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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B, 5th May, 2024

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.'

Today's readings centre on the theme of love: the totally faithful, unconditional love of God for us.

The **First Reading** describes a turning point in the growth of the Early Church. Peter visits the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion and Gentile, announcing that 'God does not have favourites'. God reaches out to those who listen to him through his Holy Spirit. He creates a community of love that embraces all humanity.

St John (**Second Reading**) reminds us that God loved us first. God's nature is love. The great depth of that love is revealed in God sending Jesus, whose self-sacrifice redeems our sins and draws us into the life of God.

The **Gospel** shows us Jesus teaching his disciples about his loving relationship with his Father. Jesus chooses and invites us into that same intimate relationship. He tells us how to follow him: that we should love one another. The Psalmist encourages us to sing praise joyfully to the Lord whose love offers salvation to all.

As we approach the end of the Easter season, we pray for the grace that we ourselves might reflect the gift of God's love, through our actions to our brothers and sisters, and to all creation. We also give thanks for the love of our friends, and for the joy that they bring to our lives.

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In his intention for May 2024, Pope Francis prays:

For the formation of religious and seminarians
We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday
& Thursday - 9 am
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm

Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am
4 pm - 4.30 pm
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

**Office is closed on
Monday**

Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

Altar Servers Ministry

Be The Light Ministry

Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

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Catholic Women's League

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

BAPTISM: Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

CONVALIDATION: If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK : Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

FUNERALS: Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

MASS INTENTIONS: Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

Parish Events

1. Clean up and Landscaping.

Our **parish Feast day** is on the **19th of May**, so the **Knights of Columbus** are organising a work party to spruce up the Church and grounds. All parishioners are asked to participate on next **Saturday, the 4th of May, 2024, starting at 10:00am** and working throughout the day or however much time that you have available. Jobs to be tackled are, Improvements and landscaping in church grounds and parking lot, fence repair and landscaping in the Lawrence St. house, shelving installation in the church storage rooms, and anything else that we have time for. Please bring your gloves, gardening tools and/or power tools and enthusiasm.

2. Holy Spirit PREP

We are writing to provide you with important information regarding the upcoming Holy Communion ceremony for your children. Our dedicated catechists have been diligently preparing the children for this special milestone in their Catholic faith, and we are excited to share the details with you.

First Holy Confession for all Grade 2: May 22, 2024 - (Wednesday) at 6:00 pm

Grade 2 Confession and Rehearsal: June 1, 2024 Confession time: 10:00 am
Rehearsal: To follow immediately after Confession.

Holy Communion Day: June 2, 2024 - 11:00 am Mass

Dress Code:

Girls: Please dress your daughters in a white dress that is modest and suitable for Mass.
We kindly request sleeveless attire.

Boys: Your sons are asked to wear a white top paired with black pants.

Archdiocesan Events

1. The annual March For Life

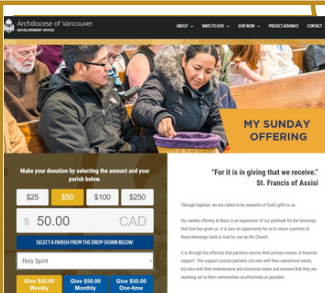
The annual march for life to the Legislature Buildings in Victoria will be held on Thursday, the 9th of May, 2024. Buses will be leaving from a number of parishes in the Lower Mainland for anyone requiring transportation. To book a seat on one of them, google M4LVictoria.ca for contact details. Please look at the flyers on the noticeboards for more Information.



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Channel God's Goodness



Reflect

Sometimes we might feel a sort of separateness from God—as if God is far away, up in heaven, or just not here in our world in our daily life. But God is always right here with us no matter where we are or what we're going through. God's presence and connection to us is constant, and it's a reminder that we can channel God's love to one another in the here and now, as our faith calls us to do.

Pray

Lord, take my life and let me be your presence in our world.
Let my hands be your hands to lift up and support.
Let my voice be your voice to comfort and encourage.
Let my eyes be your eyes radiating hope and love.
Let my welcoming smile draw others to you.
Let my whole being delight in everything you have made.
And when you call me home, let my passing show that your will brings peace and joy and life eternal.

Act

Make a commitment to smile at the next person you see. It might seem like a minor gesture, but you never know what someone might be going through where a simple smile can make a world of difference.

Murray Bodo, OFM

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Saints for May

Saint Joseph the Worker

The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker



To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

Reflection

To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

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Mission

Vision



Holy Spirit Parish is a community demonstrating that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, sacrament and service with certain hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life

1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.
2. We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.
3. We see a parish with relevant, active and well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.
4. We see a new parish hall built in the next 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.



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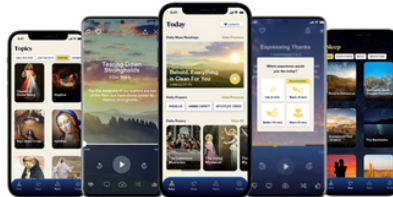
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