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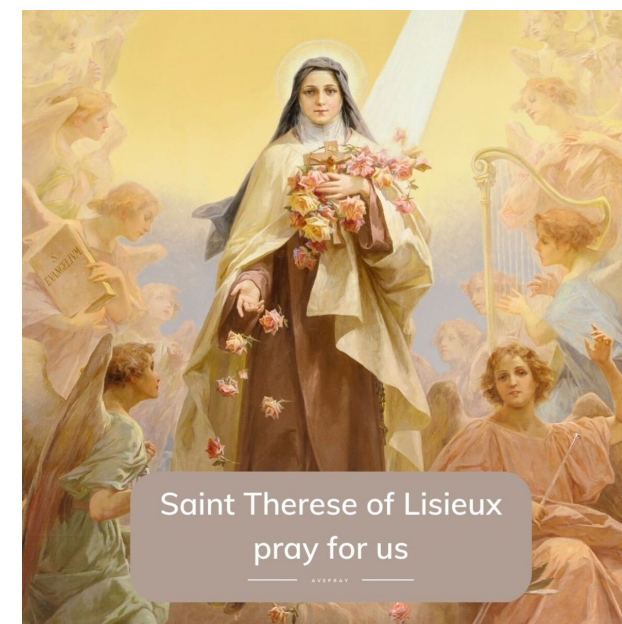
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**MAY 19TH,**  
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*"All of them were filled with the holy Spirit"*



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Sunday: 9:00AM  
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession)**  
Tuesday—Saturday: 7:00 AM –7:45 AM  
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM  
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:**  
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

**Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.**

**Sacrament of Marriage:**  
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

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First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30  
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

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# Pentecost Sunday

## May 19th, 2024—Year B



Sat.	May 18th: Vigil of Pentecost	4:00PM + Giuseppe Miani by Amelia Foresi
Sun.	May 19th: Pentecost Sunday	9:00AM + Santo Costabile by Rosa Costabile
Tue.	May 21st: St. Matthias	8:00AM + Donald Stankewich by Carmen Stankewich
Wed.	May 22nd: Ferial	8:00AM + Maria & Oliviero Piovesan by Wilma Piovesan
Thu.	May 23rd: Ferial	8:00AM + Souls In purgatory by Lynn Dyson
Fri.	May 24th: Ferial	8:00AM + Achille Armenti by Olga Armenti
Sat.	May 25th: Ferial	8:00AM + Teresa Ravasio by Aldo Bonomi
	Vigil of Most Holy Trinity Sunday	4:00PM All Parishioners
Sun.	May 19th: Holy Trinity Sunday	9:00AM + Giuseppe Consonni by Aldo Bonomi

### Baptism is a wonderful blessing

that God has given to His church! It's a means by which He gives us faith and forgiveness of sins. It's our new birth into the Family of God! But it's also more than just a momentary event in the life of a follower of Jesus. It's a lifelong journey of growing in that faith and taking next steps with Jesus! Sunday, May 26 at 12:00, we welcome **Theodore Raymond Sliter** as a new member of the family of God and Str. Therese parish. Congratulations to **Josh and Dekker Sliter** for the baptism of their first child!

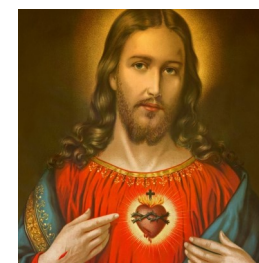


### June 2nd: The body and Blood of Christ



To express our faith in the presence of the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist at the end of the 9 a.m. mass, there will be a short eucharistic procession around the church. In the event of rain, the procession will take place inside the church itself.

### Friday June 7th: SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



There will be a special mass at 6:00 p.m.

### May 19th: "The Greatest Gift"

Today we reflect on the Easter season, focusing our meditation on the sublime gift that the Father and the Son have bestowed upon us: the Holy Spirit. Let's carefully examine today's readings to fully grasp the importance and meaning of this gift.

**The passage from the first reading** connects the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the Upper Room with other biblical events. The rushing wind into the house recalls the moment of creation when the Spirit hovered over the waters. The ability to speak in different languages recalls the confusion of languages recounted in the story of the Tower of Babel. The flames of fire that do not consume evoke the burning bush, Moses' first encounter with God. Finally, the coming of the Spirit occurs during the Jewish feast that celebrates the gift of the divine Law on Mount Sinai. Here are the meanings we can draw:

- a) With the presence of the Holy Spirit, the community of believers relives the creative power of God and experiences a new and profound relationship with Him, with brothers and sisters, and with the world.
- b) The Spirit promotes unity among diverse cultures, languages, and nations, recognizing that diversity is a richness that fosters the progress of the community.
- c) God communicates Himself through the Holy Spirit, whose message provides strength and purifies those who listen.
- d) The Spirit gives the Church the ability to understand and live God's Law fully, with respect and dedication.

**In the second reading**, Paul reveals that it is through the Spirit of Christ that the new man can arise in each of us, capable of living not according to the desires of the flesh but according to the love that Jesus manifested on the cross. The desires of the flesh, in themselves, are not negative; they become so when they distract us from our true purpose: to do good. Even observance of the law could, because of such desires, become a negative element. This happens when we seek to observe it not to respond to God but to satisfy our desire to autonomously grow and improve. The Holy Spirit guides us in discerning between good and evil, as the prophets in the Old Testament always did. It urges us to desire good without allowing other intentions to lead us astray. The gift of the Spirit achieves perfect harmony between human action and the good desired by God, leading to the fulfillment of human freedom. In contrast, the flesh represents the selfish attitude that leads man to live only for himself and against God. Paul explains that the Holy Spirit helps us live in observance of the law without the human presumption of turning it into a tool for our personal glory.

**In the Gospel**, we read a passage from Jesus' second discourse during the Last Supper. With it, Jesus wants to instill courage in the apostles and help them understand the profound meaning of the events related to his passion and death. Jesus affirms that his death might seem like a defeat: it is a victory. He says death has no power over him, and love triumphs over betrayal and sin. He states that the cross represents the crucial event awaited by all of history. Through it, God manifests His power and His glory. Thanks to it, He gives us the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has received from the Father and the Son the task of revealing the truth that, during Jesus' time on earth, was not fully understood. He enlightens us on the fact that God offered Himself completely through the Cross for our good. On the cross, God sacrificed Himself for us. Only after contemplating Jesus' courage and determination, after receiving the gift of His Spirit, can we begin to understand the mystery of love hidden behind the cross. The Holy Spirit assists us in remembering Jesus; He does not bring new truths but allows us to immerse ourselves more and more in the life of the Son, making us aware that in Him the glory of God has been revealed.

### SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday May 12th Offerings (including e-transfers) :	
Sunday Collection	\$ 1532.25
Repairs	\$ 150.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 100.00



### CWL Meeting: June 4th at 1:00PM

**JUNE 15th, PASTA DINNER—FAMILY STYLE: Saturday June 15 at 5:30 p.m.** CWL and K of C will be hosting a PASTA supper in the parish hall. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 yrs. Please put the date on your calendar and tell your friends. Tickets will be available from any CWL or K of C members.

### Parish Yard Sale - August 17 ( rain date Aug.

24 ) Items may be dropped off at Fr. Danielle's garage on Wed from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. please make arrangements with Mary Nan. at 905-834-9520. **Please no clothes unless new.**

**PRIEST'S RETREAT (JUNE 3-7, 2024)** From Monday to Friday, June 3-7, Fr. Daniele will be at the retreat in Niagara Falls with the Bishop and all the priests of the diocese. Therefore there will be no weekday Masses in our church in that time. Father Daniele will say the Masses for the ordered intentions at the retreat. He will resume the morning Masses on Saturday June 8th with 8am Mass. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### Pope's intention prayers for the Month of May:



### 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.

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