

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

5/19/2013 PENTECOST SUNDAY



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Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

DIOCESAN CENTENNIAL MASS MAY 26, 2013 at 3:00pm

This year the Diocese of Calgary is celebrating the Centennial Anniversary.

The motto for the centennial year is

Celebrate the Past. Live the Present.

Become the Future.

Bishop Henry, priests, deacons and people from Bow Island, Brooks, Cluny, Strathmore, Drumheller, Hanna and Medicine Hat will celebrate the Eucharist at Holy Family Parish. The reception will follow in the hall. Every parishioner is invited.

Welcome To Holy Family Parish

You have entered this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Being a human, you enter this church as a creature of God; as a baptized person, you enter it as a son or daughter of the Father in Christ. This house of God is therefore your family home. Come in then with humility of mind, joy of heart and thanks on your lips. Acknowledge the Lord's presence in the Tabernacle and adore Him. Come in and pause in prayer in the midst of your busy life and its many worries. Be grateful for those who, for the Glory of God, built this place of worship with faith and sacrifice, and sanctified it with their songs and prayers.

Anyone who wishes to practice the Catholic faith by attending this church may consider this parish as his/her own parish. You simply need to register. Please indicate whether you are a new parishioner or have moved and are providing a new address. Thank you.

Name _____
Spouse _____
Address _____
Postal Code _____ Phone _____
Email _____



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 18/19, 2013

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading (Acts 2:1-11). This is an account of the first Pentecost. The Spirit comes upon the apostles. The Spirit still comes in power, especially to those gathered in Jesus' name. Filled with this 'power from on high' we are re-created and impelled to witness to Jesus.

Second Reading (1 Cor. 12: 3-7, 12-13) The Spirit of God is the author of all gifts. With Baptism, we were all baptized in the same Spirit and became the Body

The Gospel (John 20: 19-23) Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to his disciples empower them to forgive sins of people.

OPERATING FINANCES

(May 9th to May 16th, 2013)

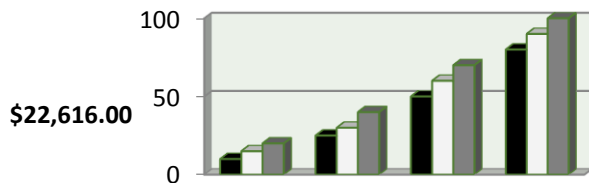
-Cost to operate our Parish (Budget 2013)		\$15,600
-General Collections:	\$12,636	
-Debt reduction (Mortgage)	\$4,661	
-Total Collections:	\$17,297	
-Exceed or (Shortfall)		\$1,697

Special Collections

***TIA/Peace & Development:	\$1,363
***World Missions:	\$52
***Priests Retirement Fund:	\$10
***Seminary Fund:	\$1,797
*** Holy Land:	\$5
***Pope Pastoral Works:	\$440
***St Vincent de Paul:	\$1,366
***CARO:	\$15
***Mission Mexico:	\$100
***NET Ministries:	\$1,040

Together
in Action

2013 Goal - \$55,151.48
YTD Donations: \$22,616.00



2013 TOGETHER IN ACTION –TIA-

“...You will be my witnesses... Acts: 1: 8).

Please contribute to the Together in Action.

Thank you for your Generosity and Support!

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS & INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS MAY BE CANCELED IN THE CASE OF A FUNERAL

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- + **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Gwen Meding)
- + Library: open after morning Masses
- + **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)
- + 1 Baptism at 10:30 Mass
- + NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY
- + Baptism Class 1:00pm – 4:30pm
- + **Mass: 6:00pm** (Intention: Theresé Chrusch)
- + UNCHAINED after 6:00pm Mass in the HFP Hall

MONDAY, MAY 20TH

- + Mass: 9:00am (Intention: Mary Kay Lewans ☩)
- + OFFICE CLOSED - VICTORIA DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

- + SVDP Meeting: 4:00pm in the Hope Room
- + Centennial Mass Choir Practice: 4:15pm – 5:15pm
- + Summer Camp Meeting: 6:30pm in the Faith Room
- + **Mass: 7:00pm** (Intention: Roy Lockert ☩)
- + **Adoration after Mass until 8:30**
- + Light Weigh: 7:00pm in the Hope Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND

- +Women's Praise & Worship: 6:45am in the Faith Room
- + **Mass: 8:00am** at St. Patrick's School
- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Toney Sehn ☩)
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + Bible Study: 9:30am in the Faith Room
- + Ministry to the aged: 1:30pm - Sunnyside
- + Ministry to the aged: 3:30pm – Good Samaritans
- + Choir Practice (6pm Mass): 6:00pm
- + RCIA Wind-Up Potluck Supper 6:00pm in the HFP Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD

- + Men's Prayer Group: 6:30am in the Charity Room
- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Mary Orr)
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + **Holy Hour: 6:00pm**
- + Choir Practice for 8:30 & 10:30 Masses at 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

- + **Mass: 9:00am** (Intention: Carol Margetts)
- + **Adoration after Mass until noon.**
- + Breakfast after Mass in Hall
- + Ministry to the aged: 10:00am – Meadowlands
- + **Mass: 10:00am** – The Wellington

SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

- + **Reconciliation 3:00 – 4:00pm**
- + Confirmation Class: 4:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish
- + 1st Communion/Reconciliation Class: 4:45pm at St. Patrick's Parish
- + Choir Practice for 5:00 Mass at 4:00pm

TRINITY SUNDAY

+ **Mass: 5:00pm** (Intention: Holy Family Parish Benefactors ☩)

+ Library open before 5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

TRINITY SUNDAY

+ **Mass: 8:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish Deceased ☩)

+ Library: open after morning Masses

+ 1st Communion/Reconciliation Class: 10:15am in the Faith Room

+ **Mass: 10:30am** (Intention: Holy Family Parish)

+ Children's Liturgy at 10:30 Mass

+ 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting: 2:30 at St. Patrick's Parish

+ **Centennial Mass, Bishop Frederick Henry: 3:00pm at HFP**

+ Confirmation Class: 5:00pm in the Faith Room

+ **NO 6:00pm MASS**

BLUMENFELD CHURCH

Blumenfeld Pilgrimage (outdoor Mass) June 9th, 2013 @3:30 pm, followed by supper. Bring lawn chairs please. Anyone wanting to join the flower girls/boys during the Rosary Procession, please bring a (Easter size) basket, we will have flowers to spread.

Blumenfeld Church is an original Roman Catholic Church built in 1915. This Church has not been used for regular services since 1964, but is still used for special occasions, and the annual pilgrimage the second Sunday of June. Located 16 km (10 miles) south of Leader, SK on Highway 21. Then proceed another 6.4 km east on Blumenfeld Road. You will see the Church standing majestically against the prairie sky.

Tours of Blumenfeld Church are on Sundays from 2-4 starting June 30th and ending Sept 1st. If you are interested in a group tour at another time please phone Richard (306)628-4164 or Karrie (306)673-2663, cell (306)628-8083 to make arrangements Parish Reps/ Richard Tumbach, Karrie Wagman, Darlene Fitterer, Delores Meuchel, Alma Burton, George Hoffart, Eileen Hartman, Kendra Volk.



NET TEAM NEWS

Equip Gr. 6-9

Equip has finished up for the year! Thank you so much for an awesome year! It was a blast!

Unchained Gr. 10-12

LAST UNCHAINED NIGHT: May 19th! Join the NET team for our last Unchained Night before we leave! Come out for a night of fun times and a chance to hang out and say goodbye! Be there, Sunday May 19th from 7pm-9pm at Holy Family Parish!

Volunteers

Interested in volunteering in Youth Ministry? The NET Team invites you to share your love for God and your gifts with the youth of our parish! There are a variety of different things that we would love your help with, including giving a talk, leading a game, or leading small group for our Middle School/High School youth groups or Family Fundays, or helping with set up or background work. If you feel like you could help in other ways, you also have the options to donate snacks for our events, offer your home to host members of the team, or pray for the ministry. Please contact medhatcatholicyouth@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering!

Goodbye and Thank You from The NET Team

Our year of ministry here in Medicine Hat is soon coming to a close, we will be heading out on May 23rd!

We have had an amazing year with all of you, it has a privilege getting to know you and becoming a part of your parish community! A huge

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us in our ministry in anyway, especially to our priests and deacons, to the Holy Family and St. Pat's Staff, to all of our amazing volunteers, to those families who have hosted us in their homes and have provided for us, to all of those who have constantly prayed for us and for the youth, and to all of the youth of the parish who have enriched our lives and shown us love. THANK YOU!

COMING THIS FALL!

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP will be addressing the age old question DIAPERS, DINNER, DISHES, where does PRAYER fit in???? Interesting catholic topics relevant to women of all ages will be the focus of our studies.

We will be meeting at St. Patrick's Church in the hall Thursday mornings from 9:30- 11am starting Sept thru to May. **Babysitting will be provided.** Please register early to ensure a spot for your child. A minimal cost, for books, will be applied when the amount is known.

For more information and to register please contact: Colette Martinez at 403-487-0409 or womensfaithgroup@outlook.com.

Mission Statement: The Women's Faith Group is a place where women, with or without children, can learn and grow together in the Catholic faith, as well as be nourished and supported emotionally, asking Christ to equip and empower us to be beacons of His love in our families and the community.

Wanted for Women's Faith Group: Experienced child-care person (18+) for above women's group. Must be committed for full 8 months. Paid position. Please e-mail resumes to womensfaithgroup@outlook.com.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Summer Bible Camp for both Holy Family and St. Patrick's Church

There will be a volunteer meeting at Holy Family Parish Tuesday May 21st in the Faith Room at 6:30pm (please use office entrance).

This is a very important meeting as it will determine if we have enough teachers and helpers to run the program this summer for BOTH parishes. All volunteers please attend! Please talk to friends who would like to get involved and bring them to this meeting! We appreciate the mothers with small children who would like to help however we really do need able bodies who are freed up to move around, do activities and watch over the other children. Call Sally for more info or if you have any questions. 403-527-6933

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Confirmation

Bishop letters, sponsor names and confirmation name sheets MUST be handed in!

Make sure your child has signed up for their study appointments for Confirmation.

Rehearsal is Saturday June 15th at 10:00am at Holy Family

Confirmation Mass Celebration is Sunday June 16th at 2:00pm at Holy Family *MUST arrive ½ before celebration and be seated.**

All candidates and sponsors must be present for both.

Reconciliation Services

1. Copies of what to say and do during Confession will be available on a table as you come into the sanctuary.
2. In order to document who's received this sacrament children who are 1st time recipients must tell the priest their names. This is **not** part of regular confession. It's just for office records.
3. No certificates are handed out for this sacrament.
4. Services are at Holy Family only.

Dates are as follows:

Wednesday May 29th at 4:00pm

Thursday May 30th at 4:00pm

Saturday June 1st at 2:00pm

1st Communion Masses

Because of the difference in the numbers of candidates receiving 1st Communion at Holy Family and St. Patrick's each parish will have their own seating arrangement.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

St. Patrick's Communion Candidates

1. Please arrive early.
2. When entering the church please go to the hospitality desk to sign in which will be on your left. Certificates in envelopes labeled with your child's name will also be there to pick up.
3. Families **will** sit with their candidate in reserved pews. Immediate family and Grandparents ONLY PLEASE!
4. After mass you may get pictures taken with the priest. Please no photos during the celebration.

Dates are as follows:

Saturday June 1st at 5:00pm mass

Sunday June 2nd at 9:00am mass

Sunday June 2nd at 11:00am mass

Holy Family Candidates

1. Please arrive early
2. When entering the church please go to the sign in board which will be to your right. There will be Certificates in envelopes labeled with your child's name on a table. Please take your child's certificate
3. Because of so many recipients we ask that the **Candidates sit in the reserved pews**. Family members can sit where they like. **Make sure to come early so you will have your choice of seating.**
4. After mass you may get pictures taken with the priest. Please no photos during the celebration.

Dates are as follows:

Saturday June 1st at 5:00pm mass

Sunday June 2nd at 10:30am mass

Sunday June 9th at 10:30am mass

SICK & SUFFERING PRAYER LIST

The prayer list for the sick and suffering has gotten so long that we are going to start a new one. If you would like to have someone included on the prayer list, please call the parish office.

Please ask permission from the individual or family to have the name included on the list.

Also, if the individual's circumstances should change, please make it your responsibility to call the parish office (403-527-6933) to update the list.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES SPRING SALE

St. John's Presbyterian Church at 504 – 2nd St. S.E. on Saturday, June 1st 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. B.B.Q. & Ten Thousand Villages Spring Sale



4th DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Sunday, May 26th at 2:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish

CHRISTIAN CONCERT: JUNE 19th

Emma Fradd & Friends will be at Holy Family Parish Hall on June 19th at 7:00pm. The admission is free and donations will be accepted. Come out and support this up and coming star. Emma was born in Port Pirie, South Australia, now 21 years old and living in Ottawa,

Canada! She loves drinking tea and writing music and playing it for nice people like you. <http://emmafradd.bandcamp.com/>

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT

Men's Silent Retreat at MOUNT ST. FRANCIS in Cochrane, Alberta

Friday to Sunday **June 7-9 2013**

This year, Retreat Theme "**Fullness of Life**"

The five topics for the retreat talk are:

- Why Christian Fullness?
- Who is Jesus Christ?
- Where is the Church in all this?
- When are we reconciled to the fullness of life?
- What are we willing to risk?

To book your weekend or get further information

Contact: Ken Moen 403-527-0270 or 403-866-1270

kmoen@telus.net

Many of our retreatants have requested an early reminder of the ladies mid-week retreat at Mount Saint Francis so they are able to do some planning prior to summer.

Mount Saint Francis Ladies Mid-week retreat, Cochrane, AB Tuesday September 10th - Thursday September 12th /2013 Contact: Kathy Oczkowski 403-246-0660 or Roni Cooper 403-271-8812

JUNIOR CHOIR WANTS YOU...

AND ADULT CHOIRS TOO

We are still meeting Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 at Holy Family to practice for the Centennial Mass on May 26th. We invite anyone who would like to sing to come and join us!!

11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Medicine Hat Catholic School's Education Foundation will be hosting its 11th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 14th (1pm shotgun start) at Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course. Registration - \$125/person. Please call 403-502-8351 for more information.

WHY DO CATHOLICS HONOR MARY?

Learn about the role of Mary in the Catholic Church through the video "The Footprints of God: Mary the Mother of God." Follow Mary's journey on location in Israel, Turkey and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray as your guide.

DATE: Saturday, May 25th TIME: 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Patrick's Church Hall - Parking lot entrance.

Free of Charge, Light Refreshments will be served

Everyone Is Welcome - Sponsored by the Legion of Mary. For more information please call Elizabeth at (403) 548-3054 or e-mail Karen-Anne at kacherwono@shaw.ca

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

OCTOBER PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – Collette Vacations

October 23-31, 2013.

Jackie Kirk, Marlin Travel (403)526-6605

Jackie.kirk@marlintravel.ca to receive the itinerary

Cost is

Single \$4,179

Double \$3,549

Triple \$3,519

Price Includes: Roundtrip air from Calgary & Hotel Transfers and accommodation, English speaking guide, 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 7 dinners.

Price does not include: Air Taxes & fees/fuel surcharges of \$840/person, Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$310/person and Tips of \$2 - \$5/ day

NOVEMBER PILGRIMAGE TO THE VATICAN, HOLY LAND & JORDAN (includes 8 hrs. to visit Vatican)

Discount Holiday Center November 6 – 17, 2013

Rafik Bassili 1-888-296-7901 or 416-910-8972

discountholiday@bellnet.ca to receive the itinerary

Cost is:

Double.....	2,559.00
Single Supplement	\$699.99
Return Flight fr.Calgary	\$439.99 meeting with group in Toronto
Taxes	\$599.00

Price includes: Breakfast & Dinner all the way, All accommodations & an English Speaking Guide.

Price does not include: Lunch, Tips – about \$140/person, Cancellation waiver & medical Insurance - \$192 for 55-60 yrs. old and \$239 for 60-? you would need to phone for insurance cost depending on your age.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

An important part of what we do within the Live In movement, is to work to build from the awesome experiences God leads us through in the Live In, whether just making the live in or working backup. To help in our walk with God and ensure you are in full understanding of all He has to offer you and all He has gifted you with, we will be sponsoring a Life In The Spirit Seminar right on the heels of the Live In. The format of the seminar is a one night a week session over 7 weeks.

"To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life." (Rev. 21 :6)

Life In The Spirit Seminar at St Ambrose Church in Coaldale, AB.

Each Monday from May 13th to June 24th at 7:30pm. Topics include:

God's Love * The New Life* * Salvation* *The New Life* *Receiving God's Gift* * Baptized In The Spirit*and* Growth*

Let him who is thirsty come; let him who desires take the water of life without price." (Rev 22:17)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Lord Divine,
Come from heights of heaven and shine,
Come with blessed radiance bright.
Come, o Father of the poor,
Come, whose treasured gifts ensure,
Come, our heart's unfailling light.
Of consolors, wisest, best,
And our soul's most welcome guest,
Sweet refreshment, sweet repose.
In our labour rest most sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Consolation in our woes.
Light most blessed, shine with grace
In our heart's most sacred place,
Fill your faithful through and through.
Left without your presence here,
Life itself would disappear,
Nothing thrives apart from you.
Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin,
Arid souls refresh within,
Wounded lives to health restore.
Bend the stubborn heart and will,
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,
Guide the wayward home once more!
On the faithful who are true
And profess their faith in you,
In your sevenfold gifts descend!

Give us virtue's sure reward,

Give us your salvation Lord,

Give yous that never end!

Amen

CORPUS CHRISTI: Overnight Adoration

You are invited to sign up for the overnight adoration on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord from Saturday June 1 at 6 pm to 6 am Sunday, June 2, 2013. There will be a short program at the end.

ONE ROCK & WORLD YOUTH DAY

One Rock & World Youth Day at Home 2013

Are you going? One Rock has a new home at Mt. St. Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane this year on July 26 th – 28th. It is a 3-day event that will give you the spiritual energy to meet new challenges. You can hear Dan DeMatte or Audrey Assad, attend Mass with the six bishops from Alberta and the North West Territories and see the live feed of Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Rio. We will be there. Will you? Go to **Onerock.ca** for information and early ticket prices.

In the community of Medicine Hat, we will organize a group led by Fr. Matthew to go to Cochrane for this event. Mark your calendar and watch for more info in bulletin.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Evidence for the Assumption

There had been a problem of how the Pope could define the Assumption. There seemed to be nothing in Scripture on it, and what things there were in the Tradition of the Fathers seemed to come not from an apostolic origin, but from some apocryphal stories that circulated chiefly beginning in the fourth century.

A Pope is not required to specify precisely where in the sources of revelation he finds a given doctrine. Yet, those documents often do review various things that at least in a way seem to support the teaching. We see an example of this in the Bull **Ineffabilis Deus** in which Pius IX defined the Immaculate Conception.

One thought that was clearly in the mind of Pius XII was the principle of **consortium**--that Mary was "always sharing His [Christ's] lot" (AAS 42. 768).

In line with this, Pope Pius showed the relation of the Assumption to the Immaculate Conception: *"For these two privileges are most closely related to each other. Christ has overcome sin and death by His own death; and one who is reborn in a heavenly way through baptism has, through Christ Himself, conquered sin and death. However, in accord with His general rule, God does not wish to grant the full effect of victory over death to the just until the end of time shall have come.... Yet God wished that the Blessed Virgin Mary be exempt from this general law. For she, by a completely singular privilege, conquered sin in her Immaculate Conception, and thus was not liable to that law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, nor did she have to wait for the end of time for the redemption of her body"* (AAS 42. 754).

Pius XII next said he had asked the opinions of all the Bishops of the world on the Assumption. Their response was almost unanimous in the affirmative. The universal teaching of the authorities of the Church by itself, he tells us, gives us a proof (Cf. *Lumen Gentium* ## 25 and 12).

He next reviewed some of the outstanding statements of Tradition throughout all the centuries. This teaching is found at a very early date in the liturgical books. After the patristic age, the same doctrine was studied in detail by scholastic theologians. For example, the Pope quotes the words of St. Bernardine of Siena who "... gathered up and carefully treated everything that medieval theologians had said and discussed on this matter. He was not satisfied to repeat the chief

considerations which doctors of previous times had already proposed, but added others of his own. For the likeness of the Mother of God and the Divine Son in regard to nobility of soul and body--a likeness which forbids the very thought that the heavenly Queen should be separated from the heavenly King--absolutely demands that Mary 'must not be anywhere but where Christ is.' And furthermore, it is reasonable and fitting that not only the soul and body of a man, but also the soul and body of a woman should have already attained heavenly glory. Finally, since the Church has never sought for bodily relics of the Blessed Virgin, nor exposed them for the veneration of the faithful, we have an argument which can be considered as 'practically a proof by sensory experience'" (AAS 42. 765-66).

He then speaks of St. Francis de Sales, who "after stating that it would be wrong to doubt that Jesus Christ has kept in the most perfect way the divine commandment that children honor their parents, puts this question: 'What son, if he could, would not bring his mother back to life, and take her, after death, into paradise?'" (AAS 42. 766).

We have given only a sample of the great review of earlier teachings given in the **Munificentissimus Deus**. After this survey, the Pope sums up: "All these arguments and considerations of the Holy Fathers rest on the Sacred Writings as their ultimate foundation. These place the revered Mother of God as it were before our eyes, as most closely joined to her Divine Son, and always sharing in His lot. Hence it seems practically impossible to think of her who conceived Christ, brought Him forth, gave Him milk, held Him in her hands and pressed Him to her heart as being separated from Him after this earthly life in body, even though not in soul" (AAS 42. 767-68).

The Key to the Doctrine

But it seems that the precise ground for the definition is in the following passage just before the definition: "We must remember especially that, since the second century, the Virgin Mary has been presented by the Holy Fathers as the New Eve, who, although subject to the New Adam, was most closely associated with Him in that struggle against the infernal enemy which, as foretold in the **protoevangelium**, was to result in that most complete victory over sin and death, which are always correlated in the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles. Wherefore, just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part and final sign of this victory, so also that struggle which was common to the Blessed Virgin and her Son had to be closed by the 'glorification' of her virginal body" (AAS 42. 768).

The thought is brilliant. The Pope first recalled the New Eve theme, which we have seen. Then he focused on the fact, within that theme, that the New Eve had been closely associated with the New Adam in the struggle against sin and death. Still further, in the case of her Son, that struggle had brought glorification. Since the struggle was in common to both, then a common cause would have a common effect: it had to bring a parallel glorification to her, the Assumption.

Pius XII carefully refrained from saying in his own words at any point that she died. Some, even a few of the Fathers, had denied that she ever died, basing this on the fact that death was the result of original sin, which she lacked. However, because as Pius XII also said, she was always sharing His lot," for this reason, likeness to Him, it seems much more probable that she did die.

Father William G. Most.

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motto for the centennial year is Celebrate the Past. Live the Present. Become the Future.

On May 26, Bishop Henry, priests, deacons and people from Bow Island, Brooks, Cluny, Strathmore, Drumheller, Hanna and Medicine Hat will celebrate the Eucharist at Holy Family Parish at 3 pm. The reception will follow in the hall. Every parishioner is invited.

Centennial Prayer

Loving Creator, Incarnate Word, Guiding Spirit, We praise and thank you for the gift of faith That inspired those who worked to establish the Diocese of Calgary To nurture all generations in faith.

Rooted in faith and guided by your gentle touch May your love continue to take flight in our lives As we meet the joys and challenges of the coming century.

Open our eyes to see your magnificence in all of creation. Open our ears to hear your praise and glory Spoken through persons of all faiths and races. Open our hearts to desire only goodness, justice and peace in your name. And open our hands to build your reign At this moment in time In this place.

We make these and all our prayers In your most holy name. **Amen**

TO THE NET TEAM

It is hard to believe our time with the NET Team is coming to an end.

You came into our lives as total strangers not knowing what you were coming into and us not knowing what to expect from you. It seems like you just got started and now it is time for us to say "So Long". When you go, please know that you have touched so many hearts and made so many happy memories, but mostly you have showed many, many people what God expects from all of us. Give of ourselves; teach the Word of God through Scripture and through the Examples we show; be compassionate; be positive Role Models... this list could go on & on.

JIMMY, MATT, IAN, SHARON, KYLE, ASHLEY & MICHELLE

We love you and we are going to miss you & above all may God Bless you and keep you safe as you journey into the next chapters of your lives... make sure to keep in touch!





Bringing Home the Word



PENTECOST May 19, 2013

TRUSTING THE MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRIT BY DIANE M. HOUDEK

In the story of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about the small group of Jesus's closest friends hiding in the upper room, trying to make sense of the hatred that had led to his death, the astonishing mystery of his resurrection and his final departure to return to his Father and the heavenly kingdom. It's no coincidence that they were spending that time in prayer. As Jesus had promised, the Holy Spirit comes to them in the form of a strong, driving wind and as tongues of fire. The Spirit fills them with courage, sending them forth to preach—and to live—the Gospel. It didn't mean that their struggles were over. But it was an undeniable assurance that God was with them. The gift of the Spirit was about overcoming fear and hiding, shame and regret. It was about opening up the community to the power of the Gospel message. When Blessed John XXIII talked about the Second Vatican Council, he referred to it as opening windows long closed and letting in the Spirit to renew the Church. Like spring cleaning, this is something that needs to be done on a regular basis. As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we're more aware than ever of the need for the Spirit's continued presence in our midst—guiding, inspiring, protecting the Gospel and all that is truly holy from the fear and the secrecy and the mistakes of the past. Wind and fire are frequent images in the Scriptures for the presence and power of God. As we know all too well from the natural world, fire and wind can be both blessing and curse, can lead to life and death. The prophets speak of fire as burning away the impurities of metal, or burning that chaff that's been separated from the wheat. Things that obscure the truth need to be burned away. The fire of the Spirit is able to do that without burning or destroying what is still good and beautiful and true in our faith, in our Church, in our own lives. Even as we watch events unfolding in the universal Church, we ourselves experience upheavals in our smaller communities—parishes, workplaces, families—and in our own lives. Whenever we're

struggling to break through some obstacle, illness, or misunderstanding, we can call on the fire of the Spirit to strengthen and encourage us. Pentecost is a new beginning, a fresh start. Taking a new approach is rarely easy. The response of the crowd to the preaching of the apostles on the morning of Pentecost was that surely they must have been drinking. Several times they were thrown into prison for going against the authorities. But they were convinced that the Spirit was leading them in the right direction. We know from our own lives that attempts to overcome mistakes in our past can haunt us long after the reality is something entirely new and different. The Spirit can help us persist in working against these prejudices and give us the courage to continue to speak out for genuine change. We go forth not because we're strong, capable, and sure of ourselves, but because we know that God is with us when we truly do his work. Pentecost reminds us that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is in fact still in charge of the Church that he established among his first followers.

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- How have you experienced the Spirit's gifts of courage and understanding?
- When have you felt the Spirit's fruits of joy and peace?
- How is your life different because of your faith?

Fr. Philip's

Joe, an atheist, lost no opportunity to mock me about my priesthood and about what he saw as the irrelevance of Christianity. One day we were out for a walk when we came across a gang of "toughies," who were fighting and swearing in my neighbourhood. Joe pointed to the scene and told me, "Look, Philip, it's been 2000 years since Jesus came into the world and it's still filled with aggression and violence." I said nothing.

Few minutes later we came upon a group of dirty faced kids playing soccer in the field. Now it was my turn. "Look, Joe, it's over 2000 years since soap was first discovered, and yet the world's still filled with dirty faces. See that, nothing happens until they use the soap to wash their faces."

Today we celebrate the Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and changed their life totally. But it's wrong if we think that happened overnight. The change would have happened gradually when the apostles opened to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. That explains why we, at our **Confirmation**, received the same gifts of the Holy Spirit and our life has not changed much or sometimes it changes for the worse. Do you know the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can be used to live our Christian life?

- (1) **The Gift of Wisdom:** Wisdom, the first of the gifts, is also the highest in dignity, since it makes the soul responsible to the Holy Spirit in the contemplation of divine things and in the use of God's ideas for evaluating every contingency in the secular and spiritual order.
- (2) **The Gift of Understanding:** Understanding is a supernatural enlightenment given to the mind for grasping revealed truths easily and profoundly.
- (3) **The Gift of Knowledge:** The gift of knowledge enables us, through some forms of relish and warmth of charity, to judge everything from supernatural viewpoint by means of lesser causes.
- (4) **The Gift of Counsel:** Counsel is a special gift that assists the mind and perfects the virtue of prudence by enlightening a person on how to decide and command individual and supernatural acts.
- (5) **The Gift of Piety:** Piety as a gift of the Holy Spirit aids and supplements the virtue of justice by disposing us to show reverence for God as a most loving Father and for people as the sons and daughters of God.
- (6) **The Gift of Fortitude:** Fortitude as a gift goes beyond fortitude as a virtue by carrying to a successful conclusion even the most difficult tasks in the service of God. The Holy Spirit leads us to eternal life, which

is the final achievement of all we do, the escaping from all ills and dangers.

- (7) **Fear of the Lord:** The seventh of gifts, and yet first in the rising scale of value, is the fear of the Lord, which confirms the virtue of hope and impels a person to a profound respect for the majesty God. Its correlative effects are protection from sin through dread of offending the Lord, and a strong confidence in the power of his help.

Come, oh Holy Spirit! Come, kindle a fire of love in our hearts, renew us with your gifts, and renew the face of the earth!

"A little girl was visiting her grandmother in a small country town, they attended a very emotional religious service, where people expressed their feelings (they thought it was the Holy Spirit at work) by jumping about and shouting out loud on one in a while.

The little girl asked her grandmother if all the jumping meant the Holy Spirit was really there. Her grandmother said, "Honey, it doesn't matter how high they jump up, it's what they do when they come down that will tell you if it is the real thing." Here are the real things the Holy Spirit makes in us, we call the **FRUITS** of the Holy Spirit:

1. **Chastity:** the integration of your physical sexuality with your spiritual nature. All people follow this, married, single and priests.
2. **Joy:** deep and constant gladness in the Lord that circumstances cannot destroy. It comes from a good relationship with God and others.
3. **Peace** comes from knowing that all will work out well for us since God is with us.
4. **Patience:** the love that is willing to endure life's challenges, difficulties and routine. It means not giving up in time of trial.
5. **Goodness** flows from God' great love. It is a sign that you love all people without exception and do good to them.
6. **Generosity:** willingness to give even at a cost to yourself.
7. **Self-control:** discipline of your physical and emotional desires by being modest and respectful to self and others.
8. **Kindness:** generous act of service
9. **Faithfulness:** loyalty to God and to whom you have committed yourself.
10. **Modesty:** moderation in all your actions, especially your conversation, external behavior, and habits.
11. **Gentleness:** being gentle, peaceful and gracious.