

## **Our Lady of Good Hope Roman Catholic Church**

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### **Pentecost Sunday - June 4, 2017**

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 AM

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday – 4:30 PM (anticipated Mass)  
Sunday –9:00 AM

#### **Confessions**

Weekdays Tuesday to Saturday – 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM  
Saturday - 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM  
Always available upon request.

#### **Please pray for our sick and shut in parishioners.**

May Our Lord sustain, comfort and heal them through their faith.

Mimi LaBossiere, Ann Vinet, Don Appel, Lew and Dolores Hampton, Marilyn McKay, Galdino Berti, Yunha Kim, Gerard Born, George Stock, Jerzy and Irena Klimczek, Rita Rocan, Theresa Witjes, Dolores Azevedo, Amanda Paller.

#### **Last Sunday Offering**

\$General  
\$Building and Maintenance  
\$ Average Weekly Expenses

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

**Project Advance:** Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a gift to Project Advance 2017. **To date, we have received 14 gifts (18.76%) totaling \$8,500.** Remember that funds received over our Diocesan goal (\$5,000.) will be returned to the Parish. Please continue to respond in prayer and generosity. Our sharing reflects our caring. Thank you.

We welcome **Third Joseph Agustin** who was baptized into our Catholic Faith Community. Parents Jose and Jennifer.

St Anthony of Padua, 7237 Morrow Road, Agassiz, cordially invite you to their **Annual Strawberry Tea**, Saturday, June 17 at 1:00 PM. There will be a bake sale, toonie table, raffles, door prizes and of course a beautiful afternoon tea. Admission: \$5:00 per person.

#### **Refection – Walk**

“If we walk in the light as Jesus Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin” (1John1.7).

To walk with God means to walk in life. To walk in life means to walk in light. To walk in light means to walk in love. Everything that comes from God is life-giving. Through God's Son we receive eternal life, spiritual life, real life, holy life.

We cannot walk with God and live in the darkness. Everything that is good, right, noble, clean, pure, honest, and trustworthy is the light. When we walk in God's light we are living in freedom, liberty, fellowship, communion, and true joy.

Walking with God means we are living the highest and best life we could possibly live because we are walking in love. God's life produces within us God's love. Walking in love is about having right relationships and building bridges to reach the hearts of others. Walking in love is about hearing the heart of God and responding to His desires. Walking in love is about knowing the truth and living the truth. Walking in love means that we are vibrantly alive.

**Pentecost Prayer: Witnesses to the Ends of the Earth**

God of all ages,  
You have been our guardian and guide  
from the creation of the world to the present age.  
Empower us with Your Spirit,  
and bless us with understanding as we seek to do Your will.  
May we be Your witnesses in the world,  
in our homes, and to neighbors and strangers.  
May Your Holy Spirit be with us today and every day,  
our constant guide and our hope in times of trouble,  
as we grow in faithfulness and generosity,  
as we seek to be witnesses beyond boundaries.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reflection on Today's Readings**

**Today is the Feast of Pentecost**, which recalls for us the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles in the form of a roaring wind and tongues of fire. It also marks the conclusion of the fifty days of the Easter season and the birth and mission of the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the First Reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke gives his account of Pentecost. Following the Ascension of Jesus, the Apostles, "together with some women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus," gather in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Nine days later the Holy Spirit, like a roaring wind, enters the Upper Room and descends with tongues of fire on the heads of the Apostles, as new life is breathed into this faint-hearted band.

The change in the Apostles is now startling as the Holy Spirit sends them to the market place to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and to go forth and baptize people. They throw aside caution and are no longer afraid. They are excited to begin their mission of the Church, proclaiming their faith in their crucified Master. They become *alive with the Holy Spirit*. Speaking in "many languages," they preach about all God has accomplished. What happened on that day was the turning point in each of their lives and in the life of the newly founded Church itself.

Pentecost concludes the mission of the Son of God upon this earth in His humanity, but it marks the beginning of the life and mission of Christ in His Catholic Church. The Church is Christ's Body, His mystical Body, filled with the life of His Spirit. This Spirit is the *soul* of the Church. Through His Spirit, which fills the whole Church with life, love and truth, Christ is faithful to His promise, "Know that I am with you *always* until the end of the world."

After Pentecost, the good news of salvation, of God's saving and healing love made manifest in Christ, was preached and radiated out to all the world from Jerusalem by the power of the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus foretold. For over 2,000 years, the Good News of God's salvation has continued to radiate down through the ages to our own day today.

On this special feast day of Pentecost, let us thank God for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that work in countless hidden ways to *deepen our faith, fill us with strength and inspiration, and renew our lives*. Today, we pray this prayer with believers in our Catholic Church all through the world, "*Come, Holy Spirit, come into our hearts, come into our parish, come into our homes, come into our communities, and renew the face of the earth with Your love and peace.*"