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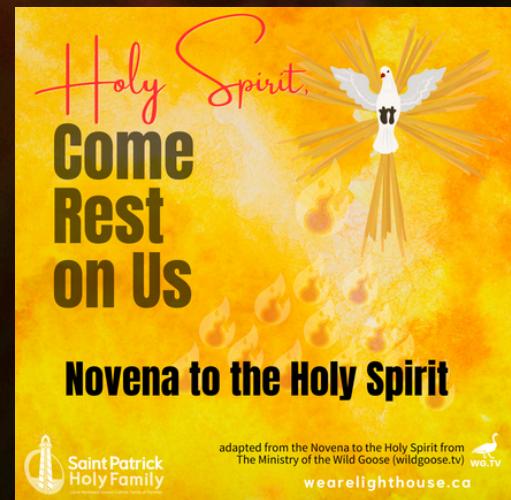
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Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life' (John 8.12). He draws every person to himself to experience in him unimaginable love, unconditional mercy, and peace which flows from the heart. When we bask in that light long enough, we become like him. He says to his disciples, 'You are the light of the world' (Matthew 5.14). We become like the 'light' and Jesus sends us out to be the light for others, drawing them closer to Christ through our own witness of life.

We have come to understand that our new Family of Parishes' Vision and Core Values serve as a Lighthouse of Jesus. He is using us as his humble servants and this simple invitation: to call everyone to Christ. Each person is able to experience his life not only in our present life, but also in eternal life.

Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan and Holy Family Parish, London (Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes) is obediently responding to Jesus' great commission 'to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching [all] to obey everything that [He] has commanded' (Matthew 28.19-20).

Come and allow yourselves to be drawn by Jesus, the Light. Find in him what you can find nowhere else and in no one else. Come and see for yourselves!

What is *The Beacon*?

Jesus invites us to be **Beacons of Hope**. We do this by sharing our stories of how we are being transformed by encountering Jesus and the Holy Spirit. *The Beacon* is how we are sharing the stories of transformation from members of our community.

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OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for bringing us together as a Family of Parishes, called to be the light for the world.

We thank you for giving us a vision to become an invitational community of disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do.

May we rely on the Holy Spirit to inspire us to love the Scriptures, to share our faith stories, to foster right relationships, and to be warm-hearted.

We entrust our Family of Parishes to the care of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, the Holy Family, and Saint Patrick as we work together to bear witness to our core values and to become the people you desire us to become.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

INTERPRETIVE KEY TO OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES LOGO

The cosmic Christ shines throughout the universe to every land and to every person.

Symbols of Jesus as the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End of all, sit on top of the Lighthouse.

The gold band reminds us of our 'Communion in Christ' embracing Saint Patrick & Holy Family Parishes. It also speaks to us of the gift of the Eucharist.

The stripes on the Lighthouse refer to the formation path of disciples, up toward Christ. The path equips the saints for ministry.

Turbulent seas surround the base of the Lighthouse, never to be overcome by them.

The base of the Lighthouse is open. Everyone is invited to enter on the path of encounter and formation as disciples.

Jesus is the light of the world, reaching out first to those who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ; second, to those whose Christian faith has grown cold or who are lost; and finally, to those who struggle to live faith wholeheartedly.

So here we are with these Core Values.

Jesus is our Light, our Lighthouse.



FROM THE PASTOR

“While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’”

(Mark 5.35)

Little did they know.

This certainly doesn’t sound like an appeal for hope...more like a “pack it in, give up, and move on” lament. Appeals for hope often begin from within a person, from a place of certainty that God is watchful and omnipotent, that God can change our circumstances and our lives!

God can change our circumstances and our lives!

I suppose I shouldn’t be so hard on the people in this Gospel since they were just beginning to see the miracles that were coming from this, unknown yet, Son of God. So, what is our excuse?

At times, the world is filled with cynicism, despair, and hatred - ok maybe most of the time. However, as people who live and breathe Faith, we need to allow our Faith and our God to protect our hearts from becoming tainted with such worldly disorders. In doing so, we would be more like a warbler singing the tune that “Appeals for Hope.”

Is your heart ready?

Many have travelled this road before us and continue to do so through their actions and words. “Appeals for Hope” are the works of love and courage.

Turn the page to see what I mean. 



FR. THOM BLONDIN, PASTOR
Saint Patrick, Lucan and Holy Family, London Parishes
Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes



Our Vision

Saint Patrick and Holy Family will become an invitational community of disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do.



Warm-Hearted

We recognize every person as an image-bearer of God. By joining people in their suffering and walking with one another, we are mutually transformed by Christ's love.



Spirit-Reliant

We are dependent on the Holy Spirit's prompting and direction that we might respond more fully to Jesus' mission to make disciples of all nations.



Scripture-Soaked

By taking time everyday with the Word of God, we soak in His Word and are better able to imitate the life of Jesus. We do this because we want to know Jesus and what He wants for our life.



Repentant

We believe in right relationship with God, others, and the environment. This implies that we must own up to our wrongdoings, ask for forgiveness from God and those who we've hurt, and do what we can to restore true peace.



Beacons of Hope

We want to be a lighthouse on a dark sea and lead souls to the safety of Jesus, the Light. We do this by sharing our stories of how Christ is transforming us.

Rooted in Hope: Living Out Our Core Values in the Spirit of Jubilee

BY NIKITA FONSECA

As we continue our journey with the 2025 Jubilee Year, late Pope Francis' *Spes non confundit* (Hope does not disappoint) offers a timely and powerful call to hope, justice, and unity. At the Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes (Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan and Holy Family Parish, London), where we are guided by our Lighthouse vision of "**becoming an invitational community of disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do,**" we are not just passive readers of Francis' message; we are active participants in its realization. His invitation to become *signs of hope* in the world resonates deeply with the Lighthouse Core Values: Warm-Hearted, Scripture-Soaked, Spirit-Reliant, Repentant, and Beacons of Hope.

Let's reflect on how each of these values aligns with the heart of the Jubilee message:



Warm-Hearted

The appeal to generosity, compassion and solidarity with the poor is a direct call to be Warm-Hearted. We are invited to see Christ in the hungry, the displaced and the indebted. Warm-heartedness is not sentimentality, it is Gospel-shaped action. It is choosing mercy over indifference, hospitality over hoarding and relationship over rivalry.



Repentant

Francis reminds us that hunger is a scandal, and the existence of unpayable debts is a call to serious examination of conscience. This echoes our commitment to being repentant as an individual and a community -- one that acknowledges complicity in systems of injustice and turns toward Christ in humility and transformation. Repentance is not guilt-ridden stagnation; it's the first step toward justice and healing.



Scripture-Soaked

Francis draws from Leviticus 25.23: "The earth is the Lord's and all of us dwell in it as aliens and tenants." This scriptural foundation fuels our commitment to being Scripture-Soaked -- not just reading the Word but allowing it to shape our imagination, our ethics and our practices. The Jubilee is, at its core, a Biblical concept -- a radical resetting of the social order in light of God's justice.



Beacons of Hope

Perhaps no value aligns more clearly with *Spes Non Confundit* than this one. Francis speaks of our collective responsibility to bear "manifold signs of hope" in a fragmented world. Lighthouse was named with this very mission in mind: that we would be a beacon in our city and in our time, testifying to the hope that does not disappoint (Romans 5:5).



Spirit-Reliant

In speaking of the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 and the Church's synodal tradition, Francis emphasizes the guidance of the Holy Spirit in discerning truth and unity. At Lighthouse, we strive to be Spirit-Reliant -- rooted not in human wisdom but led by God's voice. The Creed that came from Nicaea reminds us that what unites us is not our perfection, but the Spirit who breathes life and direction into the Church today.

A Jubilee for Us All

As the Church prepares to celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, and as we celebrate the extraordinary Jubilee Year that began Dec. 24, 2024, and concludes Jan. 6, 2026, we're reminded that these are not just historical milestones or theological discussions -- they are opportunities to embody the Gospel anew. Our core values are not abstract ideas but the shape of our witness.

So may we live as a Lighthouse community that not only reads *Spes non confundit*, but lives it warm in love, grounded in Scripture, Spirit-led, repentant, and radiant with hope. 

"May hope fill your hearts."

— Pope Francis



BY LIL MULDER

Appeals for Hope: Caring for our Common Home

“The goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone.”

In the late Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, he writes: “*LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore* – “Praise be to you, my Lord.” In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.”

Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) Youth Conference has been concentrating on an educational environmental series for the last two years. The connection of this encyclical and the poor go hand in hand. If our world suffers, then the poor suffer the most. We all must rise to the challenge to correct the world's abuse of resources, and the conditions people have put onto our Mother Earth.

We know that with our materialistic ways, our Earth is suffocating with **fast fashion clothing, garbage** (such as plastics and other non-biodegradable materials), and the **reaping of our natural minerals** to make electrical batteries for cars, with no regard for the planet. The issue of **clean and safe drinking water** is a human right but there are companies buying our water source for pennies a million litres. Is this fair to our Indigenous brothers and sisters who do not have access to their human right of water? There are so many more social injustice issues than just these few examples.

Our Youth Team have dedicated our time and gifts to create the Social Justice presentations to educate the broader public, and has hosted about nearly a dozen Social Justice workshops on topics such as fast fashion, the water crisis and water rights, food waste, and pollinators and food security.

Lil Mulder is the adviser for the Saint Louise de Marillac Youth Conference at Holy Family Parish, London

Moral Responsibility: The document emphasizes a moral obligation to care for the poor and the environment. Pope Francis argues that neglecting the environment leads to social injustices, and addressing these issues requires a commitment to both ecological sustainability and social equity.

Call-to-Action: *Laudato Si'* encourages individuals and communities to respond to the needs of the poor and the planet. It calls for a collective effort to promote eco-justice and defend human life, emphasizing that the well-being of the planet and the poor are intertwined.

Spiritual Reflection: The encyclical invites a spiritual response to the crises we face, urging people of faith to recognize the presence of Christ in the poor and to act with compassion and justice.

It is not hard to understand that we all must take time to learn about these urgent situations happening to our common home. That is why our youth and I have become enthusiastic about teaching and sharing our knowledge and encouraging everyone, not just Catholics but every person on this globe, to assume their responsibilities to make a change. It is our responsibility to see that our grandchildren's grandchildren have a good place to grow and live in the future. This planet is for the poor and the privileged and everyone in between. We can no longer ignore what is happening to our Mother Earth. 

It is time to stand up to the injustices that affect everyone, but especially our poor. Let us give everyone hope for the future.



Appeals of Hope: Saint Anthony's Bread demonstrates God's love for all

BY ISAAC LOMAS

Photos: Volunteers with Saint Anthony's Bread, a ministry in our family of parishes run by young adults, meet weekly at Holy Family to prepare meals for those in need in downtown London and the Limberlost community

In this 2025 Jubilee Year, our previous Holy Father, Francis, had asked that we, the faithful, provide special attention and care to the poor.

Francis had cited a tragic indifference to the less-fortunate that many have developed, treating these vulnerable individuals as an afterthought. Our parish, however, stands as a lighthouse among troubled waters, refusing to let this tragedy of indifference overtake us.

Through the overwhelming generosity of parishioners at Saint Patrick, Lucan and Holy Family, London, we have been able to fund Saint Anthony's Bread for an entire year, bringing care to the very heart of this need: London's homeless population.

The "warm-hearted" ethos we have cultivated as a family of parishes produces dozens of young people willing to sacrifice their time and energy for the good of the disadvantaged. Because of this, we have never wanted for volunteers.

Not only has this ministry fed nearly 4,000 people, but it has accomplished something so much deeper. The meal is satiating a material need, and while this alone is a worthwhile endeavour, there is more to the person than what meets the eye.

Thus, our volunteers offer something much more important. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we offer the less fortunate a smile, a conversation, some small sign that they have not been forgotten. Recognizing that each and every person is an image-bearer of God, we demonstrate, through action, that God's love is for all, and that dignity is something they are afforded because of their unique personhood. Thank you for your continued support of Saint Anthony's Bread, we are truly blessed to minister from a community as faithful as this.

Saint Anthony's Bread
An Outreach Ministry of Young Adults
from the Lucan Northwest London
Catholic Family of Parishes



The ministry of Saint Anthony's Bread is a vibrant expression of two of the Core Values of our family of parishes: being Spirit-Reliant and Warm-Hearted.

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Appeal for Hope: Building Hope for Housing

BY LINDA DOLLARD

Did you know there are currently 7,400 documented community members in London in need of affordable housing?

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is a lay-Catholic organization whose mission is to help create a more just and compassionate society by serving persons in need with love, respect, justice, and joy. SSVP has been active in London for over 160 years!

Last year alone, members of SSVP London helped over 4,000 families including 6,300 adults and 3,400 children. The total value of assistance provided was almost \$400,000 in food, clothing, and furniture.

SSVP London partnered with the Diocese of London and purchased property in northeast London. The **SSVP Affordable Housing Committee** has been working with key partners such as building consultants, architects, and other experts to make this dream of "Building Hope for Housing" a reality.

In response to the affordable housing crisis in London, SSVP London is building a six-storey, 73-unit affordable apartment building called St. Vincent's on Huron which will contain one- and two-bedroom units and 17 accessible units.

The fundraising goal is to raise \$1.7 million towards this \$27 million project. We are receiving \$7.2 million in government funding. To date, the Fundraising Committee has raised \$1.45 million, meeting 85% of the goal.

A groundbreaking event took place on April 3rd and construction has now started. The goal is to have construction completed by the end of 2026.

A "Buy A Brick" campaign has been launched to engage the community while construction gets underway. With your help we can complete the build one brick at a time! Visit www.ssvplondon.ca to help build homes for those in need!

Being involved with this project has been very exciting and has helped me live the Lighthouse Living Core Values of being Warm-Hearted and Spirit-Reliant. You too can live these Core Values by supporting the "Buy A Brick" campaign and even in a small way bring hope to those who are less fortunate!

Affordable Housing Initiative

SSVP London Particular Council

We will build a 73-unit apartment building in Northeast London, featuring:

- One and two bedroom units, all designated affordable
- 17 accessible units
- Space for community support on the ground floor.

PARTNER WITH US to help fund this vital project building hope for individuals, families and the community of London.

Let's Partner...
Together we can
Build Hope for Housing!

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 Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Nicene Creed: A Declaration of Hope

BY FR. MATTHEW SAWYER

This Jubilee Year has been full of special moments so far, hasn't it? Not least of which is welcoming a new Pope and hopefully canonizing our first Millennial Saint (shoutout to Blessed Carlo). With everything going on, it's hard to remember that we are also celebrating the anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which was held 1700 years ago as of this year! Why is this Church Council from hundreds of years ago important to us today though? The word creed comes from the Latin word *credere*, "to believe." This Creed is a list of stated beliefs that provide **the fundamental basis of our Catholic Faith**.

No matter if you were baptized as a baby or entered the Church when you turned 99; whether you are an Eastern-Rite Catholic or a Western-Rite Catholic; this is the unifying decree that binds us together as a community of believers. Before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, this creed is what makes us have true communion with one another and all the Catholics that came before and will undoubtedly come after us.

The Creed isn't something we should robotically and automatically respond to

The Creed isn't something we should robotically and automatically respond to, but it is our assent to what the Lord has revealed to us through the gifts of His Holy Church and sacred scripture. It is a big deal! Of course, both the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed don't reveal every important Catholic teaching but reveal a foundation on where to start. This foundation and our assent to what the Lord has revealed is also our declaration of hope.

The Creeds developed after many years of discernment and debate because it was important in a time when most people didn't read that the people of God had a systematic knowledge of the Truths of the Christian Faith. Like today, unfortunately, certain people had certain beliefs about Christ and his teachings, and heresies (false teachings) arose. The Apostles' Creed was under attack, especially regarding the Church's teachings on the Trinity. The Bishops of the Church gathered in Nicaea (325 AD) and Constantinople (381 AD) to define the Trinity and protect the souls of the faithful from being led astray by false teaching. In the early 4th century, there was a bishop named Arius - he was later excommunicated - who taught that the Son of God was a creature, that he was lesser than the Father, that Christ wasn't fully God. **The Council of Nicaea declared emphatically that the Son was consubstantial with the Father** (or of the same substance): the Son is fully God. The Council of Constantinople would later reaffirm the condemnation of Arius' teachings and the lines about the Holy Spirit were added to the Creed since the students of Arius believed the Holy Spirit was a creation of the Son and thus not equally God like the Father and the Son.

*The Nicene Creed: A Scripture, Historical & Theological Commentary*¹ explains about the trinitarian unity: "The Trinity can feel rather abstract and the finer points can feel rather pointless.

But nothing less than the meaning of our salvation is at stake. If Christ is not God, and the Spirit is not God, then we are not truly saved. We do not have real hope for a definitive healing and transformation. If the Son and Spirit are not divine, then we cannot be divinized. Our hope would be for this world only, and then we are truly pitiable ... God made us for a glorious end. He made us for union with himself, a union that transforms us. God wants to permeate every aspect of our being: our mind and heart and body and soul. That is real salvation. The Creed [declares our hope and] safeguards this vision of salvation."

Dr. Jared Ortiz continues that, "The Creed teaches us about Christ's resurrection (his overcoming of death) and our own hope for the same... It is an invitation to enter with our whole being into the mysteries it articulates. The Creed is an invitation to die [to ourselves]. In dying, we are given new life and new eyes to see, for it is only in dying to ourselves that we can attain the [heart of love and hope] that can see the truth about God. Jesus himself tells us this: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5.8).

Pope Leo XIV also acknowledged the Christian unity in his homily at inaugural Mass beginning his Petrine ministry. He identified love and unity as "the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus. As Peter and all disciples are called to be "fishers of men," Leo XIV reminded us that "after the resurrection, it is up to [us] to carry on this mission, to cast [our] nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the 'waters' of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace."

In echoing Saint Augustine's words that "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbor"², the Pope prayed "that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world."

The Nicene-Constantinople Creed, or the Nicene Creed as it is known today, has a place of primacy in our Liturgy today because it is a succinct expression of the heart of Christian belief that remains at the foundation of western and eastern Christianity as a whole. When we declare the Creed at Mass, the prayer Jesus prayed in John 17.21 "that they may be one" is brought to fulfillment for those few short moments, **so true Christian unity doesn't seem like such a crazy dream after all**. Thus, praying and working for the Christian unity is our declaration of Hope.

Brothers and sisters let's keep the prayer of Christ in our hearts and pray for unity, not just in our community but in the whole Catholic Church and through all of Christianity. Let us hold the Truths of the Creed in our hearts, and let us all declare in one voice that Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, is Lord, our Hope and our Salvation.

¹ *The Nicene Creed: A Scripture, Historical & Theological Commentary*, J. Ortiz and D.A. Keating, Baker Academic

² Sermon 359, 9



Members of five Lucan churches, including Saint Patrick, attend a Good Friday service at the Lucan Community Centre on April 18. Photo taken by Pastor Andrew Longmire, Community Bible Church

Appeals for Hope: Ecumenical Endeavours in Lucan

BY FR. STEVE WLUSEK

In *John 17.21*, we are given a glimpse into Jesus' prayer to his Father: "I pray that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." It was Jesus' deepest desire that all his disciples be one: with each other and with God.

Keeping this in mind, the ministers of the Lucan area have been meeting regularly and organizing and promoting various activities that would bring together the Christian disciples of our area to break bread, converse and pray together. In the greater Lucan area, there are five Christian churches that have been working together toward further fulfillment of Jesus' desire for unity: Community Bible Church, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Living Hope Church, St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Villages United Church. The pastors of these meet regularly to pray, dialogue and plan events to bring the disciples of our parishes together.

Over the past several years, we have hosted:

- Lenten luncheon lectures, held in a different church during the six weeks of Lent, featuring a presentation given by one of the pastors of the churches. This year's theme for these lectures has been Hope: the seeming death of hope with the crucifixion of Jesus; waiting on hope; and the fulfillment of hope in the resurrection of Jesus.
- Advent luncheon lectures, in a similar format, with women's groups from each of the churches preparing and serving the delicious lunches. Advent lectures have focused on the "O Antiphons" of Advent (such as "O come, divine Messiah" and "O key of David"), each focusing on a different aspect of the meaning of Jesus' coming among us as one of us.
- A Christmas Hymn Sing, featuring the voices and hymns prepared by choirs of the local churches. Then, in the summertime, the Ministerial Association organizes the community prayer service on Canada Day, featuring ministers of our area and members of their community.

Our Ecumenical Good Friday Service held at the Lucan Community Centre has been a highlight of our communal activities these past few years. More than 500 people have attended these gatherings of prayer and praise. The day starts with a prayer walk that begins in downtown Lucan at Living Hope Church. Then, after the service, an Easter egg hunt is held for the children in attendance. It has been a wonderful day of faith, drawing together parishioners of the churches of the Lucan area to give praise and thanks to God for the gift of his Son's death and resurrection, giving us each the hope of unending life in God's heavenly Kingdom. 



BY ERWIN FUNG

Alpha is a space to share thoughts, questions, doubts, hopes, and fears.

Over 1 million people in Canada have experienced Alpha, and millions more have taken Alpha in over 100 countries and over 100 languages around the globe.

Alpha is a way to inspire and equip churches to create a space where people from any background can encounter Jesus. The same Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions, and provides a common expression of faith.

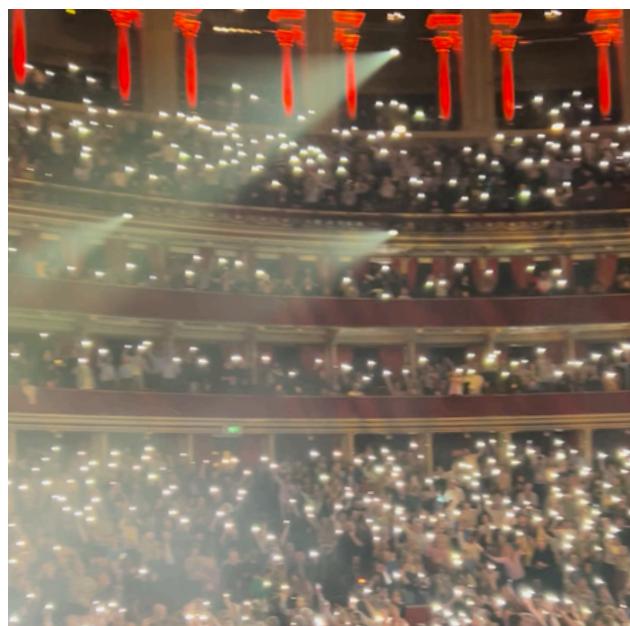
Here at Saint Patrick and Holy Family, we have hosted over 20 sessions (seasons) of Alpha since we began the process of parish renewal in 2016. We estimate that over 600 people have encountered Jesus and the Holy Spirit in that time.

Although the roots of Alpha come from non-Catholic roots, Alpha is fully Christian! Alpha (as its name implies) is the start, the beginning, the foundation of our Christian faith. It seeks to share the basic beliefs of Christianity, who Jesus is, who the Holy Spirit is, and why we believe. It doesn't try to be anything more than that. It's not a complete catechesis of our Catholic faith, but it has our core beliefs.

In my time exposed to Alpha (both here in London, and also in Vancouver), it has been probably the most fruitful in the work of Christian unity. It doesn't explicitly try to be this unifying effort, but because it focuses on the basics of the Christian faith, it also shares the most similar beliefs among most Christian denominations.

In May of 2023, Fr. Bob (Remark) and I were blessed to travel to London, England to attend the Alpha Leadership Conference, which gathered over 5,000 leaders from across the globe to be inspired and praise God for the many ways that he has blessed us as Christians, through Alpha.

At the conference, we heard many inspiring stories of transformation and the many ways that God has been working. It was an incredible experience to be with Christian leaders from across the world. We were unified for one thing - for Jesus. There is no mistake that Alpha is a gift from the Holy Spirit and we are blessed to have Alpha as part of who we are. 🕊



Thousands gather in Royal Albert Hall in London, England for the Alpha Leadership Conference



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus



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Holy Spirit,

Come
Rest
on Us



Novena to the Holy Spirit



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NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The novena to the Holy Spirit is significant because it was the first Novena. Before Jesus ascended to Heaven he instructed our Lady and his Disciples to return to Jerusalem to pray and wait for the promise of the Father. As our Lady and the disciples waited and prayed so will we.

DAY 1

PRAY:

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

V. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created,

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of Your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, what do you want of me today? Give me eyes that can see, ears that can hear and a heart that can love. Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory Be . . .

Being Scripture-Soaked:

“I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them. You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God” (*Ezekiel 36.26-28*)

“I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. I have spoken; I will do it” (*Ezekiel 37.14*)

DAY 2

PRAY:

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

V. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created,

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of Your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, what do you want of me today? Give me eyes that can see, ears that can hear and a heart that can love. Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory Be . . .

Being Scripture-Soaked:

“It shall come to pass I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions” (*Joel 3.1*)

“But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD” (*Isaiah 11.1-2*)

DAY 3

PRAY:

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Being Scripture-Soaked:

“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. To comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit.” (*Isaiah 61.1-3*)

“This is the commitment I made to you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit remains in your midst; do not fear! For thus says the LORD of hosts: In just a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all the nations, so that the treasures of all the nations will come in. And I will fill this house with glory says the LORD of hosts” (*Haggai 2.5-7*)

PRAYER:

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DAY 4

PRAY:

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Let us pray.

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Being Scripture-Soaked:

“I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (*Mt. 3:11*).

“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us” (*Romans 5:5*)

PRAYER:

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DAY 5

PRAY:

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

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Let us pray.

O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of Your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Being Scripture-Soaked:

“And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1.7-8).

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba,* Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God” (Romans 8.14-16)

PRAYER:

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DAY 6

PRAY:

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Let us pray.

O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of Your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Being Scripture-Soaked:

“Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3.15- 16)

“But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me . . . when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth” (See John 16.7-13)

PRAYER:

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COME, HOLY SPIRIT

PRAY:

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Let us pray.

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Being Scripture-Soaked:

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit’ (John 1.29- 33)

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”

(2 Corinthians 3.17)

PRAYER:

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**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for bringing us together as a Family of Parishes, called to be a light for the world.

We thank you for giving us a vision to become an invitational community of disciple-making disciples, who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do.

May we rely on the Holy Spirit to inspire us to love the Scriptures, to share our faith stories, to foster right relationships, and to be warm-hearted.

We entrust our Family of Parishes to the care of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, the Holy Family, and Saint Patrick, as we work together to bear witness to our core values, and to become the people you desire us to become.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

PRAY:

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Being Scripture-Soaked:

“While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1.4-5)

“I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy,* drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ [Jesus] have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit” (Galatians 5.16-25)

PRAYER:

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RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH

DAY 9

PRAY:

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Let us pray.

O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of Your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Being Scripture-Soaked:

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20.19-22)

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded” (Acts 2.1-7)

PRAYER:

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ACT OF CONSECRATION

PRAY:

On the final day, pray the Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit:

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body, to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring his opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, “Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.”

Amen.

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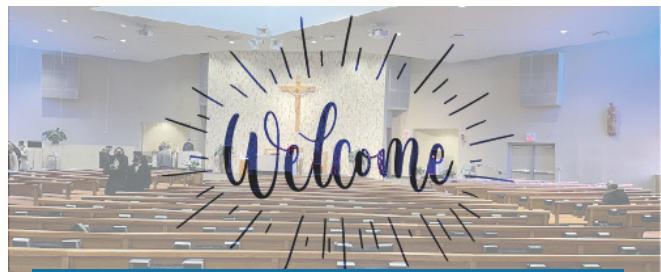
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Please visit our website ([under Worship > Mass Intentions](#)) to see our Mass Intentions for the Week and Weekday Mass Schedule. Updates, including funerals, will be posted there.

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You're Invited

Join us on an Outdoor Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

JUNE 22, 2025

AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH
777 VALETTA STREET, LONDON

FOLLOWING THE 2:00PM MASS

"We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to his goodness. May our streets be streets of Jesus! May our houses be homes for him and with him! May our life of every day be penetrated by his presence."

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on Corpus Christi, 26 May 2005

A Eucharistic Procession, just like Eucharistic Adoration, is an extension of the worship of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The supreme act of adoration and the source and summit of the Christian life is the celebration of the Mass, and that celebration is prolonged and intensified through Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass.

In Eucharistic Processions, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist is emphasized as we go forth into the world. Not only gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, but walking with him, we experience what the disciples did 2000 years ago as they walked with Jesus, proclaiming the Good News to the world.

A parish community that undertakes a Eucharistic Procession has made the decision to publicly proclaim its belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, the parish invites people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host.

For those who participate in the procession, it is an opportunity not only to proclaim their faith but also to grow in their faith. The procession is, finally, an invitation to Jesus himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live.



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