

# Saint John Bosco Parish



## WELCOME to St. John Bosco Parish!

We are happy to have you with us and would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors today. If you are staying with us, please consider filling out a registration form found in the church atrium and submit it to our church office. Want to become actively involved in this wonderful parish? View our website or contact our church office to find out more information about the various programs and ministries we have in our parish. **We encourage your active participation!**

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St. John Bosco Parish is a faith community united to the Body of Christ by the common bond of Baptism and rooted in the Roman Catholic tradition. We gather for celebrating the Eucharist and all other Sacraments, fellowship, and our gifts. We proclaim the Gospel in ministry and in community.



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<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>June 1 – June 7, 2020</b>	
<b>Monday, June 1</b>	<b>Intentions of Caitlin Sigg</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 2</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 3</b>	<b>Ed Lanigan</b>
<b>Thursday, June 4</b>	<b>Dan Wheeler</b>
<b>Friday, June 5</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, June 6</b>	<b>Jacqueline Brougham-Bishop</b>
<b>Sunday, June 7</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:</b> <b><i>Robert Gladu</i></b>	

**PAPAL PRAYERS FOR JUNE:** Let us pray that priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to solidarity with those who are most poor.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please pray for: Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Heidi Reid, Gerald Moriarty, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice & Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Debbie Freer, Brian Brougham, Laurie Lirette, Sherri Gill, Shelley McLaren, Ursula Thompson, Deacon Peter Kelly, Father Mac Burke, Father Brian Price, Brian Fraser, Ros Crooks, Ritchie Whiteland, Sean O'Connell, and Kerry Walsh.

**SUNDAY MASS:** Mass with Father Jacob is available on his Facebook page, parish website and St. John Bosco Facebook page at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>June 8 – June 14, 2020</b>	
<b>Monday, June 8</b>	<b>Intentions of Father Jacob</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 9</b>	<b>Deceased members of the Keith Family</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 10</b>	<b>Msgr Thomas Raby</b>
<b>Thursday, June 11</b>	<b>Anne Mary Ryan</b>
<b>Friday, June 12</b>	<b>Unannounced Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, June 13</b>	<b>Jean Noel</b>
<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	<b>Our Parishioners</b>
<b>The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:</b> <b><i>Jacqueline Brougham Bishop</i></b>	

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MAY 2020:**

**Sunday offering: \$13 696.26**

**Property Maintenance: \$ 3070.00**

**Pope's Pastoral works: \$268.00**

**Thank you for continued support, especially during this uncertain time.**

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**EMAIL LIST:** Please let Jill ([sjbparish@bellnet.ca](mailto:sjbparish@bellnet.ca)) know if you'd like to be added to our email list. We are emailing the bulletin as well as any new updates we receive.

**GRASS CUTTING:** The grass cutting season has begun! In an effort to keep costs low, we are having the field beside the church and behind the church cut once every two weeks. The remaining areas will be cut weekly

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in June:

<b>Dennis and Melinda Condon</b>	<b>44 years</b>	<b>June 5</b>
<b>David and Judy Publow</b>	<b>50 years</b>	<b>June 6</b>
<b>Peter and Lanna Murphy</b>	<b>14 years</b>	<b>June 10</b>
<b>Allan and Mary Ferguson</b>	<b>35 years</b>	<b>June 22</b>
<b>Larry and Lorraine Horahan</b>	<b>31 years</b>	<b>June 24</b>
<b>Robert and Laura Noonan</b>	<b>65 years</b>	<b>June 25</b>
<b>Wayne and Gerda Smith</b>	<b>52 years</b>	<b>June 29</b>

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** There is an old joke about a man who asked his pastor whether it was okay to smoke while he prayed. His pastor said, "Absolutely not! When you, pray you should be completely devoted to prayer!" So, the man went to another priest, but he changed his question, "Would it be okay to pray while I smoke?" "Yes, of course!" was the answer.

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**GARDENS AT ST. JOHN BOSCO:** A HUGE THANK YOU to our gardening team who has recently worked very hard in making our parish very beautiful. Josie and Mel Bracamonte, Joanne Story and Debbie Noonan have done a great job (while obeying social distancing rules) keeping costs low and keeping the church grounds looking beautiful! We appreciate all your efforts.



**WOODPECKERS:** It seems the woodpeckers have been hard at work making holes in our windows! They have done some damage over the last year on several of the window frames. It will be repaired next week and will cost approximately \$1500.00



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Dear Friends,

Restrictions are beginning to relax, and I understand the emotional pull to return to Mass now. The Archbishop has not yet indicated when our parishes will be able to reopen. However, no doubt we will reopen, hopefully sooner rather than later. In addition, given how they are doing it in other provinces and countries, it is probably safe to assume that when we *do* open, a number of precautions will have to be followed, likely not limited to:

- Only a certain number of people will be allowed at each Mass
- Every other pew in the church will be closed.
- Church and rest rooms will be regularly cleaned.
- Inner and outer doors of each vestibule will be open (weather permitting).
- No missals or hymn books in the pew racks
- No holy water in the fonts.
- Can't sit closer than 6 feet to anyone other than your own family.
- People would be encouraged to wear a face mask.
- Only the priest will distribute Communion at the front of the church.
- All who wish to receive the Eucharist should come in a single file line, leaving a six foot interval to the person in front of you. etc..

These are a few of many in the list. I am sure there will be many, many more guidelines that we'll have to follow. I have no doubt that those who are at great risk of serious illness from the coronavirus because of age or infirmity will be asked not to come to Mass (until further notice), and that every Catholic in our Archdiocese will continue to be dispensed by our Archbishop from the obligation to come to Mass as long as this public health crisis continues, so no one commits a sin by not coming to Mass. However, I do not want to get ahead of myself, as nothing has been communicated to us thus far.

All this to say that we must be prepared. In order to implement all these guidelines in an orderly fashion, we will no doubt need many volunteers. **So if you can help with this, especially if you are under 60, please let us know by contacting Jill at the parish office 613 342 5095 or email at [sjbparish@bellnet.ca](mailto:sjbparish@bellnet.ca)**

Your help is greatly appreciated, and your priests thank you in advance. ***Thanks to Fr. Justin for this information I copied it from his bulletin letter.***

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## Pentecost: All About Pentecost

# By Robert Longman Jr.

### What is Pentecost?

The word 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek; it simply means 'fiftieth'. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter; it is the Sabbath day after a week's worth of weeks ( $7 \times 7 = 49$ ).

Pentecost grew from what was originally a festival marking the first grain harvest of the Middle Eastern year, marked by a sacrifice to the gods from the first part of that first harvest. In very ancient Palestine, this first-fruit sacrifice was tightly tied into the religions of the gods of power and fertility (both in farming and in sex). As the Jews grew to understand themselves as followers of the one and only true God, they created ways to be thankful to God for the first harvest, without the pagan trappings. The celebration became a mini-pilgrimage, where they would stay at their region's shrine, bringing with them grain loaves and young livestock for sacrifices. As the Jewish kings started to centralize religious activity into Jerusalem (a process that took several centuries), this pilgrimage and sacrifice was brought there, with all the songs, processions, liturgies and pageantry that Jerusalem did so well. To them, the 50-day period was the weeks' worth of weeks after the Unleavened Bread (Passover). Passover recalled hard times and rescue by God, hence the unleavened bread; Pentecost was the celebration of a blessing of harvest, and its joy was symbolized by leavening the bread. The festival began to take on another religious role around the time of the Exile. Because Exodus 19:1 describes the arrival of the Jewish people at Sinai as being at about that time of year, Pentecost was used to mark the giving of the Torah at Sinai.

Now, fast-forward to Jesus' time. As Luke reports it, the believers had gathered together after Jesus returned to the Father. Not just the 12 disciples, but about 120 of them. They were talking, remembering, praying, wondering what was next. (They had just been through several of the strangest months there ever were.) On the morning of Pentecost, they came out of the room, and started telling the people they met about Jesus, lit up by the Holy Spirit. The streets were full of people from many places, mostly there for the holy day, some still hanging around from Passover. When each of them heard them speak, they heard it in their own language! (That is, if they were allowing themselves to listen; otherwise, they heard babbling, as shown by the remarks about drunkenness.) What was being told, for the first time in full form, was the good news of Jesus and what it means for all people. But more than words : the words are being carried with power and authority by the Holy Spirit into the ears and the hearts of those who are listening. About 3000 new people join their ranks. This is the first fruits of a new kind of harvest, and the giving of a new covenant of grace that fulfils the covenant of the Torah.

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### How did the Spirit's Work Change?

Pentecost was not the first time the Spirit was active. The Spirit had been working all along in humans who listened, giving them guidance, teaching, shedding light on the mysteries of life, and causing prophecies. The Spirit struck home powerfully in John the Baptist's message, and came in full force upon Jesus at the baptism which began Jesus' public ministry. John's Gospel even mentions that Jesus had blown the Spirit onto each of His disciples before leaving. But Pentecost was the first day that the Spirit took hold of the followers of Christ as a group or "body", and came to stay. It was the first time the Spirit's raw power was there in anyone who followed Christ, not just the Twelve.

### The Debabelizer

One of the images that Acts leaves us with is that of all these people from all sorts of places, hearing and understanding the message in their own language. This is a reversal of the Tower of Babel, where a single language became a wide variety of languages and the 'message' of human hubris called 'the Tower of Babel' could no longer be heard or understood. In today's world, people of different languages communicate with each other all the time. But how much of it is meaningless babble disguised as words, images, and newsbites?? Does anyone have anything worth telling about anymore? Perhaps, only the message God wants us to know, the message of God's love, forgiveness, and reconciliation. God wants us to know Jesus. But most folks prefer to babble on.

### The Spirit Gives Life

Another striking image of the Spirit and the Spirit's work comes from the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel is a Jew in exile after Babylon has conquered and scattered his people, away from the land of God's promise. Earlier (33:10), Ezekiel had asked, 'how then can we live'? If their evil deeds had caused them to be forever cut off from God, the answer is that they can't. Thankfully, God has a different vision of it, and shared it with Ezekiel. First, God tells Ezekiel to preach to a field of dead bones. He does, and something really weird happens : the bones come together, then muscles, joints, skin, eyes, even nose hairs. Real, whole bodies form from the Word. But they are still dead. Then, Ezekiel speaks again at God's command, calling on the wind for the breath to go into the dead bodies, to make them alive. The breath (that is, 'spirit') of God is what makes all life live. And it is what will bring God's people back home, to once again live as a people. And so it was; the books of Ezra and Nehemiah are accounts of a dead nation at the moment it came back to life. The message of the Christian Pentecost is that the Breath that makes life live has been let loose among us by Jesus the Messiah. Through this Jesus and the Spirit He sent, not only is death ultimately dead, but **life becomes more fully alive.**

### The Church Gets a Mission

Pentecost was not the first time Jesus' believers had acted together. They did so during His ministry, and did so by gathering in the house just before Pentecost. But it was the first time they had a complete message, an empowered mission or purpose, and a unity that came from beyond themselves. Before, they were just another small circle of people following a leader

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around; now, they had become the church, an entity that would eventually be measured in billions. The difference : the arrival of the Holy Spirit in force, to join them together into a unity.

### **Where Am I In All Of This?**

When I'm talking about the church, I'm not speaking of a hierarchy or a structure. I'm talking about people called to be together in order to share Jesus' love. If you believe in Jesus and are baptized, then you're a part of that called-together group, something much bigger than you are. Being a part of it means you have the Holy Spirit at work in you. And, that means you have tasks that the Lord wants you to do, and you have been given what it takes to do them. You are to listen for the Spirit's leading, through the Scriptures God gave for you. The liberating, ear-popping spiritual event of Pentecost was the first fruit of something that continues to this day, and beyond.

Some of you are just wondering about this faith; you find it weird, intriguing, or perhaps just puzzling. God meant for you to be in this, too. But you are not like the 120 from the upper room; you are more like the people who were in the crowd that day. Some 3000 of those in the crowd changed course and became believers. A few griped. Some debated it amongst themselves. But most people in Jerusalem didn't even notice, or saw it and went on with their daily grind. No new power hit their lives. There was no new purpose giving them new direction. And many people, even devout ones, still could not sense the presence and power of God in their lives. Pentecost holds the promise that God has something new in store. The believers from that first Pentecost day kept having faith, and kept telling about Jesus, and kept living His way. And many more would find the promise fulfilled in their lives; many more would be lit.

### **How Is Pentecost Celebrated?**

Pentecost is not a solemn occasion. It's a time for vigor, movement, fresh air and fresh commitment. If Pentecost has a sleepy feel to it in your life, wake up! Indeed, one of the best ways to celebrate it is to do just that : wake up early. If your household is committed to the faith, and you're in your own house (or if your landlord or tenants want to do it with you), it's a time to sing! I'd be singing mostly hymns, but you might like praise-and-worship or gospel songs or campground songs, and stuff the kids can sing along with. Have each person read some relevant passage of the Bible, such as Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12; Joel 2:28-29; Numbers 11:24-30; Isaiah 32:15-17; 1 John 4:1-4; or Genesis 11:1-9. And pray that the Holy Spirit moves among each and all who are there, and in the neighborhood you live in.

**Go and worship in a church with others who are worshipping Christ that Sunday (if you don't have a church, pick one and go). If you regularly go to church, invite someone to go with you for Pentecost Sunday. The Spirit birthed the fellowship of Jesus' followers (the church) that first Pentecost, so to try to worship Christ by yourself is even more of a rejection of the Spirit on Pentecost than it usually is. (This part is restricted by pandemic)**

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Afterwards, take some time to think about the gifts the Spirit has given you : 'Is there a way I can use these to build up or help bring healing to others, to the credit of God alone?' The thanks the Spirit wants for giving gifts is that you use them instead of sitting back and frittering away the opportunities.

**There are other ways to mark the occasion. Pentecost is a time of red** -- a color of fire and zeal and passion and heat. Thus, wear red or flame-orange clothes or accessories, bring out the red potted flowers, and serve red and zingy foods. You can use that time to say something brief about where the Spirit's flame burns in your life. Red could also be the theme of the refreshments made available.

**Doves are another symbol of the Spirit.** Your house or apartment or main window could be tastefully decorated with dove decorations. The dove is also a symbol of peace, one of Jesus's profoundest hopes for the human race. So sayings and other symbols of peace can be used with the doves. The context should always be abilities, peace, and community as gifts of God more than as the work of humans.

**The wind is another symbol of the Spirit.** In some places, the weather's warm enough to open the windows all the way and let the wind blow fresh air into the house. One couple I know puts their collection of weathervanes and windmills in the front yard and on the roof, so that it's easy to see the effect of wind. Windsox can do likewise. Like the wind, the Spirit is not seen except by how the surrounding world is affected.

The most important thing is to learn what the Spirit does, and to trust that Spirit to lead you.

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