call Parish Office

**Pastoral Care** – Call Parish Office

**Sacristan** - Janet Ancitil

**Sacramental Preparation** – Mel Poulin

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## Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm



## Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9:00 am  
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital  
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge  
Friday: 6 pm  
Last Friday: 10:30 am Extendicare

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

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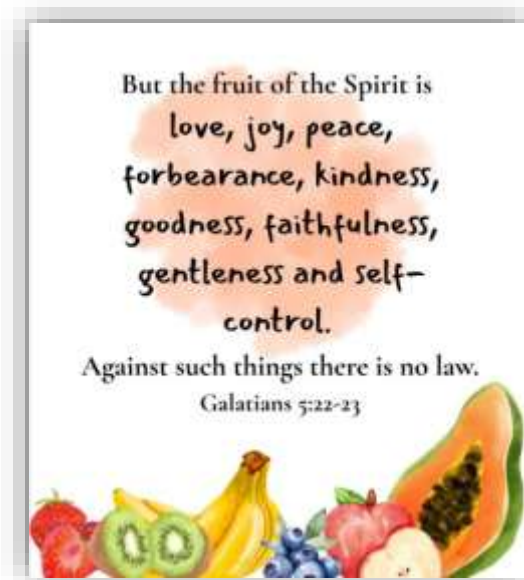
Pentecost Sunday

## The Spirit who bears fruit

The traditional image of the dove is drawn from the scene of the baptism of Jesus. But the language in that passage is rather vague; the Holy Spirit *descended like a dove*, or in the way that a dove might descend. There are two other images of the Holy Spirit in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Luke says that all who gathered in one room heard *what sounded like a powerful wind* from heaven; he goes on to say that something appeared to them that *seemed like tongues of fire*. Just as the evangelists do not portray an actual dove at the baptism of Jesus, Luke does not say that the wind and fire at Pentecost were tangible phenomena. The Holy Spirit is impossible to visualise, because the Spirit cannot be seen as such. Yet the Holy Spirit is *profoundly real*.

Many things in our universe are real even though invisible to the naked eye. What we see with our eyes is only a fraction of our physical world. The Holy Spirit belongs to the spiritual world, and it naturally cannot see the Spirit with our eyes. Yet, there are helpful ways of *imagining* the Holy Spirit. St Paul uses an image drawn nature when he says that the Spirit bears fruit. He means the visible effect of the Spirit on one's life. We may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the effect of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the effect of the wind on people and objects of various kinds. Paul is saying that wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work. The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues. The person who most of all had those qualities was Jesus because he was full of the Holy Spirit, full of the *life of God*.

The Holy Spirit is essentially the very life of God—a life defined entirely by love. It was this divine life and love that was poured out at Pentecost, initially filling the first disciples,



and then flowing through them to everyone open to receiving such a powerful, transformative gift. As Saint Paul beautifully puts it in his letter to the Romans, "*God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*"

It is this same Spirit of love who bears the rich fruit in our lives that Paul speaks about in today's second reading. The Spirit is constantly, quietly at work within us, shaping us into the likeness of Jesus. Because of this, we can recognize the Spirit's presence in the ordinary, day-to-day moments of life. The quiet expressions of goodness and kindness, of faithfulness and self-control, of patience and gentleness—these are not detachment from the world, but the Spirit manifesting through us. The spiritual life is not something distant or otherworldly; it is simply humanity at its very best. ■

Excerpt from: <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/24-may-2026-the-ascension-of-the-lord-a>

Dimanche de la Pentecôte

## Pentecost Happened at a Meeting

If you're someone who's at all concerned about community, family, church, justice, education, culture, or civic issues, you will, no doubt, find yourself at a lot of meetings. A colleague of mine likes to quip: "When they write our history, they'll simply say, 'They met a lot!'"

Indeed, we do. We meet a lot. There are an endless variety of issues that call for our participation in group discussion and community discernment: church issues, education issues, justice issues, moral issues, political issues, social issues, economic issues, and cultural issues. It's a bottomless well and all those meetings can seem like a huge waste of time and energy, a distraction to real work. Moreover, at a point, we can't help wondering too: "Are all these meetings changing anything? Would life be any different (other than more leisured and pleasant) if we stopped having all these meetings?" It's easy to grow tired, discouraged, and cynical about all the meetings we're asked to attend.

But we should keep something in mind: Pentecost happened at a meeting! One of the central events that shaped Christian history and history in general, happened not to an individual off praying alone or to a monk on a mountain-top or to a solitary Buddha meditating under a tree. None of these. Pentecost happened at meeting and it happened to a community, to a church congregation assembled for prayer, to a family of faith gathered to wait for God's guidance. Moreover, it happened in a common room, a meeting room, in one of those humble, church-basement, type of rooms. It can be helpful to remember that. Our search for God should take us not just into private places of quiet and contemplation but, equally, into meeting rooms.

Where Christianity is different from most other world religions is partly on this very point. In Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Taoism, spirit and revelation break into the world very much through an individual, particularly an individual who is deeply immersed in private prayer. God speaks deeply to those who pray deeply.

Christian spirituality and Judaism have no argument with that. We agree. There's a privileged experience of God that can be had only in private, alone, in silence. To find God, to receive God's spirit, it's important that, at times, we pull away from the group, that we set off to the desert, to the chapel, to the lonely place, the quiet, to be alone with God. We see Jesus do exactly that. Mark's gospel tells us that when his ministry was most intense, when it was "too busy even to eat", Jesus pulled away, to be alone for awhile. There are times that call for withdrawal and silence. Meister Eckhart once wrote: "There is nothing in the world that resembles God as much as silence." All good spirituality shares this view.



Meeting  
@ the  
Upper  
Room

However, where Christianity and Judaism differ somewhat from some of the other world religions is in our belief that there is an equally privileged experience of God that can be had only in a group, in community, in family, at a meeting. We don't just meet God in the desert or in the deep quiet parts of our souls. We meet God there, surely, but we also meet God in the group, the community, the family, at the church gathering, at the meeting: "For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them!" In Christian and Jewish spirituality there are two non-negotiable places where we meet God, alone and in the family. These are not in opposition, but complementary, relying on each other to keep our experience of God both deep and pure.

Pentecost, it is important to note, happened to a group at a meeting, not to an individual alone in the desert. That can be helpful to keep in mind when we tire of meetings, despair of their effectiveness, or resent that they pull us away from important private endeavours. The fact that Pentecost happened at a meeting can also be helpful in keeping us focused on why we are going to all these meetings in the first place.

Peter Maurin, Dorothy Day's initial mentor, used to say: "When you don't know what else to do, keep going to meetings!" Sound advice! Meetings are the "Upper room", the place where we wait for Pentecost. And what are we waiting for? Why are we in the upper room, at a meeting? Because we are waiting there, with others, for God to do something in us and through us that we can't do all by ourselves, namely, create community with each other and bring justice, love, peace, and joy to our world.

And so, we need to continue to go to meetings. We need to spend time together waiting for God, waiting for a new outflow of heavenly fire that will give us the courage, language, and power that can make the faith and love we envision happen in this world.

See you at the meeting! ■

He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:23

Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi May 23	5:00 pm	Church	For Parishioners		
Sunday dimanche May 24	10:00 am	Church	+Fr Rene Realuyo's Intentions	Aline & Glen Hrycauk	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
Monday Lundi May 25			No Mass		Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday mardi May 26	9:00 am	Church	+ Marguerite & Jacques Beauchemin	The Family	Saint Philip Neri
Wednesday Mercredi May 27	10:30 am	Hospital	+Leo Ducharme	Denise Shepherd	Saint Augustine Canterbury
Thursday jeudi May 28	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	+ John Bauer	Real Croteau	
Friday Vendredi May 29	9:00 am 10:30 am	Church	+Alice Sawchuk +Eveline Michaud	Georges & Grace Lambert Wayne Diepold	Saint Paul VI
Saturday samedi May 30	5:00 pm	Church	For Parishioners		
Sunday dimanche May 31	10:00 am	Church	Chris and Rachel Reid's 13 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Grace & Georges Lambert	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
May 17 Offering	\$3283.80	Offrandes 10
Building Fund	145.20	Mai
Pope's Pastoral Works	462.00	Remplacement du toit
*Does not include e-transfers Thank you for your generosity! Merci!		

Funeral at St Louis Parish	
<b>Claire Fortier</b> May 22 1 pm	<b>Herve Soucy</b> May 30 11:00 am

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.

May 2026 Pope's Prayer Intention / Intention de prière du Saint-Père
<p><b>That Everyone might have food:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Que chacun puisse avoir de la nourriture</b> Prions pour que chacun, des grands producteurs aux petits consommateurs, s'engage à éviter le gaspillage alimentaire et à garantir à tous l'accès à une alimentation de qualité.</p>

**Holy Spirit Prayer by St. Augustine**

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.

Amen.

