

## Pentecost Sunday, 08 June, 2025

### Intentions:

**June 08** - For the parishioners of St. Michael and St. Gabriel parishes.

**June 13** - For the parishioners of St. Michael and St. Gabriel parishes.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

### Offertory Collection

June 01 - \$867.00

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### E-Transfer Update

Holy Land - \$ 50.00

March - \$100.00

April - \$160.00

May - \$ 80.00

### Masses during the Week

Wed.: 8am adoration/confession/mass at St Michael

Thurs: confession 8.30am, mass 9am at St. Michael

Thurs: 1pm Mass to end the school year for St Michael Catholic School.

Fri: confession 8.30am, mass 9am at St. Gabriel

NOTE:

### June 9

**Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church:** Mary, the Mother of the Church was instituted by Pope Francis on February 11, 2018 - the 160th anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Lourdes. The title "Mother of the Church" was bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary during the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI who declared the "the Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles." This movable feast is observed on the Monday following Pentecost and takes precedence over other memorials which may fall on the same day.



### Pope's Intentions for the Month of June

**That the world might grow in compassion:** Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

**Gospel Reflection:** By this indwelling of the Holy Spirit we ourselves become advocates of God's presence for others. This gift of the Spirit, then, makes its demands on us. We must monitor the way we live so that others truly see us as advocates of God's presence bringing new life. This new life that we share with others might be so simple as a reassuring touch or helping hand, or as demanding as giving of our time and money. Living the paschal mystery means that we bask in the good gift of God's life that the Spirit brings. Pentecost is a celebration of both the gift of the Spirit and the effects of that gift—we are sharers in the one body of Christ who take up Jesus' mission to preach the good news of salvation. (Living Liturgy, p.140)

**Vincentian Meditation:** One of the messages which the Church received from the Spirit of God at the Vatican Council II was that it should do more for the poor of the world. Over the past fifty years the Church has increased her interest in the poor. Not only has the Church tried to lighten the sufferings of the poor, but she has tried to be more efficient in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church to the poor. Pope John Paul II has said, "He who lacks material resources may be poor, but he who does not know the way which God marks out for him is even poorer. *"What does it profit a man,"* asks Our Lord, *"if he gains the whole world and suffers the loss of his soul?"* (Mk 8:36) What, my dear friends, will it profit us if we gain the whole world for the poor, but do not help them to find the way which will lead them to God and the happiness of heaven? (McCullen, *Deep Down Things*, p. 255)



## Administrator's Corner

### Gift of the Holy Spirit Series 6: Fear of the Lord

The fear of the Lord is a profound respect and honor given to God. This gift helps us to appreciate the greatness of God and the beauty in God's creation. As we reflect on our own experiences, we may recall moments where we felt a deep sense of awe and reverence for God's power and love. For instance, witnessing a breathtaking sunset or experiencing a moment of profound healing can evoke a sense of wonder and gratitude, leading us to honor God through taking special care of all His creation.

At its core, the fear of the Lord is not about being scared of God, but rather about having a filial love for Him that leads us not to want to do anything that would displease Him. Pope Francis describes fear of the Lord as the gift of the Holy Spirit through whom we are reminded of how small we are before God and of His love, and that our good lies in humble, respectful, and trusting self-abandonment into His hands. This understanding of fear can be seen in our daily lives when we prioritize our relationships with loved ones, striving to please them out of love and respect rather than fear of punishment.

As St. Bonaventure notes, there are different types of fear, ranging from servile fear to filial fear, and finally to a fear driven out by love. We can see this progression in our own lives as we grow in our faith. Initially, we may fear punishment, but as we come to know God's love, our fear transforms into a desire to please Him out of love. This gift of fear helps us to avoid sin and instead live a life of obedience and trust.

The gift of Fear of the Lord is essential for our spiritual growth, offering numerous benefits. According to St. Bonaventure, it allows for the influence of God's actual graces, helping us respond to His love and guidance. It obtains, increases, or confirms us in sanctifying grace, bringing us closer to God and transforming us into His likeness. Finally, it's the first step to wisdom, as Proverbs 9:10 states, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

In practical terms, living out the gift of Fear of the Lord means cultivating a deep sense of reverence in our daily lives. This can be seen in our worship, where we express reverence through our actions and prayers. For example, during Holy Communion, we make a reverential bow and say "Amen" to affirm our faith. Also, through the word of God, He reveals himself; therefore, reverence is given by the reader/deacon/priest when proclaiming it slowly and distinctly. And parishioners listen attentively to God's message to them.

Ultimately, the gift of Fear of the Lord warns us against the danger of being comfortable in sin and encourages us to prioritize the values that will accompany us into eternity: the love that God lavishes on us, God's embrace accepted and received by us with love, and the genuine good we did for others. By embracing this gift, we can deepen our relationship with God, cultivate wisdom, and live a life of obedience and trust. May we strive to understand and experience the gift of Fear of the Lord in our lives, and may it guide us on our journey of spiritual growth and discovery.

Come Holy Spirit, on this Day of Pentecost; pour on us your gift of the fear of the Lord. Give us the wonder of God's children, and let us be always in awe for the very privileged access we have to the Father's tender heart. Amen.

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**St. Gabriel's** (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass Saturday 4:00 pm Mass  
 Sunday 9:00 am Mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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