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**6th Sunday of Easter – May 22, 2022
READINGS**

1st Reading: Acts 15, 1-2, 22-29

2nd Reading: Revelation 21, 10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14, 23-29

The Love of God

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” John 14:23

Do you want our Lord to come to you and dwell within the depths of your soul? Presumably the answer is an easy “Yes.” The way to make this happen is to love God and keep His word. When you do that, the Blessed Trinity will come and dwell within you.

It’s interesting that the love of God appears to be contingent upon our love of Him. In other words, does God only love us when we love Him first? Strictly speaking, God loves us with a perfect love regardless of whether we love Him or not. But with that said, love takes on a whole new form when it is received and reciprocated. Therefore, when we choose to love God we suddenly realize that our love of Him opens the door for Him to come and dwell within us, transforming us and making our heart His holy sanctuary. What a glorious gift!

It’s also interesting to note that love of God means, in part, that we are obedient to Him. But that’s the nature of God. He is Love itself and, therefore, loving Him necessarily involves a complete submission of your will to His. Perfect obedience to Him in all things is a powerful way of loving Him. It’s a way of allowing Him to dwell within you and, in that act, to take over your will. Only then can you love Him even more fully with your whole being.

Reflect, today, especially upon your desire to have the Most Holy Trinity come and dwell within your soul. This should be the primary goal of our lives. If God lives within us then all else in life will fall into place. All things will work for the good and God will be glorified in and through us. Make the choice to love Him

through your obedience, this day, and your relationship of love will grow by leaps and bounds.

Most Holy Trinity, I do love You and desire to love You in a more perfect way this day. Help me to submit to Your perfect will in all things. Help me to embrace perfect obedience to You always. In that act of love and submission, come and make Your dwelling within me. Jesus, I trust in You.
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Mass Special Intentions:

- Saturday May 21: 5 pm: For Celso Bledig (R.I.P) – the Family
- Sunday May 22: 9 am: For the Parishioners of Revelstoke, Nakusp & Fauquier
- Monday May 23: 9 am: For the intentions of Rolande Wilcott & Dolores Surina
- Tuesday May 24: 9 am: For Jean Baptiste Larre (R.I.P) – Claudette & Bud Kendel
- Wednesday May 25: 9 am: For Mike Zarazun (R.I.P) – Lorne Zarazun
- Thursday May 26: 9 am: For Rucco Suraci (R.I.P) – Suraci family
- Friday May 27: 9 am: For Keith Mayall (R.I.P) – Alicia Mayall
- Saturday May 28: 5 pm: For Italia Ciolli (R.I.P) – Family

* To request a Mass for special intentions, please contact Fr. Luan Vu

Bishop's Pastoral Visit

Bishop Gregory Bittman will visit our parish and offer a Mass with us on Sunday July 10, 2022. Any adults, who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation yet, please contact the office. Fr. Luan will have some Catechism lessons of the Sacrament of Confirmation to prepare for you and Bishop Bittman will confirm you on that Sunday.

COFFEE AFTER MASS - PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 5

To highlight Pentecost Sunday, there will be a reception held in the Parish Centre after mass. Everyone is invited to join us for this time of fellowship. All parishioners are invited to **wear red that day**, the Pentecost color.

Hostas for sale.

We have some hostas ready to go to new homes. They will be available this weekend after mass. Price is by donation.

Sacraments for children

Any young families with children, who are now in grade 3, please contact the office. Father will prepare catechism lessons for them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion before this summer.

Return to Mass: COVID dispensation lifted as of Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 3, 2022

With the significant lessening in recent months of pandemic danger both provincially and globally, we are now at a stage where the necessity of maintaining the dispensation has receded. Bishop Greg Bettman issued a decree of the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation effective the weekend of April 2/3, 2022.

Participation in Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation is a duty that is at once sacred and joyful. It springs from the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath Day. In the Christian tradition, the Sabbath is Sunday, when we celebrate with joy the victory of the Risen Christ over death. Regular celebration of Sunday Mass gives to our lives right order, it builds and reinforces our communion with and in Christ, it places the worship of God before all else and orients us toward our ultimate destiny in Christ.

With you, we rejoice in the return to gathering in person to worship God at Sunday Mass, and to living the Sabbath fully with our parish community, family, and friends. It is our hope that the fulfillment of our sacred duty to worship God on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will spur us along the path of spiritual renewal.

At the same time, acknowledging the continuing presence of Covid-19 in our midst, we encourage anyone showing signs of the illness, and vulnerable persons, to avail themselves of the means of spiritual communion that will continue to be available for some time still. May God bless you all.

Gathering in the Spirit: Fun, Fellowship, Friends: “The Light of God’s Glory.”

Come! Join us in Kelowna, August 7-12, as we Gather in the Spirit, at St. Charles Garnier Church. Father Peter Sanders, from Monterey, California, will present a series of talks on the Word of God from Rev 19.7, “*Let us rejoice and exult and give Him Glory.*” Father Peter’s ministry has taken him worldwide on seminars, retreats, and healing services.

To register and inquire about funding assistance, contact Maria McManus 1-250-707-1423 untamedspirit@telus.net

Early Bird Rate: closes June 17, and is \$500 with accommodation at Seton House, (limit 50 people). Commuter rate is \$275. From June 18-July 22, the rate with Seton House is \$550 and \$325 for commuters. Posters and brochures contain detailed information posted on our parish board and on the web: <https://www.holyspiritbaptizer.com/gathering-in-the-spirit>

Rosary for the Family

Families from across Canada are invited to a live and virtual "Rosary for the Family". The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting this national event in preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF) that will take place in Rome and in dioceses across the world (22–26 June 2022).

The live Zoom event, "Rosary for the Family", takes place Father's Day, Sunday, 19 June 2022, at 3 PM EST.

Featuring different families and voices from across the country, it is an opportunity to gather in prayer with other faith-filled families. Everyone is welcome!

The Zoom registration link can be accessed here:

https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R5OXeN5DRSuTDN6quptG4w

Time Zone	Event Time
Newfoundland Time	4:30 PM
Atlantic Time	4:00 PM
Eastern Time	3:00 PM
Central Time	2:00 PM
Mountain Time	1:00 PM
Pacific Time	12:00 PM

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