

## As By a New Pentecost Seminars

In his discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus made a promise to his disciples:

“I will pray to the Father and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” (Jn 14:16-17)

**The Life in the Spirit Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit.** They provide an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. The talks can serve as an introduction to Christianity and a time to make a first commitment to Jesus Christ. For those who are already Christians, they offer help in finding a fuller release of the Holy Spirit to live a deeper Christian life.

**Seminars/talks will take place following the 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday evenings** as follows:

April 17 Session 1: Introduction & God's Love  
April 24 Session 2: Salvation  
May 1 Session 3: The New Life  
May 8 Session 4: Receiving God's Gifts  
May 15 Session 5: Prayer for the Baptism in the Spirit  
May 22 Session 6: Growth  
May 29 Session 7: Transformation in Christ  
(reception to follow)

### Mass Intentions for the week of April 8 to 14, 2024

Tues., April 9 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Margaret MacKinnon †**  
Wed., April 10 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Ann and Claude Landry**

Thurs., April 11 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Joseph Young †**

Fri., April 12 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Marnie Carmichael †**

Sat., April 13 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Mary MacDonald †**

Sun., April 14 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**

Sun., April 14 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Dook Kim †**

Note that Pentecost Sunday is on May 19 this year. This series of talks will help each of us prepare for Pentecost in a new way and with a deeper understanding and appreciation for WHO the Holy Spirit is and how he works in our lives. ALL are WELCOME! **Please contact Maria McDonald at 902-860-0475 Ext. 4 or [maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net](mailto:maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net) for more information.**

**Faith Formation and Growing in a Deeper Awareness of the Real Presence of Christ** — As we are preparing for a *Eucharistic Congress in our Archdiocese from October 17-20, 2024*, let's take some time to focus on the Institution of the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament - each time we approach the Altar to receive Holy Communion, we receive His very presence. The DVD series *Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible* by Brant Pitre is a wonderful way to renew ourselves in the roots of the Mass/Eucharist. It is a most wonderful way to foster what we truly believe as Roman Catholics. **I pray that this series will be offered again soon for the whole Parish to participate.** If we truly understood even a little of what our Church teaches about the Eucharist, our communities would be vibrantly and actively participating in Sunday Mass and in what the Mass leads us into - as we leave the Church at the end of Mass with the words, *Mass is ended. Go and glorify the Lord by your life.*

### Prayer for Eucharistic Congress

Lord Jesus, in the Eucharist, you nourish us with your Body and Blood and you are truly present to us. Help us to recognize you more clearly in the breaking of the bread, and to appreciate your sacrificial love.

Through the Eucharist we are brought into a Holy Communion with You and with our neighbour. May this Communion help to break down the obstacles and divisions that separate us, heal the wounds that divide us and fill us with your peace.

As a Eucharistic people, help us to go out to all the world as witnesses to your divine love, so that through our ministries of outreach we might show care and concern for those most in need, especially the disadvantaged and the homeless.

May this time of our Eucharistic Congress bring the curious, the seeking, the drifted, and the struggling, into a Holy Communion that will bring healing to the world.

May we always experience the Eucharist as food for the journey, so that nourished by the Bread of Angels, we might journey together to eternal life.

All of this we ask of you, in communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Formed.org** — Just a reminder to all parishioners that we have this site for Faith Formation, family conversation starters, small group discussion, family movie night, and so much more. This gift is easy to use in the comfort of our own homes. Please take advantage of it!