

HOLY ROSARY PARISH - WESTMOUNT, NS

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Pentecost 2021

A Message from our Pastor

Happy Pentecost.

During this Covid pandemic I suspect that we have prayed more often to the Holy Spirit than ever before. The great feast of Pentecost--celebrated 50 days after the feast of the Resurrection--marks the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues.

The feast also commemorates the beginning of the Christian Church, it is the official birthday of the Church.

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Advocate. The gift of the Spirit would enable the apostles to fulfill Jesus' commission to preach the

Gospel to all nations. It also celebrates the unseen presence of God in our lives and in our church.

I'm gonna run her through that thing one more time!

Two brothers grew up on a farm in a rural area near Cairo, Georgia. One brother took to education like a duck to water. He graduated from Georgia Tech and became a renowned engineer in Chicago. The other brother was content to stay home and farm. Some years later, the learned brother was invited to give a speech in Atlanta at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel. He had not seen his brother in a long while so he invited him to bring his family to the hotel and spend a little time with him. The rural brother had never been in a town bigger than Cairo. He and his wife and son piled into their pickup truck and headed for Atlanta. After a fearful experience on the interstate highways, they pulled up in front of the Peachtree Plaza. The farmer left his wife in the truck. He and his son went inside to check in. Just inside the entrance were a number of elevators. The farmer had never seen one before. He watched a large, very plain, middle aged lady step inside one of those little rooms. The doors closed. After about a minute, the doors opened and out stepped a young lady who was a vision of loveliness. The farmer's eyes bugged out. Quickly he punched his son and said, "Boy, go get your Maw. I'm gonna run her through that thing onetime."

At Pentecost, a ragged aggregation of misfits was transformed into a disciplined cadre of spiritual storm troopers. The wimps became warriors!

Pastor's Tidbits:

- ❖ Thanks to the parishioners who have managed to continue to support the parish by dropping off their church collection envelopes. Over the last couple of weeks over \$2000. has come in.....
- ❖ Our sympathy to Michael Phillippo and Carol (Ontario) on the sudden death of Terry. He attended Mass the last weekend we celebrated and was a generous contributor.
- ❖ Our sympathy also to Carmel Higdon and her family on the death of her granddaughter Tamara Belle in Cornwall, Ontario
- ❖ The priests of the diocese are scheduled to be on retreat next week. We will zoom with the retreat director every morning at 11 a.m. He will be in Grand Prairie, Alberta! Pray for us.
- ❖ I have been receiving messages from a variety of people all over about our parish appearance on Mass for Shut ins. Thanks to Gordon, Vernon and Cheryl for their contribution.

As the number of cases of the virus continues to plague the Eastern Zone we must continue to observe the Public Health Protocols. Stay safe.

Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. Amen
St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

Remember the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord

Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (here make your request). My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

