



Holy Redeemer Parish

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Pentecost Sunday: "The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his Spirit living in us. Alleluia, Alleluia"

REFLECTION: GO NOW AND DO

A dove is often the first symbol we learn of the Holy Spirit. The gentle beating wings of God's love and power tapping at our heart. Then we learn fire, a burning power to share His message of love. We may call up Joel's words, "I will pour out my spirit" and see the cool refreshing living water welling up in our hearts. Why do we need all these different pictures for one simple truth? Because the Spirit is as diverse as we are. God's Spirit must reach each heart individually and touch the sleeping potential to action. Can such divine inspiration come in just a one size fits all? Some of us need a lulling voice, others respond only to a trumpet blare.

The gentle touch to shepherd one, the stricter rod to guide others. Because God loves each of His children equally he has given us a Spirit that can be what we need, when we need it. Just as on the first Pentecost, the Spirit brought diverse tongues to carry God's message of love and salvation to every heart, today He speaks to us in our own private language whispering the same words: "God loves you. He has a purpose for you. Go now and do."

PASTORAL TEAM:

Pastor: Rev. Eric Dunn
Pastoral Associate: Sister Lorraine Abbass
Secretary: Linda Ward
PARISH COUNCIL: Paul McKenna 566-1031
FINANCE COUNCIL: David Arsenault 892-9810
YOUTH MINISTRY: Brenda Young 894-7385
Email: youth@holyredeemerpei.com

BAPTISMS: Second Sunday of the month at 1:30 P.M.
One month notice is required.

MARRIAGE: By arrangement. At least five months notice is required.

PENANCE: Sat. 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

ROSARY: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND ROSARY: Sat. 3:30 p.m.

ROSARY: Sun. 8:30 a.m.

R.C.I.A.

If there is anyone you know who wishes to inquire about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, please contact Father Eric Dunn at 894-7385. Rite of Christian Initiation is a journey of faith into the Catholic Church.

SUNDAY OFFERING: \$ 6,883.81

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Church.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT PLAN is now fully operational in the Parish. Anyone interested in this manner of giving may simply come to the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

The office is open Monday – Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Holy Redeemer Parish Centre 566- 3496

For your Wedding Receptions, Banquets, Meetings,
Sit Down Full Course OR Stand Up Meals - Bar Service
(see page 240 in the Yellow Pages).

SENIOR ACTIVITIES - PARISH CENTRE

AUCTION 45'S,

Wed: 1:30 PM

BRIDGE

Resumes in Fall

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Mon.	9:00	Kathleen McIsaac †
Tues.	9:00	Intentions of Parishioners
Wed.	9:00	Joe Hennessey
Thurs.	9:00	Paul Larivee: Delmar Duffy
Friday	9:00	Jack Webb
	10:30	Anna O'Connor (501 Queen)
Sat.	4:00	Mr. & Mrs. James M. Hughes, DFM †; Dennis Dowling †
Sun	9:00	Mary Linda (Knox) Abelshausen
	11:00	Intentions of Parishioners

*** The cross symbol will be used to mark anniversary Masses***

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

PASTORAL COUNCIL: 3RD Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

LITURGY COMMITTEE: 1ST Thursday of every even month from October to June at 7:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 2ND Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: 1ST Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: 3RD Monday of the month at 7:00 PM - 892-5544

These committees do not hold meetings during the months of July and August.

PARISH: MOTHER'S DAY: Today is very special day set aside to thank our mothers for the gift of life and love. May it be an occasion to thank our mothers for all they have done for us in this life. It is truly a day to say "I love you" and acknowledge all that our mothers have done for us. For those whose mothers have passed away we remember them at Mass and in quiet silent prayer. May all our mothers have a wonderful day surrounded by loving and grateful children.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION: This year on Tues., May 13, at 7PM in the church, 32 of our young parishioners in grade 2 will be receiving the Blessed Eucharist for the first time. In preparation for this memorable event in their lives, these young people have been attending Catechism classes since Sept and will participate in a retreat on Sat., May 10th from 9am to 12pm in the Parish Centre. Each will make his/her First Confession after the rehearsal on Monday, May 12th at 6PM in the church. Parents are asked to note this change that was deemed necessary because of Baptisms in the church on Sunday,

May 11th. Parishioners are asked to pray for these young people as they prepare for this most important event in their lives.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF FATHER J.J. DUNPHY: You are invited to share in the Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination for Father J. J. Dunphy. The celebration will be on June 1, 2008, commencing with Mass at 2:00 PM in his home Parish of St. Theresa of the Little Flower, Morell. The Mass will be followed by an Open House from 3:00 - 5:00 PM in the Church reception area.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The dates for VBS are July 7th to 10th. You can register either online or at the Parish office. It is important to register early so planning can take place. Your support is also needed to supply food donations and to volunteer your time. Call Susan at 569-8998 or Stephen at 566-2220.

ARX MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: ARX Youth Group will be celebrating our Moms at Youth Group tonight, May 11. All youth and their Mothers (Dads and siblings welcome) are invited to join us as we give thanks for our mothers and spend time together in fellowship and praise. We meet at 7:30 - 9:00 at St. Pius X Parish in the Parish basement.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - VOLUNTEER INFORMATION NIGHT: An information night will be held for volunteers at the Cornwall Lions Club on May 14th at 7:00 PM. This is a chance for you to have all your questions answered. Meet the partner family (Bonnie MacLean and her three sons) and the building committee members. You can hear about the different phases of the build and sign up for a day that interests you. Find out how you can make a donation and/or materials to Habitat PEI or volunteer your time on the build. Please visit our website at www.habitatpei.ca or phone (902) 367-3559.

ST. PEREGRINE MASS will be held at St. Paul's Church, S'Side, on Thursday, May 15th at 7 PM. All welcome.

CHAR'TOWN CANADA CENTRE FOR YOUTH is now open at 191 Univeristy Ave, Jean Canfield Building, to help student write resumes and find summer work. Ph# is:1-800-880-7823

GIVING TREES-GIVING HOPE, May 17th, 8:00-12:00. A unique, annual family fund raiser is an opportunity to lift native trees and shrubs for landscaping (Route 323, St.

WHAT DID THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVE YOU?

When you were Baptised, made your First Communion or got Confirmed, the Holy Spirit gave you gifts to help you grow in Catholic Faith. Have you unwrapped them yet?

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| Wisdom: | This gift helps us stay focussed on God's will and his plan for us. |
| Understanding: | Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart, not just the mind. |
| Counsel: | Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh all the alternatives to make the right choice. |
| Fortitude: | The ability to remain firm against all pressures. (Also called courage.) |
| Knowledge: | A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path. |
| Piety: | Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve Him. |
| Fear of the Lord: | The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect Him and all of His creations. |

Accepting these gifts means identifying and using them. Just don't forget to call on the Holy Spirit for guidance when you do.

A MOTHER IS BORN

My first child, a daughter, was born on July 27, 2000 and I found I was completely unprepared. I thought I was ready for her birth. I had read my books and articles on childbirth and baby care; I had bought everything on my checklist. The nursery was ready for use and my husband and I were anxiously awaiting her arrival. I was prepared for wakeful nights, endless diapers, crying (both hers and mine) and the feeling that I can't get anything done. What I wasn't prepared for was the way the entire world looked different to me the minute she was born. I wasn't prepared for the fact that the sheer weight of my love for her would reduce me to tears on a daily basis. I didn't know that I wouldn't be able to get through my first lullaby to her because I wouldn't be able to sing through my tears. I didn't know that the world would suddenly become unbelievably beautiful and yet infinitely scarier. I didn't know that it would seem like a new place had been created inside of me, just to hold this incredible love. I had no idea what it would feel like when the nurse wheeled my daughter in to me saying, "She's looking for you," and the way the image of her deep blue eyes looking right at me would be seared in my heart forever. I didn't know that I could love someone so much it literally hurts, that a trip to Wal-mat would make me feel like a protective mother bear guarding her cub or that my first trip to the grocery store without her would break my heart. Why didn't anyone warn me about such things? I am overwhelmed by it all. Will I ever be able to leave her and think of anything but her or see a crust in her eye or spot on her skin that doesn't make me nervous? Will I ever be able to show her and express to her just how deep and all-encompassing my love for her is? Will I ever be able to be the mother I so desperately want her to have? I have heard it said, and I now know that it is true, that when a woman gives birth to her first child, there are two births. The first is the birth of her child. The second is the birth of the mother.

“COMING TOGETHER ... BELIEVING IN ONE ANOTHER”

Patrick's Road, near Peakes and St. Teresa), and support Breast Cancer projects. For information call Catherine at 687-3246

ST. Vin. DE PAUL'S MONTHLY MEETING will be held on Mon., May 12th at 7 PM due to the long weekend on the 19th.

ANNUAL NURSING ALUMNI MEETING: The annual meeting and dinner of the Char'town Hospital School of Nursing Alumni will be held on May 26, 2008, at Rodd Royalty Inn, West Royalty. Reception will be at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM. For tickets please call Marie Walsh at (902) 368-1650.

PARENTING IS HARD: Getting help is not...The counsellors at Catholic Family Services can help you and your child. All services are confidential.

THE 5TH ANNUAL ALZHEIMER WALK FOR MEMORIES will be held Sat., June 7th, from 11 am - 1 pm at Confederation Landing, Char'town. Together we walk for friends, family, communities and hope. What will you be walking for? To register for the Walk call 628-2257 or email society@alzpei.ca for pledge form. Visit www.alzpei.ca for more information.

LAST INVITATION: Please note that there is still a few rooms left and bus space for anyone willing to attend the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, June 15-22. Please pray for the success of this gathering of the Universal Church. For info/registration contact Liz at 368-8005. Deadline is May 1st.

FR. GILLILAND'S BOOK entitled " My Two Cents" containing over ninety short essays and poetry has been reprinted and is now available in the Parish office (894-7385) and Chaplain's office at the QEH. Cost \$20.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER FUND RAISER WITH ANNE & GILBERT: The producers of Anne & Gilbert (Harbourfront Theatre, S'side) will make a donation to youth ministry for tickets bought before June 1(30%) After June 1 to Sept (20%). Please call Parish office with date, price and number of tickets. For info or tickets visit www.anneandgilbert.com

SPRING PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF THE CAPE will be May 8th - 11th, 2008 and Fall pilgrimage to the Shrine of Good St. Anne (Oct. 17-20, 2008). For information and to register, please call Don Steele at 902-569-2666.

