



# Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

May 31, 2026  
1st Sunday  
after Pentecost  
Speaker: Pastor Mark Wong

## During Worship

- ▶ Be still and prepare your heart for worship.
- ▶ Please close the main hall doors gently during worship services.
- ▶ Please take care of your personal belongings to avoid theft.

## Offering

- ▶ Welcome to donate via E-transfer, email: [westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com](mailto:westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com)
- ▶ To donate by cash or cheque, please use an offering envelope and put it into the offering bag during worship.
- ▶ When making a donation, please indicate your donation envelope number and your full legal name. The offering envelope number can be obtained from the church office.

## Notes to CitRUs parents:

- ▶ The enrollment age for CitRUs Children’s Ministry is 3 years old and up. Children under 3 are encouraged to worship with their parents in the main hall; only use Room B when they are crying.
- ▶ Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at Room E & F.
- ▶ Please supervise your children after you have picked them up from the classroom.

## Parking

- ▶ The upstairs parking lot (Parking Lot 1) is designated for new comers, people with reduced mobility, the elderly and families with young children.
- ▶ The indoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2) will be closed at 1:00 pm on Sundays. Afterwards, you will have to wait until 10:00 am on Tuesday morning to collect your vehicle.
- ▶ Additional parking spaces are available at 8508 Ash St (Parking Lot 3) and 8525 Cambie St (Parking Lot 4) on Saturdays from 4:00 - 7:00pm and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maps are available in the foyer.
- ▶ To be considerate of our neighbors, please do not park in the residential area.
- ▶ When parking in the outdoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2), please be careful not to block the emergency exits and keep a distance of 3 feet from the building’s exterior wall so that the emergency exit doors can be fully opened.
- ▶ Please park and lock your bike/e-bike outside. Do not park the bike inside the building.
- ▶ Congregants are required to register online annually to park at the church, 8508 Ash or 8525 Cambie during worship services. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMeN8>



## Memory Verse

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty.  
[ Zechariah 4:6b | NIV ]



[ 6 ] APOSTLES' CREED: HOLY SPIRIT

## 2. The Holy Catholic Church

[ Ephesians 4:1-16, 1Peter 2:5, 9 | NIV ]

### Sermon Outline

#### Introduction - The Age of Lonely Spirituality

- ▶ We live in a customizable world, and many of us have brought that mindset into our faith. We want Jesus, but not always commitment. We want community, but not inconvenience. Yet the question is: Did Jesus come to create isolated believers, or did He come to create a people?

#### Point 1 - The Church: Christ Creates a Family, Not a Club

- ▶ Ephesians 2 reminds us that we were once far away, but in Christ we have been brought by His blood.
- ▶ The church does not begin with our preferences. It begins at the cross.
- ▶ The church is not a religious club for people who naturally fit together. It is the family Christ creates by His grace.
- ▶ **Key Thought:** Before the church is something we choose, it is something Christ creates

#### Point 2 - Holy: Christ Sets His People Apart and Makes Them Clean

- ▶ The church is holy, not because she is perfect, but because she belongs to God.
- ▶ In Exodus 19, God calls Israel a holy nation. In 1 Peter 2, that same language is applied to the church: a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession.
- ▶ The church is holy because Christ loves her, gave Himself for her, and is making her holy.
- ▶ **Key Thought:** A holy church is not a perfect church. A holy church is a people who belong to God and are being made like Christ together.

### My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

### Point 3 - Catholic: Christ's Universal Church Becomes Visible in the Local Church

- ▶ “Catholic” does not mean Roman Catholic. It means universal.
- ▶ There is one church because there is one Lord. The church is bigger than one culture, one denomination, one generation, one worship style, or one local congregation.
- ▶ But the universal church becomes real in the local church - among actual people with actual names, needs, weakness, and gifts.
- ▶ **Key Thought:** It is easy to love “the church” as an idea. It is harder, and holier, to love this church, these people, in this body.

### Conclusion - You are Not Alone

- ▶ When we say, “I believe in the holy catholic church,” we mean that Christ has brought us near, made us His people, set us apart, and joined us to one another.
- ▶ The invitation is not simply, “Go to church more.”
- ▶ The invitation is deeper: receive the church as one of Christ's gift to His people.
- ▶ Christ loves His church. Christ died for His church. Christ is building His church.
- ▶ And if we belong to Him, then we belong to one another.
- ▶ **Final Thought:** You are not alone.

### My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

### My Prayer Response

- ▶ Write down your responsive prayer for God's word today.


### My Action Response

- ▶ What changes will you make in response to God's word today?

## Small Group Discussion

1. The sermon begins by describing our culture as highly customizable. In what ways can we be tempted to “customize” our faith or treat church like a consumer product?
2. Ephesians 2 says that those who were once “far away” have been “brought near by the blood of Christ.” How does remembering this change the way we view belonging to the church?
3. The sermon says, “The church is holy, not because she is perfect, but because she belongs to God.” How does this help us hold together both love for the church and honesty about the church’s weaknesses?
4. What is the difference between healthy discernment about a church and consumeristic church-hopping? How can we tell the difference in our own hearts?
5. The sermon says that the universal church becomes real in the local church. Who are some people in the local church God may be using to form your patience, humility, forgiveness, or love?
6. What is one concrete way you can move from simply attending church to belonging more deeply to the body of Christ?

## Announcements

- ▶ The church is launching its new **Integrated Fundraising Campaign Platform (IFC)**, with the youth mission to **SERVE** this July acting as the inaugural fundraiser from May 9 through June 30. Website: <https://www.westsidebaptist.ca/serve-2026>.
- ▶ **South Delta Mission:** Please use these QR Codes to download the information brochure and watch the recording of the Vision Sharing event.
- ▶ The **semi-annual general meeting** will be held in the main hall on July 26, 2026 (Sunday), at 2:00pm; members are kindly requested to attend. Agenda details to follow shortly.
- ▶ **Summer Block Party.** Help us bless our neighbors this BC Day! For details please contact Pastor Mark.
  - ▶ When: Monday, Aug 3 | 10 AM – 4 PM
  - ▶ Activities: Games, Food, Market, & Worship
  - ▶ Volunteer With Us: We need help with setup, games, food, and cleanup.
  - ▶ Shifts are flexible—even two hours helps!
  - ▶ Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/gVSqQxcV84oqWXwB6>
- ▶ **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**
  - ▶ Theme: Rome: Paul & the Underground Church
  - ▶ Date: Aug 24 – 28 (Mon to Fri)
  - ▶ Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
  - ▶ Eligibility: Children entering Grades 1–5 this September
  - ▶ Fee: \$99 per person
  - ▶ Registration Link: <https://l1nk.dev/orew78u>
  - ▶ Limited spots available. Deadline: May 31.
- ▶ **MOCHi - the church outreach ministry:** Lighting up the Marpole & Oakridge communities. Building closer neighborhood ties through events and resources. You and your friends/family are welcome to join! Website: [www.amazingmochi.ca](http://www.amazingmochi.ca).
- ▶ **MOCHi Community Event – FIFA World Cup 2026.** We are looking for an enthusiastic hospitality team to welcome our neighbours! If you love to serve and want to be part of the excitement, please register at: <https://forms.gle/GdzzR3cV4Wxiv7q36>