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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, one of the Church's greatest feasts, marking the completion of Christ's earthly mission and the beginning of the Spirit's mission in the Church. Today the Church implores anew the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit on all her children. This feast can be considered the birthday of the Church. On this day the catholicity of the Church was demonstrated as Peter's preaching was heard and understood in the various languages of the pilgrims in Jerusalem. From the Holy City, the Gospel was proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Today we celebrate the perennial youthfulness of the Church.

At St. Dunstan's we offer our prayers for our newly-confirmed young people, who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to the young people of our parish who were confirmed yesterday, Saturday, 27 May at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. In these times, which are so

challenging for Catholic youth to be faithful, let us pray that the newly-confirmed, strengthened by the Gift of the Holy Spirit, will remain committed to Christ and His Church and show the way to their peers.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT DUNSTAN

Last Friday, 19 May, our parish celebrated the Solemnity of our patron, Saint Dunstan of Canterbury. To mark the 100th Anniversary of our parish, Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB celebrated the Solemn Mass with our pastor and preached. A good number of parishioners and friends attended and also enjoyed the reception which followed the liturgy. In his homily, Bishop Kasun encouraged St. Dunstan's parishioners to be proud of their parish and patron and urged them to be faithful to the spiritual legacy which they have inherited. The Bishop complemented our choir and told our altar boys they were the best in Toronto. He stayed quite some time at the reception and was happy to meet our parishioners. Bishop Kasun has been very generous with his time to celebrate our anniversary with us. He was also the principal celebrant at the opening celebration for our Centennial Year this past New Year's Eve. He also was kind enough to bless the new statue of Our Lady which we recently acquired especially for our annual Marian Celebration which had been delivered that morning. Many thanks to all who attended our patronal celebration, and especially our altar servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers and choir. Special thanks to Inez Fernandes, president and members of the CWL, members of the Legion of Mary, and the choir and all who brought food and refreshments for the reception which everyone enjoyed.

MONTH OF MAY

Catholics have traditionally observed the month of May as a time to honour Our Lady as Mother and Queen with spiritual devotions, recalling her irreplaceable role in God's plan for our salvation. Her freely-given consent to the angel's message at the Annunciation brought about the Incarnation of the Son in her most pure womb, conceived by the Holy Spirit. Jesus' first miracle when He changed water into wine at the wedding in Cana was prompted by her intercession. At the foot of the Cross, a sword of sorrow pierced her heart as Simeon had foretold, and her Son Jesus designated her as Mother of all His followers. At Pentecost, Mary was present at the birth of the Church at the outpouring of the Spirit. Conceived without stain of original sin by a special grace of God, when her life on earth was completed she was assumed body and soul into heaven. From the beginning of the Church, the Virgin Mother of God was venerated in a special way as a powerful intercessor with her Son and a model of every virtue. As the Second Vatican Council taught, Mary is "our Mother in the order of grace" (*Lumen gentium*, 61), a role which "continues uninterrupted...until the eternal fulfilment" is accomplished at the end of time. "Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix" (ibid, 62). "In the meantime the Mother of Jesus, in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven, is the image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim People of God." (ibid, 65).

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THANK YOU FROM SSV

Thank you for generosity to the Holy Thursday SSV collection, which totalled \$1,002. These funds have been used to assist neighbours-in-need within our parish. Thank you also for your ongoing support of the Society through donations to our Poor Box. Several parishioners responded to the call to join us and we're currently bringing new members on board. If you are interested and have not yet heard from us, please leave a message on our Helpline at 416-698-0044.

THANK YOU to the Catholic Women's League here at St. Dunstan's for providing treats and gifts for the children who made their First Communion and the students who were confirmed.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

Our Centennial Committee is planning a picnic in Madelaine Park to celebrate our 100th anniversary **next Sunday, June 4 rain or shine, following the 12:00 noon Mass until 3:30 p.m.**

The picnic will feature a barbeque and games. Those planning to attend are encouraged to pre-purchase their meal tickets, available after Sunday Mass in the vestibule. \$5.00 Burger Meal
\$4.00 Hot Dog Meal
\$15.00 Family Meal.

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BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR(S)
OR A BLANKET TO SIT-ON**

THANKS also to all those who have volunteered to assist with our Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 4. **Please note** there will be a meeting for all **Picnic Volunteers** this coming **Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Lounge.**



Masses For The Week

Monday	29 May	
		Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
9:00 a.m.		The repose of Thomas Req.by Sherin Thomas
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Tuesday	30 May	
		<i>Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit</i>
9:00 a.m.		The repose of Franklin Concepcion Sr. Req.by Concepcion Family
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Wednesday	31 May	
		THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00 p.m.		In Thanksgiving Req.by D'Souza Family
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Thursday	1 June	
9:00 a.m.		Special Intention
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Friday	2 June	<i>First Friday</i>
		<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i>
12:10 noon		The Protection of Unborn Children Req.by Masses for Life Project
7:00 p.m.		The repose of Irene D'Souza Req.by Margaret & Santan Lobo
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Saturday	3 June	<i>First Saturday</i>
		Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs
10:00 a.m.		Helen & Fred Halloran, deceased relatives & friends Req.by Tardif Family
		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
5:00 p.m.		The repose of Marta Kellen Req.by her Family
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Sunday:	4 June	
10:00 a.m.		Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon		The repose of Felix Gomes Req.by his Family





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