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**May 20, 2018**

**Pentecost Sunday**

*"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me."* Jn 16: 12-14a

**REGULAR MASS TIMES**

**SUNDAY:** English Masses - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 7:30 PM; Vietnamese Mass 5 PM

**SATURDAY:** 9:00 AM / Anticipated Mass at 5:30 PM

**WEEKDAYS:** Monday to Friday (except TUESDAY) 8:00 AM  
Tuesday 7:00 PM  
Friday Night—Mass at 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)  
\*\*\*except First Friday (in English)

**CONFESSIONS**

- Weekend & Daily Masses: half an hour before each Mass

**PARISH OFFICE**

**Rev. Tien Tran, Pastor** [ttran@rcav.org](mailto:ttran@rcav.org); [frtran@hotmail.com](mailto:frtran@hotmail.com)

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Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

**First Friday**  
After the 8 AM Mass -  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:00 noon Benediction  
6:25 PM—Holy Rosary

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

|           |                     |                                         |     |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| May 25    | 4 PM to 5 PM        | PEC Elections Advance Voting            | JH  |
| May 26/27 | (after Masses)      | PEC Elections 2018 (see details inside) | JH  |
| May 29    | 12 PM               | "50 Plus" Annual Spring Luncheon        | JH  |
| June 2    | Starts 9 AM to 3 PM | Man's Destiny (see details inside)      | Gym |
| June 9    | 6:30 PM             | Spring Dinner & Dance—80's theme        | Gym |

|                  |           |                             |               |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Monday           | 7:30 PM   | St. Matthew's Prayer Group  | Jubilee Hall  |
| Tuesday          | 1 to 4 PM | Fifty Plus Social           | Jubilee Hall  |
| 2nd Tuesday      | 7:30 PM   | Knights of Columbus         | Jubilee Hall  |
| 3rd Tuesday      | 7:30 PM   | CWL                         | Jubilee Hall  |
| Wednesday        | 9 AM      | St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen  | Kitchen       |
| Thursday         | 10 AM     | Legion of Mary              | Upper Room    |
| Thursday         | 4:30 PM   | Junior Legion of Mary       | Fireside Room |
| Thursday         | 6:30 PM   | Alpha                       | Gym           |
| Every 2nd Friday | 9 AM      | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting | Upper Room    |
| Saturday         | 9:30 AM   | RCIA                        | Room 129      |

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**MARRIAGE:**

**FUNERALS:**

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A minimum of 6 months' notice with one of the parties registered in the parish and practicing his/her faith. The Marriage Preparation course is mandatory. Please ask for "Guidelines for the Celebration of Marriage".

Please call the parish office before making arrangements.



Today we celebrate the "birthday of the Church!" Pentecost is described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. But before the great driving wind and tongues of fire empowering the disciples, the Holy Spirit had already arrived. The Gospel for today's Mass during the day is from John 20. Jesus appears to the fearful disciples after His resurrection. He first speaks a message of calm. "Peace be with you." The apostles "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." When the enthusiastic response settles down, Jesus "breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

This action is Trinitarian, and it has happened before. If you turn your Bible back to the beginning, you'll read: "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so many became a living being." (Genesis 2:7). In the Garden of Eden, we see God's first, original covenant with man. The breath of life signifies that original indwelling of grace, the special state of likeness and friendship with God before the fall. Here now, in this locked room, the apostles received the long-awaited promise: the very breath of God, new life, a new covenant.

In the pairing of these two readings—the Pentecost experience in Acts and the breath of Jesus in John's Gospel—we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not only an empowering, it is an indwelling. We have each received the breath of grace in our baptism. It is confirmed, strengthened, and deepened in each reception of the sacraments. If we persevere in virtue, the Spirit of God is alive in us, inspiring our actions of love. This Pentecost Sunday, how is the breath of God alive in you?

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

"Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!" We only know that the wind exists because of what it does. A gentle breeze felt on our face or watching a tree swaying or swirling snowflakes all prove the existence of "something" causing these things to happen. But, apart from its effects, we cannot see the origin or substance of wind. The Holy Spirit is the wind of God. Watching an early Church emerge, people coming to believe, disciples of Jesus change the way they live and conduct their affairs—all give witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Observing the courage and conviction of those who have found faith, working for justice, feeding the poor, seeing how wounds are healed—all point to something greater than ourselves working and living among us.



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*Holy spirit, may my actions witness to Your presence in my life. Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness. In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Breathe new life into the world through me.  
Amen.*

**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)**

**Many Thanks** to all the Grade One and CIC1 parents who hosted the Grade 2 First Communion Reception on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We are truly blessed to have so many generous and helping hands! Special thanks to those who stayed and helped clean up.

**Gr 2 & CIC2 (PREP & SME) Celebration Mass – Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>** please meet in the Fireside Room by 5:10.

**Grade 6** Parents (PREP & SME) – Confirmation Reception (May 26<sup>th</sup>) assignments went home on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Prep office if you did not receive your notice!

**Confirmation Rehearsal PREP & SME – Students & Sponsors – Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** meet in the Jubilee Hall. One parent must be in attendance.

**May Procession – May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten to Grade 3 please meet in the Holy Cross Cafeteria. Please have your child bring their rosary if they have one!

Grade 4 – 7 meet in your classroom. We will have refreshments following in the gym. Please pickup your student from there.

Trish Van Vliet—[prep@saintmatthews.ca](mailto:prep@saintmatthews.ca) or call 604-589-2448 ext. 233



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**CWL Corner**

- As you all know by now, my time at St. Matthew's is coming to an end. The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly nudging a few of you to become bold and offer to step up to a leadership role. You are all very capable women, good at finding solutions, organizing, directing and taking care of things. Most of you already do this day to day, taking care of your families. Many in a job as well. Do not underestimate your talents!
- Enjoy this long weekend. Remember that next Sunday is our day to shine. Welcome parishioners at the door, carry the gifts and wear your badge and/or scarf. On Tuesday, May 29, we will present a Domestic Abuse information talk. Questions and answers to follow. See the insert for more info.

Ria Ling

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### MAN'S DESTINY:

Come to St. Matthew's Man's Destiny 2018 Conference Saturday, June 2, 2018 (9 AM - 3 PM) and discover along with more than 100 other men how to claim what has been promised to all us by God and start living more successfully a life of abundance in peace, joy and hope. The conference will begin with a special Mass at 8 AM. concelebrated by Fathers Tran and Francesco, followed by registration at 8:30 AM. Welcome at 9 AM. immediately followed by the day's first of three inspirational speakers. Tickets are \$30 each and are available at the parish office, Welcome Centre, and from the Knights of Columbus. Enjoy breakfast, a BBQ lunch, and a Man's Destiny T-Shirt.

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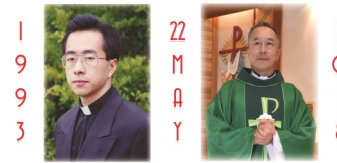


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their hearts, as My own. Be My light  
to guide their weary souls, back to  
My heart, their home.

## PEC ELECTIONS 2018

- ♦ There are 3 positions that we need to fill for a 2-year term. The election will be held on Saturday, May 26 after the anticipated Mass, and Sunday, May 27 after all the Masses. **Advance voting will be held on Friday, May 25**, from 4 PM to 5 PM in the Jubilee Hall.
- ♦ For more details and information, please contact *Bola Fagbamiye* at 604-318-9175 or stop by the parish office.

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Please include in your prayers **Guillerma Caga-anan** who passed away on May 12, 2018. May the Good Lord have mercy on her soul.

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Sacrament of the Sick. What was referred to as "Last Rites" is now called "Anointing of the Sick" administered by a priest when one is "in danger" due to sickness or old age. Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

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