

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

God acts in visible and invisible ways. The scriptures describe God visiting our ancestors in visible form. God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the garden, visited Abraham in the heat of the afternoon by the oaks of Mamre, spoke to Moses face to face on Mount Sinai. Of course, we as Christians believe that God became one of us in Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is for us God made visible. But God's actions are not limited only to these visible manifestations. In fact, God acts more frequently and more universally in ways that we cannot see. This brings us to today's feast, the Feast of Pentecost. Because today we celebrate the gift of the Spirit, and it is through the Spirit of God that God works invisibly in our lives and in our world. When we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit," we say that God is present and active in all things, in all things but sin. When we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit", we say that there is no natural process, no historical development that is independent of God. God is present invisibly in all things, guiding the events of nature and history.

The famous Jewish comedian, Heni Youngman, was famous for his one-liners. On his ninetieth birthday a friend asked him, "Heni, to what do you give credit for your long life?" Without skipping a beat, Youngman responded, "Breathing." There you have it. There's no argument about that. Where there is no breath, there is no life. It is our invisible breath which sustains our lives from minute to minute, day to day, year to year.

In today's Gospel, Jesus breathes on the disciples and says, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**" It is the Spirit of God who is the breath of the world, working invisibly to carry creation towards the Kingdom. In the Holy Spirit we believe that there is no time or circumstance, in which God is not somehow invisibly active.

Let me just give you one example. We, as a human person, receive the genetic makeup from our parents. It was the genes from our mother or father which made us male or female, short or tall, healthy or prone to disease. But our parents in turn received their genetic makeup from their parents who each had two parents. So, as we move from generation to generation, the genetic material doubles. If we were to take a period of time, say 500 years (which amounts to about 21 generations) and do the math, each one of us has over 2 million people in our gene pool. That is a huge amount of people. And we can be assured that in that pool there were some geniuses and some goofballs; there were some poets and some boneheads; there were some lovers and some loners; some saints and some sinners. All of them contributed to the people we are today.



What I just described was a natural process. But because we believe in the Holy Spirit, we believe that that process was invisibly guided by God. God was working through the lives of all our ancestors to make us the unique sons or daughters we are today.

In the Holy Spirit we believe that God is present moving us toward the Kingdom. Believing in that Spirit gives us constant reason for hope and for courage. We hope that in God's plan there will be a better future, that God's plan for creation will be done. We find the courage to cooperate with the Spirit to make God's plan a reality.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. June 10th - BL. VIRGIN MARY, Mother of the Church

2 Cor. 1:1-7; Mat. 5:1-12

Tue. June 11th - ST. BARNABAS, memorial

Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mat. 10:7-13

Wed. June 12th - 2 Cor. 3:4-11; Mat. 5:17-19

Thurs. June 13th - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, memorial

2 Cor. 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mat. 5:20-26

Fri. June 14th - 2 Cor. 4:7-15; Mat. 5:27-32

Sat. June 15th - 2 Cor. 5:14-21; Mat. 5:33-37

Sun. June 16th - THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Prov. 8:22-31; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Pro-Life Sunday - 2nd collection

Next Sunday, June 16th is Pro-Life Sunday - A 2nd collection will be taken-up at all the Masses. Your support for local pro-life efforts has healed families and changed minds. With \$191,238 from the Pro-Life Sunday collection last year, thousands of lives were impacted thanks to your gifts.

ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. June 12th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. June 15th - 5:00 PM - C & C Akol, M.Cabuhayan, J.Lanuza, J.Nguyen.

Sun. June 16th - 9:00 AM - N.Chao, J & N Yuen, C.Vu, T.Johnson. 11:00 AM - R.Bottin, S.Cho, W.Pham, J.Roque.

5:00 PM - K.Alonzo, A.Babas, P.Casanova, Faustina & Teresa Le, E.Nguyen, J.Plata.

PROJECT ADVANCE "Live gratefully, give generously"

Thank you to the 214 parishioners who have so generously contributed to our Project Advance campaign and helped us raise to date \$51,000. Can we reach our goal of \$100,000? Yes, we can, if everyone participates. Every amount counts, because everything we raise from now on will be returned to our parish for our own needs. If you would like to contribute to our on-going campaign, you can drop off your donation marked "Project Advance in the Sunday collection basket, at the parish office or if you prefer online at: www.project.advance.ca

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat. June 8 th | 5 pm Mass for Kristian Domingo, R.I.P. |
| Sun. June 9 th | 9 am Mass for Enzo Rossetti, R.I.P. |
| | 11 am Mass for all the souls in purgatory |
| | 5 pm Mass for parishioners |
| Mon. June 10 th | 8 am Mass for Jack Sack Pang Gee, R.I.P. |
| Tues. June 11 th | 8 am Mass for the int. of Margaret Pang |
| Wed. June 12 th | 9 am Mass for the int. of Edith Abellanada |
| | 7:30 pm Novena Mass |
| Thur. June 13 th | 8 am Mass for Abilio Campos, R.I.P. |
| Fri. June 14 th | 8 am Mass for the int. of Carol Akoglu |
| Sat. June 15 th | 9 am Mass for Felice Virginillo, R.I.P. |

CWL NEWS

Basket Raffle: Congratulations to Maria Rances the winner of the basket raffle drawn last Sunday.



SCHOOL NEWS:

School Mass: Wednesday at 9 am. Join us!

Sports Day: will be held this coming Friday, June 14th from 9 am to 11:30 am. All students will be dismissed at noon.

Come out and cheer on our students!

ST. JUDE'S PARISH - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

This year, we will be celebrating our Parish's 75th Anniversary. A planning committee is in place and we will have further information once plans are finalized. However, for now, we need your help! Do you have any pictures of past functions at St. Jude's which include any of our former Pastors, assistants, Bishops, etc... If so, we would appreciate it if you could lend them to us. Please make sure your name and phone number is on the back of each picture so we can return them to you. Drop them off at the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflection

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

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Pentecost Taize Prayer Service

Come join us on this special Pentecost Taize prayer evening! Experience a quiet meditative Taize Prayer service with candlelight, live music, chants, prayers, Scriptures, and silence. Wednesday, June 12 at St. Augustine's Church in Vancouver.

St. Anthony's Novena

The annual St. Anthony of Padua Novena will take place from June 5 to 12 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Vancouver, with all Masses starting at 7:30 pm, preceded by confessions at 6:30 pm. On Thursday, June 13, St. Anthony's Feast Day celebration starts with a procession at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:30 pm, and a fiesta celebration afterwards. There will be no morning Masses from June 5 – 13 and no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 8th.

Quo Vadis? - Men's Discernment Events - Hike with Fr. Hien Nguyen Open to single Catholic men ages 18+ who want to answer the question: What is God calling me to do with my life? Join Fr. Hien Nguyen on Saturday, June 22 for a hike of the "Stawamus Chief" in Squamish, BC. Please meet at 8 a.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre: 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, in Vancouver. Carpools will be arranged to drive to Squamish. (Please indicate when you register if you are able to help with driving.) Fr. Hien will say Mass on the mountain top. Bring your own lunch for after Mass. Return to the Pastoral Center by 5pm. Please register at least one week in advance by contacting the Vocations Office at 604-443-3254 or vocations@rcav.org or vocationsvancouver.ca/quovadis

Into the Deep - Friday Night Faith Series:

The Importance of being Friends: Lessons from the Courage Apostolate We need to reclaim and deepen the value of friendship in our world, in the Church, and for ourselves to foster a culture of welcome and of love. Friendship is a fundamental goal of the Courage apostolate. Men and women who experience same-sex attraction—members of Courage—can teach us much about friendship as they wait for us to embrace them as friends. Takes place on Friday, June 28 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Register for FREE online at secure.rcav.org/into-the-deep

An Evening with Archbishop Miller - Save the Date!

The 8th annual Archbishop's Dinner will take place on Tues., Oct. 22nd, at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. For more information or to reserve your table(s) please contact development@rcav.org.

Birthright Vancouver - Walk/Run Fundraiser

Birthright Vancouver, a downtown crisis pregnancy service, is hosting its annual Walk/Run Fundraiser on Saturday, June 15, from 10 am to 12noon This fun family event will include a stroll around the lovely Queen Elizabeth Park, family activities, refreshments, and wonderful community. All proceeds from the event will go towards Birthright's efforts to support pregnant women and their children by offering them the love, care, and support they need. For participation details, please contact birthrightvancouver@gmail.com

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

With summer upon us please be reminded of the following:

1. **Phones:** Please remember to turn off your cell phones before entering the church. No texting or talking is permitted while attending Mass.
2. **Dress Code:** In today's culture and society, dress codes have become more loose. Business casual has become the new norm. However, when coming to Mass let modesty be your guide. Show Reverence and Respect for God. The way we worship is a reflection of our belief.

