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## Sacraments

### Weekday Masses

Please refer to the schedule in the bulletin

### Weekend Masses

Saturday – 4:30 PM (Highland Grove)

Sunday 9:00 AM (Chandos/Apsley).

11:00 AM (Cardiff)

### Baptism

by appointment

### Reconciliation

30 minutes before weekend Masses

### Anointing of the Sick & Communion for Shut-Ins

Please call the office 613-339-2852

### Marriages

First appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding date  
Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation session

### Devotions

*Mother of Perpetual Help Novena*

Wednesday 11:00 AM (Cardiff)

*Eucharistic Adoration / Rosary / Benediction*

First Fridays 11:30 AM (Cardiff)

First Saturdays 5:30 PM (Highland Grove)

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A)**  
**MAY 28, 2023**  
**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 27	Highland Grove	4:30PM	Intention of Peter	Peter McEnery
Sun. 28	Chandos	9:00 AM	Holy souls in purgatory	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	For the People of the parish	
Mon.29			OFF	
Tue. 30	Highland Grove	7:00 PM	Intention of Peter	Peter McEnery
Wed.31	Cardiff	11:00 PM	MASS CANCELLED	
Thu. 01	WILBERFORCE	11:00 AM	Intention of Peter	Peter McEnery
Fri. 02	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Intention of Peter	Peter McEnery
		11:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction	First Friday devotion
Sat. 03	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	For the intention of Peter	Peter McEnery
		5:30PM	Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction	First Saturday devotion
Sun 04	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the People of the parish	
	Cardiff	11:00AM	Intention of Eileen Donoghue	Peter McEnery

Weekly Financial Report		
	May 21, 2023	May 14, 2023
Highland Grove	\$407.00	\$480.00
Chandos /Apsley	\$735.00	\$850.00
Cardiff	\$265.00	\$ 780.00
Total (Offerory)	\$2110.00	\$2110.00
Mss Stipend	\$80.00	\$40.00
Easter egg	\$40.00	
Pope's Pastoral Work	\$152.00	\$170.00
POP March 31		\$1640.00
POP April 15		\$2035.00

Lectors			
Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
May 20/21	Gary B.	Frances P.	Theresa P
May 27/28	Melissa B.	Gene T.	Charlene F.
June 3/4	Mackenzie B.	Sharon C.	Peter Mc
June 10/11	Katie B.	Frances P.	Gary B.
June 17/18	Gary B.	Gene T.	Theresa P.

**POT LUCK LUNCHEON....Please keep JUNE 11th open. Our lady of Lourdes pot luck luncheon 12NOON. More info in next week bulletin. Contact Evelyn: evelynmutis104@gmail.com**

**JUNE 5th to 9th, the Clergy of Peterborough Diocese will hold its annual retreat at the Queen of the Apostles Retreat House in Mississauga. All parish liturgical services are temporarily cancelled. Please pray for them.**

**May 31st at 6:30PM -Parish Council Meeting**

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**Readings Next Week (JUNE 04, 2023) THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)**

**Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9**

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

**John 3:16-18**

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a

Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. (Loyola Press)

### Pray for those in need of healing and health

Philip Hughes, Nick Novakowski, Rhys Telka, Jane Tsagrinos, Fr. Bart Burke, Eileen Carr, Ella Richard, Emilee Callzonetti, Pierre Longevin, Eleanor Cadeau, Hermance Therrien, Sally Rayes, George Chennette, Shannon Reid, Megan Connelly, Regina Gedge, Dan, Claudette Wilkinson, Patricia Weston, Eley Wisniewski, Al & Laura Quinn, Patricia Weston, Josie Recto, Sr. Naty Noblezada, Theresa Yaskolski, Even Marshall, Danny Wanless, Fr. Ron Meyer, Fr. Claire Hickson, Fr. Damian Smullen

## What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are, according to Catholic Tradition, **wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God**. The standard interpretation has been the one that St. Thomas Aquinas worked out in the thirteenth century in his *Summa Theologiae*:

- **Wisdom** is both the knowledge of and judgment about "divine things" and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.
- **Understanding** is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to "see" God.
- **Counsel** allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation.
- **Fortitude** denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.
- **Knowledge** is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice..
- **Piety** is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on ac-

count of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety.

**Fear of God** is, in this context, "filial" or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to "servile" fear, whereby we fear punishment.

These are heroic character traits that Jesus Christ alone possesses in their plenitude but that he freely shares with the members of his mystical body (i.e., his Church). These traits are infused into every Christian as a permanent endowment at his baptism, nurtured by the practice of the seven virtues, and sealed in the sacrament of confirmation. They are also known as the sanctifying gifts of the Spirit, because they serve the purpose of rendering their recipients docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in their lives, helping them to grow in holiness and making them fit for heaven.

These gifts, according to Aquinas, are "habits," "instincts," or "dispositions" provided by God as supernatural helps to man in the process of his "perfection." They enable man to transcend the limitations of human reason and human nature and participate in the very life of God, as Christ promised (John 14:23). Aquinas insisted that they are necessary for man's salvation, which he cannot achieve on his own. They serve to "perfect" the four cardinal or moral virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance) and the three theological virtues (faith, hope, and charity). The virtue of charity is the key that unlocks the potential power of the seven gifts, which can (and will) lie dormant in the soul after baptism unless so acted upon.

## What's that Word?"

**PASCHAL MYSTERY.....The Paschal Mystery is Jesus' Passion (suffering) Death, Resurrection from the dead and Ascension into heaven. The word paschal comes from the Hebrew word for Passover. Passover commemorates the Exodus, when God through Moses commanded the Hebrew people, then slaves of the Egyptians, to sacrifice a lamb and mark their doors with its blood. That night, the firstborn in every home in Egypt died—except those in homes with blood spattered on their doorways. This was the event that pushed Pharaoh to finally free God's people from slavery. By the Paschal Mystery, Jesus, who is called the sacrificial Lamb of God, is sacrificed for us all. He doesn't free us from an earthly ruler but from our slavery to sin and death.**

**Any Questions? .....How do we know Jesus really rose from the dead? Nothing supports a case like an eyewitness. In the nineteenth century, Harvard law professor Dr. Simon Greenleaf set out to prove that Jesus' Resurrection would never hold up in a court of law. Instead, he became a Christian! He was convinced by the large number of eyewitnesses to Jesus' resurrection (including most of the apostles) who were willing to die rather than recant their testimony.**

Why did Jesus come to us? **The Catechism lists four reasons: to remove sin and reconcile us to God; to show us just how much God loves us; to show us how to live; to fill us with his divine life. (seeCCC 456-460).**



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