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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 25	12:10 p.m.
+Cristobal Cruz (Family)	
Monday May 25	7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Wade and Claudine Mak and Family (Pat Chong)	
Tuesday May 26	12:10 p.m.
+Poerwanto Soesatyo (Maria Lim)	
Tuesday May 26	7:00 p.m.
+Pete Fernandes (Theresa Tang)	
Wednesday May 27	12:10 p.m.
+Margaret Cheng and Betty Chung (Cheng Family)	
Wednesday May 27	7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Nikita D'Sanges Alverne (Family)	
Thursday May 28	12:10 p.m.
Intentions of Father Richard Andrews (Jefferson Tse)	
Thursday May 28	7:00 p.m.
+Chester J. Ishmael (Family)	
Friday May 29	12:00 p.m.
+Maximo Bulson (Tiongson Family)	
Friday May 29	7:00 p.m.
+Shui-Kai Poon (Jefferson Tse)	
Saturday May 30	9:00 a.m.
+Gloria L. Chin	
Saturday May 30	5:00 a.m.
+Rodolfo and Rosalina Asilador (Family)	
Sunday May 31	8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish	
Sunday May 31	10:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Lin Chong Ye, Teresa Lin, Lin Chiu Jung and Family	
Sunday May 31	12:00 p.m.
+Susan Conte (Ver Family)	



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

— *Gospel of John 20; 19-23*



FEAST OF PENTECOST

On the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, filling them with courage, wisdom, and zeal to proclaim the Good News. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and strengthen the Church today.

May the Spirit of God renew our hearts, deepen our faith, and inspire us to live as joyful witnesses of Christ in our families, parish, and community. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love!



MEMORIAL LAMPS & INTENTIONS

May 15th – May 21st

For,

For the intentions of all the people of our Parish, that through the intercession of the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament, their prayers and intentions may be heard.

+ Erutheyanyake Roman Scholashca
Requested by Theresa Wong

Let us Remember

Remember to pray for the repose of the soul of **Pete Fernandes, former Custodian of our Parish Church**. Also we Pray for Rev. J. Kuriedath & Maria Nayagam Nallaia. RIP

Let us pray for the sick & those in care homes or hospitals.

Nicholas Marshall, Lynn Demers, William Lee Ah-Chong, Cecile Isaacs-Garel, Andy Pucyk, Dennis Remedios, Eva Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Yvonne Lamanna, Joe Agosta, Audrey Carb, Giuseppe Greco, Joe Cherian, Jackie Mackenzie & Veronica Greif.

May 24, 2026

OUR PARISH MATTERS.....

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



In honor of the Most Sacred Body and Blood of Christ, on Sunday, June 7, the church will have a Eucharistic Procession following the 12:00 noon Mass, during which the Blessed Sacrament will be processed around the church grounds. This beautiful tradition is a public witness of our faith and devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. All parishioners and families are warmly invited.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL WILL BE VISITING OUR PARISH ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 30 & 31.



Meet the sisters before and after all Masses as they share their mission and offer a selection of Catholic books and faith resources.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



The Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua will be celebrated on Saturday, June 13. A special three-day Novena in honor of St. Anthony will take place from June 10–12 during the 7:00 p.m. Mass each evening, praying for healing, special intentions, and his intercession. A Solemn Feast Mass will be celebrated on June 13 at 5:00 p.m. All are Welcome

THE BEATIFICATION OF FRIAR PEDRO DE CORPA & HIS COMPANIONS

Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, will represent the Holy Father as the Papal Legate (official representative of Pope Leo XIV) at the upcoming beatification that will take place on October 31, 2026 in Savannah, Georgia in the USA.

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER MASS JOIN US FOR COFFEE & COOKIES



We warmly invite all parishioners & visitors to join us for our *Parish Koinonia* every Sunday after 10:00 am & 12:00 noon Mass in the Main Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the needs of your parish.

From Our Pastor ...

COME HOLY SPIRIT & FILL OUR HEARTS

With the Feast of the Pentecost, we conclude our Easter festivities. For our prayer and reflection, I wish to reproduce here some excerpts from the REGINA CÆLI message of Pope Benedict XVI given twenty years ago at Saint Peter's Square, on Pentecost Sunday. The Pope expounded some Biblical events and their spiritual consequences saying, "Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended on the community of disciples who with one accord devoted themselves to prayer - gathered with "Mary, the mother of Jesus" and with the Twelve Apostles (Acts 1: 14; 2: 1). We can therefore say that the Church had its solemn beginning with the descent of the Holy Spirit."

The Pope further explained that "the essential and qualifying characteristics of the Church: The Church is one, like the community at Pentecost, who were united in prayer and "concordant": "were of one heart and soul" (Acts 4: 32). The Church is holy, not by her own merits, but because, animated by the Holy Spirit, she keeps her gaze on Christ, to become conformed to him and to his love. The Church is catholic, because the Gospel is destined for all peoples, and for this, already at the beginning, the Holy Spirit made her speak all languages. The Church is apostolic, because, built upon the foundation of the Apostles.

Teaching on the unceasing work of the Holy Spirit, Pope Benedict affirmed that "this reality, which we can verify in every epoch, is already anticipated in the Book of Acts, where the Gospel passage from the Hebrews to the pagans, from Jerusalem to Rome, is described. Rome represents the pagan world, and hence, all people who are outside of the ancient People of God. Acts conclude with the arrival of the Gospel to Rome."

At Pentecost, Mary our mother was prayerfully present amid the disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. In this last week of the Marian Month of May let us entrust ourselves and our Families to her care and seek her intercession.

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Pastor