



SAINT BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

Pentecost Sunday WEEKLY CHECK-IN

to keep people up to date, along with the trivia to keep you on your toes.

How Well Do You Know the Faith?

1. What did Abraham have to do so the Lord wouldn't destroy Sodom?
a. preach in the city for forty days b. find ten righteous people living in it c. organize an army and kill all the wicked people d. fast for forty days
2. Who was the greatest prophet in Israel? (Deuteronomy 34:10) a. Ephraim b. Joseph c. Moses d. Joshua
3. What was the name of the king who ruled over Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego?
4. What is the common name given to the first four books of the New Testament?
5. What did Jonah do when he finished warning the people of Nineveh to repent? a. Sat on the east side of the city to see what would become of it. b. Thanked God. c. Went to live in the city.
6. How did Moses destroy the Golden Calf
a. Burned it. b. Smashed it. c. Buried it.
7. Name at least four of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
8. What did the prophets use to anoint kings?
a. Hyssop b. Oil c. Water. d. Ointment
9. Where did Paul find an altar to an unknown God?
10. How many men were shipwrecked on the ship which was taking Paul to Rome? 276, 376, 476

Answers are found on bottom. ** Scores 9-10 Bible Scholar ** 6-8 Seasoned Scribe 4-5 Budding Disciple ** 0-3 Means... Time to Start Studying.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please continue to pray for Ivan Gallant, Kevin Roberts, George MacPherson, Father Tingley, & Fr. Egan. If you wish prayers for your loved one due to illness please email or phone Edith (583-2541) to let her know. Thank you!

CONFESSIONS: The Sacrament of Confession continues to take place every Saturday from 11-12 at St. James. Please see website at sbpu.ca for confession protocol.

MASS: Weekend Masses previously scheduled will be said at a later date when people can attend, unless otherwise requested. ****If the sacrament of the sick is needed at either the hospital, manor or senior residences, the nursing staff should call the priest at the request of the family.**

Wisdom of the Saints THE HOLY SPIRIT

As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls. ~ St. Peter Damian

What does the term "Pentecost" mean?

Pentecost (from Greek pentecoste = "the fiftieth" day after Easter): originally a feast on which Israel celebrated the establishment of the covenant with God on Mount Sinai. Through the Pentecost event in Jerusalem, it became for Christians the feast of the Holy Spirit.

What happened on Pentecost?

Fifty days after his Resurrection, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit down from heaven upon his disciples. The age of the CHURCH began. [731-733]

On Pentecost the Holy Spirit transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to Christ. In a very short time, thousands had themselves baptized: it was the birthday of the Church. The miracle of the languages on Pentecost shows that the Church is there for all peoples from the very beginning: She is universal (= the Latin term for the Greek kat'holon, catholic) and missionary. She speaks to all men, overcomes ethnic and linguistic barriers, and can be understood by all. To this day the Holy Spirit is the "soul" of the Church, the essential principle of her life.

What does the Holy Spirit do in the Church?

The Holy Spirit builds up the Church and impels her. He reminds her of her mission. He calls people into her service and sends them the necessary gifts. He leads us ever deeper into communion with the Triune God. [733-741, 747] Even though the Church during her long history has often seemed "abandoned by all good spirits", the Holy Spirit has been at work in her despite all the human failings and inadequacies. The mere fact of her two-thousand-year existence and the many saints of all eras and cultures are the visible proof of his presence. The Holy Spirit is the one who maintains the Church as a whole in the truth and leads her ever deeper into the knowledge of God. It is the Holy Spirit who works in the Sacraments and brings Sacred Scripture to life for us. Even today he gives his gifts of grace (charisms) to those who are completely receptive to him.

What does the Holy Spirit do in my life?

The Holy Spirit makes me receptive to God; he teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for others. [738-741] Augustine calls the Holy Spirit "The quiet guest of our soul". Anyone who wants to sense his presence must be quiet. Often this Guest speaks very softly within us and with us, for instance, in the voice of our conscience or through other interior and exterior promptings. Being a "temple of the Holy Spirit" means being there, body and soul, for this Guest, for God in us. Our body is therefore God's living room, so to speak. The more receptive we are to the Holy Spirit in us, the more he becomes the master of our life, the sooner he will bestow on us even today his charisms for the upbuilding of the Church..

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WEEKDAY MASS RETURNS

We will be starting "weekday" Masses again this week. Since we are only allowed 15 people in the Church at a time, we will do this by reservation. Masses will be Wednesday at 6:30pm, at St. George's, Thursday at 6:30pm at All Saints, and Friday at 6:30pm at St. James. To reserve your spot you must phone and leave your name and phone number along with the names of anyone else in your household so we can get an accurate count. I (Fr. Tim) will call and confirm your spot is reserved. If Mass is booked up at the location you wish the option will be to reserve a spot at another one of our unit's churches or to go on the following weeks list. You cannot reserve for other households, they must phone themselves.

**** FOR MORE DETAILS on the SAFETY PLAN PROTOCOL for 15 people at Mass Click Here.**

PRAYER for the WEEK: Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,

grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Answers: 1. b. 2. c 3. Nebuchadnezzar 4. Gospels 5. a 6. a (Ex. 32:20) 7. Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Council, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord. 8. b. 9. Athens 10. 276