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ASCENSION OF THE LORD, MAY 12, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, May 18 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*
Saturday, May 18 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph, Port Felix - ♥*For the Faithful*
Sunday, May 19 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Fred & †Leona George*
Sunday, May 19 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Cecile Mary Sampson*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, May 16 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

COMMUNION CALLS - If you know of anyone who is unable to get out to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office to have their name added to the list.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *The Ascension of Christ*

*One of the greatest manifestations of the ascension of the Lord is the sending of the Spirit. As Jesus ascends into heaven, he reveals this sending of the Spirit of power and love by saying, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you," to become witnesses (Acts 1:8) and "these are the signs that will be associated with believers" so as to proclaim the Good News to all creation (Mark 16:15-17). By this revelation, Jesus puts us believers far above every domination, above every kingdom, above every power and altar of darkness; regardless of the name they are called. After the ascension of Jesus, the believers received the Holy Spirit and began to be identified by the signs that accompanied the believers: The power to preach and to love. **In what ways do you manifest these signs of believers in your life as a Christian? To preach and to love are tasks that must be accompanied by words and deeds (actions).***

BUTTERFLY MEMORY TREES - will remain until Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Groundskeeper - we are seeking a responsible person to take care of the parish cemetery. **Please contact the parish office.**

Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, May 19

Lector - Paul Smith

Cleaners - May 12 - 18 - Harry Delorey

Spring Fling - profit was \$3,728.00! a huge thank you to all for your generous donations, you continue to step up when we need it.

Raking rocks - Tuesday, May 14, 9:00 am to remove rocks/stones left behind from winter snow removal, all help appreciated

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON DAVID RANKIN

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish - May 31, 3:00 p.m. Deacon David Rankin warmly invites all to his ordination to the priesthood. There will be a light reception to follow.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea

Envelopes(30)	885.00
Fuel (1)	20.00
Cemetery (36)	4,090.00
Letter Campaign Donations	13,450.00

St. Agnes

Envelopes(19)	280.00
Loose	10.00
Cemetery (13)	725.00

St. Joseph

Envelopes(16)	172.00
Cemetery (4)	250.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Envelopes (5)	265.00
Cemetery (1)	50.00
Initial (3)	20.00
Loose	10.00

PLEASE NOTE: With the approach of mowing season we are asking parishioners & general public to remove any items (that will interfere with mowing) from graves in parish cemeteries. Items can be replaced in the fall. Parishioners/Family members are encouraged to visit our cemeteries to pay respect and also to maintain headstones and ornaments. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER: For all mothers both living and deceased: that they may be blessed for their loving service to our families as we celebrate Mother's Day, Thank you so very much for all you do and have done.

NOTES

The Antigonish-Guysborough County Women's Resource Centre is offering a Living with Loss grief support group for women. If you have experienced a profound loss and are looking for a place to connect, and receive support in a group environment, please join us. Group facilitators are Women's Support Outreach Worker Marcia Connolly and Community Engagement Worker Natalie Sangster. Weekly - Mondays starting May 13 - June 3; 1 - 3 p.m. - Shamrock Club, Canso. For information, or to register, please call (902) 863-6221. **Registration is required.** 8-12 participant spaces are available.

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Moving Outward

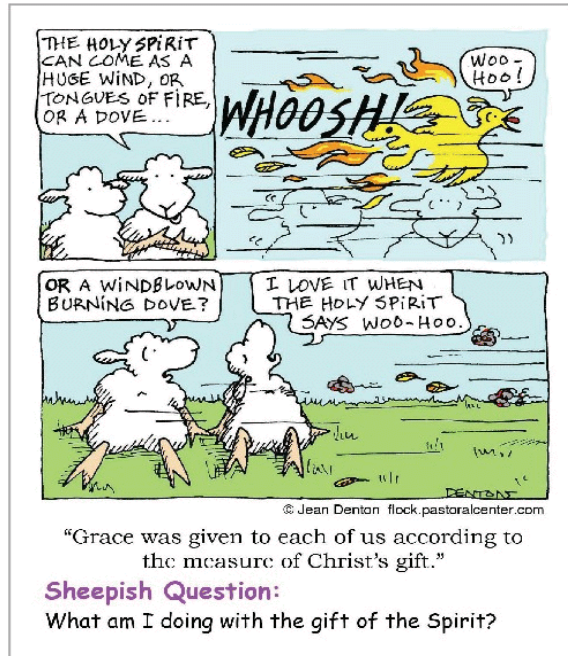
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 1:1-11 - The Ascension of Jesus
- ▶ Ephesians 1:17-23 - A Spirit of wisdom
- ▶ Mark 16:15-20 - The Commissioning and Ascension

The author of the Gospel of Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. In the first reading today, Luke tells the story of Jesus' Ascension into heaven in greater depth than in his Gospel. First, he recaps the 40 days Jesus spent with his followers after his resurrection. Next, Jesus repeats the promise that the disciples will receive power from the Holy Spirit—a foretelling of the Pentecost which we will celebrate in two weeks. Finally, Jesus commissions them to spread his message throughout the world, starting in Jerusalem, after they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

If we think of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles as a two-volume work (as Luke seems to have intended), then the Gospel moves toward Jerusalem at its climax where it ends after Jesus is raised from the dead. Then, the Acts of the Apostles begins in Jerusalem, but moves outward from there to "the ends of the earth"—at least the known ends of the earth in Jesus' time and place. The point is clear: Jesus' teachings aren't to be contained to one location or culture. He wants the Good News spread far and wide, and the disciples will discover that the Holy Spirit gives them what they need to do it.

We may wonder sometimes why Jesus had to "go away," but perhaps it was only because he went away that the Holy Spirit was unleashed into the world. As the story in Acts of the Apostles unfolds, we learn how much the first apostles and their friends were able to do once they receive the outpouring of the Spirit.



"Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift."

Sheepish Question:

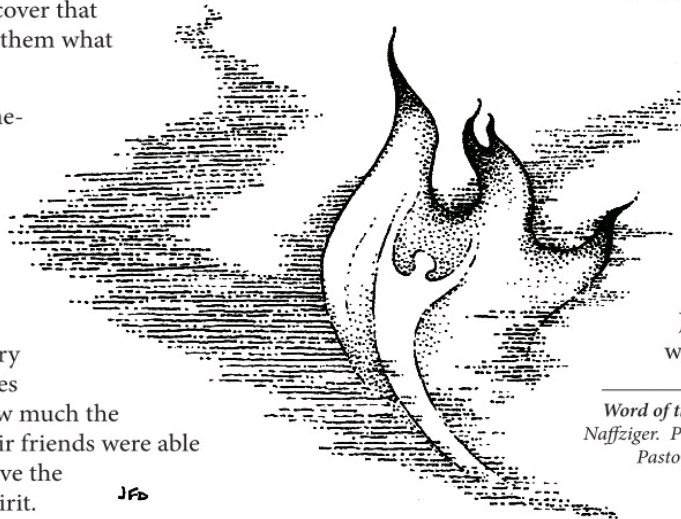
What am I doing with the gift of the Spirit?

Jesus may not have been physically present anymore, but his ongoing presence through that Holy Spirit allowed his followers to travel throughout the Mediterranean world and reach more people in their lifetime than he ever did. Because of their willingness to follow Jesus' instructions to witness to him throughout the world, there are now more than two billion Christians on earth.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Who do you know who has passed away yet whose spirit is still alive and making an impact on others?
- 2 Where or to whom might Jesus be inviting you to witness to him?

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