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May 31, 2020 ~ Pentecost Sunday

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Mona Guffey, Joseph Waters, Sam Baker, Oneida Blagg, Don Troyer, and Michael Mauss, and all those in harm's way.
Rest in Peace: Roger Johnson

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Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
May 17	\$5,588	\$935

From the treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus, Bishop

The sending of the Holy Spirit

When the Lord told his disciples *to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation.

The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Dean

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Faith Formation

2019-20 Faith Formation Tuition Is **DUE**

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Family Catechesis Corner



May-Hope

In the moment of receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, our soul receives many extraordinary gifts, among which are the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. These gifts are like little seeds planted in the garden of our soul. All seeds in a garden must be cultivated constantly. If not, the weeds can choke and suffocate the good plants. One of the most attacked of all the virtues in the modern world is the virtue of hope. During this unique time of separation from the Sacraments and our parish community, let us not lose hope that the people of God's church will come together again as a community soon.

"Christian hope unfolds from the beginning of Jesus' preaching in the proclamation of the *beatitudes*. The beatitudes raise our hope toward heaven as the new Promised Land; they trace the path that leads through the trials that await the disciples of Jesus. But through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us in the "hope that does not disappoint." 88 Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul . . . that enters . . . where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf." 89 Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: "Let us . . . put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." 90 It affords us joy even under trial: "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation." 91 Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire." (CCC 1820)

Family Project:

Make some cookies or plant some seeds in your yard. These two activities, among others, are great ways to spend quality time together. Quality time with those you love is one of the best ways to show hope for the future.

"All my work began with a simple Hail Mary for Our Lady's help." -St. John Bosco

All Masses and events cancelled until further notice.

For a complete listing of events please see our *Monthly Insert*, found on our website. To sign up for updates from a parish group go to saintcolumbanyelm.flocknote.com

All RCIA classes are cancelled. Those preparing for Initiation will be contacted directly with more information.



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

These will be resumed when Religious Ed returns.

RESPECT LIFE

FIGHT THE CULTURE OF DEATH WITH A PEN

Do you want to fight for the Right to Life but don't know how? How about writing letters to the editor of our local paper? A person may read it at just the right time and your effort could save a life! Make a difference in our community!

"The gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message." Pope John Paul II

Coffee Hours-Women's Club

No events until further notice.

Knights of Columbus



No events until further notice.

Youth Ministry Grades 6 -12

Sunday Youth Ministry Classes

(6th & 7-11th Confirmation Year 1) begin with the 10:30 am Mass when they resume.

Archbishop Brunet Retreat Center, Federal Way

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



LECTIO: MARY The Queen Mother

In the Old Testament, throughout the line of Davidic kings, the queen was not the wife of the king, but rather the king's mother. Jesus rules as king of heaven and earth with his mother, Mary, as the queen mother.

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"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

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May 27, 2020



Dear Catholic Faithful of Washington State,

Today the governor announced directives for resuming public worship. Like the governor, we bishops remain focused on public health and working on behalf of the common good. We bishops across Washington state look forward to safely resuming public celebration of the Eucharist according to the strict protocols as outlined by each of our dioceses and the archdiocese.

We are committed to the health and safety of parishioners and the greater community. Parish leaders have received our reopening guidelines as promulgated by each local diocesan bishop. Once parish leaders have informed their local bishop that the required safety measures are in place, they may resume celebration of the Eucharist according to the new protocols. Worship may begin as early as this weekend.

Reopening will not mean an immediate return to all of our practices prior to the suspension of public Masses. Your patience, understanding, and cooperation are appreciated. Kindly refer to the new protocols for Mass that will soon be posted on your diocesan webpage. Under the new protocols for Mass:

- Anyone experiencing a fever or symptoms must remain at home and not attend Mass.
- Parishioners may receive Communion only in the hand.
- Practice strict social distancing of 6 feet apart from members of different households.
- Parishioners must wear masks.
- Mass will be of shorter duration.

Safety measures are employed, not out of fear, but out of love for neighbor and concern for the vulnerable. As the impact of the novel coronavirus can be unpredictable, we will work with public health authorities to ensure that the highest standards of safety are implemented.

The dispensation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect. Thus, while it is possible for the faithful to begin to return to Mass, it is not an obligation. Livestreaming of Masses will continue, and to maintain social distancing the numbers of parishioners permitted to attend a single Mass will be limited. While we are separated physically, we are still part of one church community.

As we reopen our churches for Mass, we know that these measures are temporary and will be updated over time. We are implementing safety measures to protect the health of our community and care for the vulnerable. We trust in the Lord, and we look forward to the day when we may all attend Mass together.

In the heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne
Archbishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly
Bishop of Spokane

Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg
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PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?



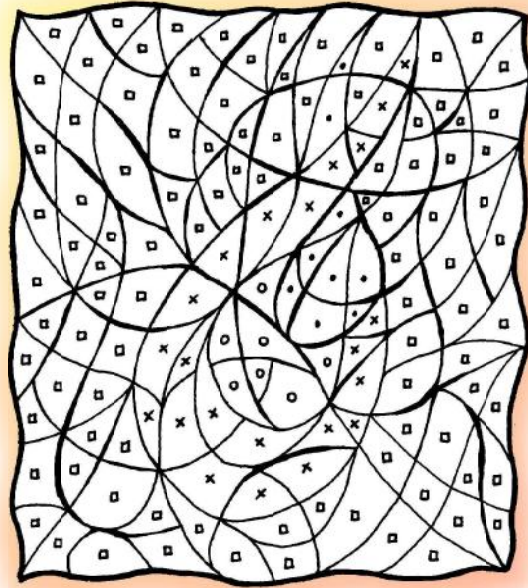
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.

Answers to Unscramble: place, suddenly, wind, house, fire, filled, began, Spirit, BIRTHDAY.

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The Kids' Bulletin

*Pentecost Sunday
May 31st, 2020*



In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?

Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

- red
- blue
- orange
- × yellow

Saint Francis Caracciolo

June 4

ASCANIO WAS A GOOD YOUNG MAN WHO LIVED IN ITALY IN THE 1500'S. WHEN HE GOT LEPROSY HE PROMISED HIS LIFE TO GOD IF HE WAS CURED.

My life belongs to You, Lord! Please heal me!

WHEN HE RECOVERED, HE GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO THE POOR AND STUDIED FOR THE PRIESTHOOD.

Here, I don't need these.

HE BECAME A PRIEST IN AN ORDER THAT CARED FOR PRISONERS WHO WOULD BE EXECUTED.

Would you like me to hear your confession?

Dear Father, I would like you to help me to start a new order of religious men. The mission of the order will be to pray for the poor.

BUT ONE DAY BY MISTAKE HE RECEIVED A LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO A RELATIVE.

ASCANIO AND FATHER ADORNO BEGAN THE NEW ORDER. ASCANIO CHANGED HIS NAME TO FRANCIS.

This will be a good house for us.

THIS NEW ORDER DID LOTS OF PENANCE AND HAD CONSTANT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Me, a bishop. No! This is not God's plan.

IN SPITE OF HIS PROTESTS, FRANCIS WAS MADE THE SUPERIOR OF HIS ORDER. HOWEVER, WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO BECOME A BISHOP HE REFUSED.

ST. FRANCIS CARACCILO DIED WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 45. HIS ORDER WAS THE ORDER OF MINOR CLERKS REGULAR. THEY TOOK A VOW TO NOT TRY TO GET INTO HIGH POSITIONS IN THE CHURCH. THEIR WORK WAS TO PRAY AND DO SACRIFICES TO MAKE UP FOR PEOPLE'S SINS. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP MAKE UP FOR SINS?

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Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

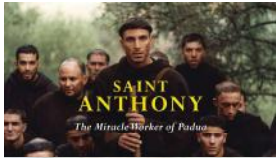
When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one 7 [LCPAE] together. And 8 [ENYLUSSD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving 6 [DWNI] and it filled the entire 5 [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of 3 [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all 2 [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and 1 [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the 4 [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

Pentecost is the _____ of the Church!



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June 2020 Liturgical Calendar

- 6/1 **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
Study: Lectio: Mary - The Queen Mother
Listen: Mary - The Indispensable Mother of God
- 6/7 **The Most Holy Trinity**
Study: Symbolon - The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith, and the God Who is Love
Listen: The Holy Spirit - The Third Person of the Trinity
Study: The Wild Goose - Breath of God
- 6/13 **Saint Anthony of Padua**
Watch: Saint Anthony: The Miracle Worker of Padua
Kids: Lukas Storyteller - Saint Anthony of Padua
- 6/14 **Corpus Christi**
Listen: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist
Watch: Why Believe? Volume 2, Chapter 12 - Belief about the Eucharist
Study: Presence - The Story of the Eucharist
- 6/19 **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Listen: Jesus the Bridegroom
Read: Heart of the Redeemer
Study: Lectio: Salvation
- 6/20 **Immaculate Heart of Mary**
Read: Redemptoris Mater by Saint Pope John Paul II
Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary - The Promised Mother
- 6/24 **Saint John the Baptist**
Watch: Reborn
Watch: Ready Reasons - Is Baptism Necessary for Salvation?
- 6/29 **Saints Peter and Paul**
Listen: Saint Paul by Pope Benedict XVI
Watch: Saint Peter

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At Home with Faith

Our world needs the Holy Spirit, especially during these difficult times. Jesus gives us His peace and the Holy Spirit. He does this to strengthen us so we can share the gift of that Spirit with others.



Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

Our response to this pandemic follows a pattern. At first, shock and a little denial: “What’s the big deal? Isn’t it just like the flu?” Then, when we realize the threat, we all rally together with common purpose. But after that, we enter into a difficult phase. The threat isn’t going away, we’re sick of dealing with it, and we aren’t sure how to go forward.

Believe it or not, that’s pretty much how the disciples feel in this Sunday’s Gospel. As Christians, they aren’t welcome in the synagogues or with the Romans. Jesus appears and gives them the Holy Spirit. He doesn’t give them solutions to their problems. What he does give them is the Spirit to equip them for mission.

Acts 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles.

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

God sends His Spirit and renews the face of the Earth.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to the Disciples and says, “Peace be with you.”

At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

- Normally, this is the time of year when our bishops are travelling around the Archdiocese confirming Catholics. Do you remember when you were confirmed? Share a little about the experience with your children. If the experience didn't impact you emotionally at the time, that's OK. Sometimes it takes years for us to realize how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives. You can share that with your children, too — that you are still growing in your relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- Tell your children about your patron saint. If you picked that saint as your Confirmation saint, tell them why. Ask your children about who some of their favorite saints are. Talk to your children about the virtues of some of your favorite saints, and tell them if you see any of these virtues in them. To learn more about some saints your children might like, go [here](#).
- The Bubonic Plague frightened people even more than the Coronavirus, but St. Catherine of Siena wasn't afraid. By bravely caring for the sick and using humor to encourage her neighbors, she inspired everyone around her. She went on to be a great teacher and diplomat. Learn more about her [here](#).
- Catch your children doing something good and tell them that they are expressing one of the [gifts of the Holy Spirit](#): Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.



“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place *together*.” (Acts 2:1)

Even as we remain physically separated from one another, let us take comfort in the Holy Spirit which unites us.

On Pentecost, we celebrate how Jesus sent us the Spirit, the love between the Father and Son, who gives us life and strength. It's also a time to remember our Confirmation: when we received, in a special way, the gift of the Holy Spirit to bring the Good News of Jesus to the world through both words and action.

Right now, as we are uncertain how much longer we can take the challenges and hardships imposed by the coronavirus, we need the strength of the Holy Spirit to respond. We need the Spirit to empower us so that we can help others as God calls us to do. We also need the Spirit to bring us peace, so that we can share that same peace with those we love.

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 will renew the face of the earth.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit,
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Pentecost Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus



Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleluia.



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

- SUN 5/31** **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23
- MON 6/1** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- TUE 6/2** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
- WED 6/3** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
- THR 6/4** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
- FRI 6/5** 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/
Mk 12:35-37
- SAT 6/6** 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44
- SUN 6/7** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Norbert, Bishop

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

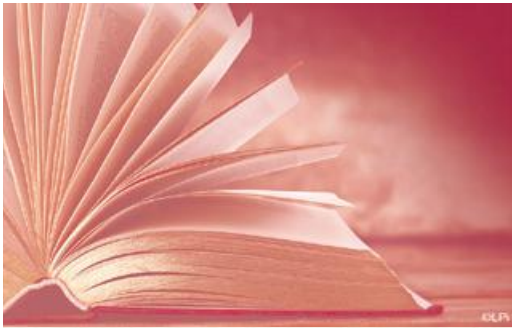
With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life changing things!



*And they
were all filled
with the
Holy
Spirit*

-ACTS 2:4

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)



PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) or Alleluia



SECOND READING

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)



GOSPEL

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:22-23)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Tithing vs. Stewardship

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

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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. Whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them, and whose
sins you retain are retained.”

— Jn 20:21-23

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

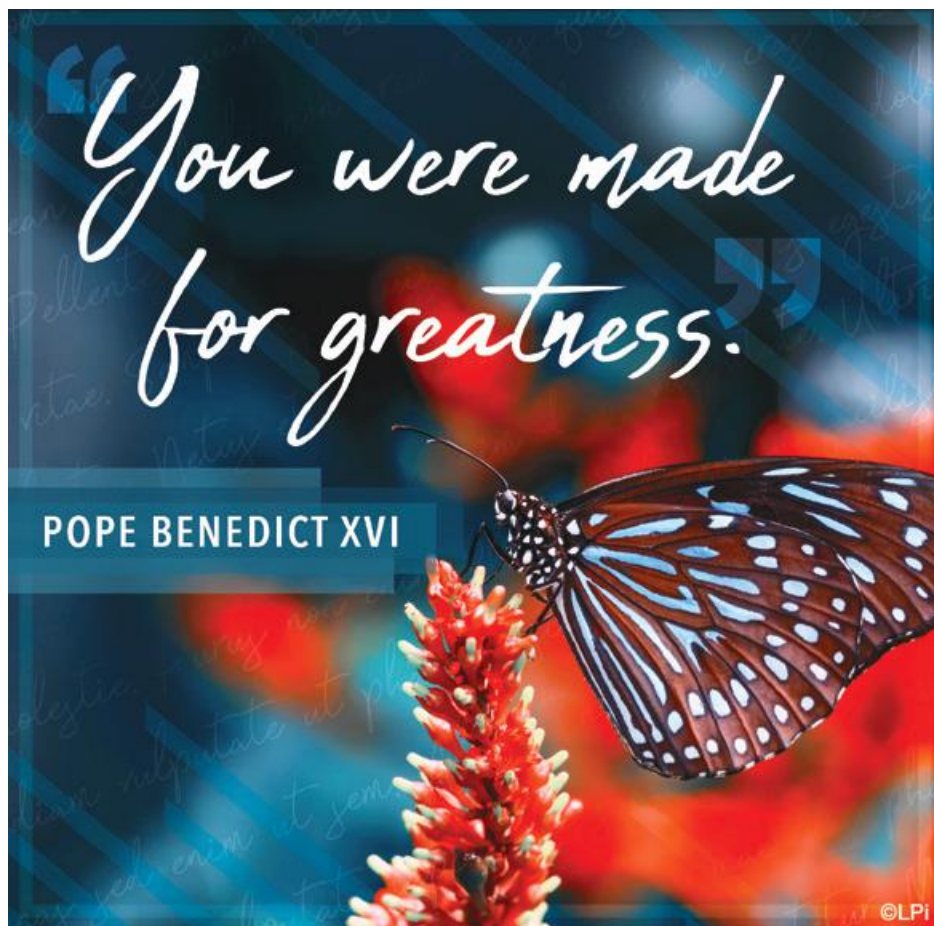
The birth of the Church occurs with the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles. Luke presents this as an experience of unity. How do you see your faith community promoting unity of mind and spirit?

Second Reading

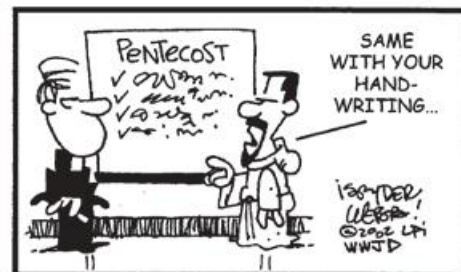
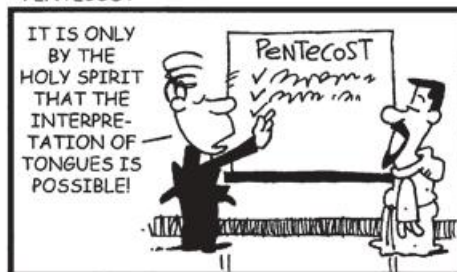
Paul speaks to the Christians in Corinth of the gifts and benefits of the Holy Spirit for believers. What Spirit-driven gifts do you possess?

Gospel Reading

John tells us how the resurrected Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit directly to the disciples, empowering them to forgive sins. How often do you use the gift of forgiveness?



PENTECOST

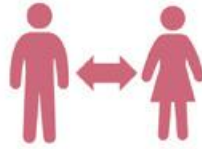


HEALTH AND WELLNESS

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*Jesus stood up and
exclaimed, "Let
anyone who thirsts
come to me and drink.
As Scripture says:*

*Rivers of living water
will flow from
within him who
believes in me."*

*He said this in
reference to the Spirit
that those who came
to believe in him
were to receive.*

- Jn 7:37b-39a

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PRAY



**SAINT
BONIFACE**

JUNE 5

*Chosen
for
Greatness*

Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.
Amen

Pentecost Sunday



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Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the 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.

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council and today's memorial was decreed by Pope Francis in 2018.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (June 1)

In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost, taking precedence over an obligatory Memorial that coincides with it.

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