

Daily Rosary prayer initiative requested by the Holy Father:



Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May, particularly dedicated to Our Lady, the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic. During each day of May, all the Shrines around the world, through the prayer of the Rosary, will intercede for an end to the pandemic. Each parish family is encouraged to join the Pope in praying the Rosary each day in May.



Sunday Reflection: Pentecost - May 23rd

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus surprised the disciples "on the evening of that first day of the week", by appearing in their midst without using a door. He said, twice, "Peace be with you." Then Jesus gave the apostles an astonishing commission: "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you". Their work was to be a continuation of the divine apostleship of Jesus. If we have paid attention to the Gospel accounts of Jesus' companionship with these men, we have seen clear indications that He intended to give the apostles authority to build His Church and do His work. After announcing His directive to them, Jesus steps out of the expected with an action that can only be described as strange: "He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

The Paschal Candle:

The Easter candle is lit at all Masses today. At day's end, it is placed in the baptistry, where it is displayed with honour. It is used during the celebration of Baptism, at which time the candles of the newly baptized are lit from it. It is also used during Funeral Masses, standing near the casket or cremated remains.



Celebrating St. Joseph - Patron of the Universal Church:

You are invited to join us via Zoom on Wednesday, June 2nd from 7 – 8:30 pm for an evening of prayer and reflection in honour of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This event is free of charge, but registration is required to receive Zoom Link. Please contact Gorett at: ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca to register.

Today, we celebrate Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church, the end of the Easter Season. Our readings speak of the gift of the Holy Spirit and what that means for the Church, i.e., us. Today is all part of the paschal (Easter) mystery. In fact, the Gospel reading comes from a Resurrection appearance on Easter Sunday afternoon.

