

ST. ANNE PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 22, 2022

As we come together in the Eucharist towards the end of the Easter season, the Gospel hearkens back to Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper of Jesus and his apostles/disciples. This Sunday, Jesus speaks to them, and to us, about his leaving, that he may send the Spirit of God to be our teacher and guide, as we live our mission as the Church in the world.

In the First Reading (Acts 15.1-2, 22-29), we follow Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem, to meet with Peter, James and other apostles and elders. We hear how an early, major decision of the Church went, to accept Gentile converts into Christian community, without first expecting their conversion to Judaism.

Psalm 67 expresses praise and thanksgiving for God's works, as it continues the theme of the first reading, that all people of the world are called to faith, love and praise of God.

The Second reading (Revelation 21.10-14, 21-23) describes the elder apostle John's vision of God's completed work: the new creation (new heaven and new earth). In his vision, the Lord God himself, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, has replaced the temple as the centre of worship and praise.

The Gospel (John 14.23-29) brings us back to the Farewell Discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus tells them, and us, that even though he departs and is no longer visible in the same way, he continues to live in them, and in us. His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, continues to manifest God's presence to us. As people reborn in the Holy Spirit, we try as best we are able to follow Jesus, in spite of our many falls, failures and false starts.

In this Eucharist, our spirits are once-again fed through the glorification of Jesus Christ, our Living God: his precious risen Body, the Bread of Life. Let us give thanks for the spiritual food that strengthens and sustains us, that we more faithfully and joyfully follow "The Way."

> Parish Priest: Rev. Gerry McDougall, SJ Deacon: Rev. Mr. Victor Pelletier Acolyte: Mr. Gene Bannon Secretary/Bookkeeper: Elizabeth Pelletier

Parish Office Hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Masses for the Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:00 PM.

Weekday Mass Schedule Tuesday thru Friday: 12:10 PM.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Sunday: 3:00 PM.

Sunday: 10:30 AM.

'Tis the month of our Mother The blessed and beautiful days, When our lips and our spirits, are glowing with love and with praise.

All Hail! to thee, dear Mary, the quardian of our way; To the fairest of Queens, Be the fairest of seasons, sweet May.

Please contact the parish office (622-8301) or in the Regional Hospital, the on-call priest is available in an urgent need. Funerals:

Please contact the parish office to arrange a funeral (622-8301). All church services will be subject to COVID-19 protocol in effect at requested time.



Sacraments and Pastoral Needs:

Baptisms:

Please contact the parish office at least one month before the baptism date. (622-8301).

First Reconciliation &

First Communion (Grade Two and older):

Please register at school or with the parish office. Families will be contacted with requirements and other information.

Confirmation (Grade Seven and older):

Please register at school or with the parish office. Families will be contacted with requirements and other information.

Marriages:

Please contact the parish office at least six months before the wedding date. Preparation will be required for the couple. Reconciliation (Penance):

Please make an appointment with one of the priests. (622-8301). Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing):

This Week in Our Parish

Very warm welcome to Archbishop **Emeritus Terrence Prendergast, S.J.**

Archbishop Prendergast is currently Apostolic Administrator of the Dioceses of Hearst-Moosonee.

This year, on June 10th, Archbishop Terrence celebrates 50 years of his ordination as a Jesuit priest! Congratulations, Archbishop Terry, S.J.

Kitchi Miigwetch!

To all our parish helpers who are keeping our church and rectory clean, and a delight to be in!

Last Weekend's Offerings

Collection May 1: \$ 362 [∞] Collection May 8: \$ 445 [∞] Bake Sale - Stew Takeout: \$ 1,756 [∞]