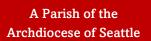
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May 28, 2023

St. Columban Church 506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM Saturday 5:00 PM **Daily Mass** 9:00 AM (Tuesday-Friday, Except First Fridays)

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 6:30 PM

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick By request

Baptism & Wedding Preparation

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Entrance Antiphon: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Pentecost

St. Peter Mission 149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

> Sunday Mass 8:00 AM First Friday Mass 9:00 AM Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 AM **Anointing of the Sick** By request

Parish Office Hours at St. Columban Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Friday by appointment

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Providing emergency assistance for those in need. Help Line: 360-458-1904

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Acclamation: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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On the Cover: Jean II Restout Pentecôte, 1732

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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

	er of the Church
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM	Church
TUESDAY May 30	
Mass 9:00 AM	Church
Choir Practice 6:00PM	Church
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY May 31 Visita	ation of the BVM
Mass 9:00 AM	Church
Bible Study 11:00AM	St. Peter
THURSDAY June 1 S	St. Justin, Martyr
Mass 9:00AM	Church
Sunday Scripture Study 6:30PM	
FRIDAY June 2 Sts. Marcellinus 8	<u>& Peter, Martyrs</u>
First Friday Mass 9:00AM	St. Peter
+In Memory of: Richard Bailey RIP	
First Friday Devotions 6:30PM	Church
SATURDAY June 3 St. Charles Lwanga &	Comp, Martyrs
Confession 3:30PM	Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM Int.: Pro	o <i>Populo</i> Church
SUNDAY June 4	Holy Trinity
Confession 7:30-7:45AM	St. Peter
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM Int.: Pro Populo	St. Peter

Sunday Mass 10:30 AM Int.: Pro Populo

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St. Columban Catholic Church in Yelm is seeking a part-time (12–15 hours per week) bookkeeper.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to overseeing weekly donation

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frthompson@saintcolumbanyelm.org.

Can you recall the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit? Test your knowledge before seeing the answer on Page 5.

A Word from Father Thompson



As you may well know, I get very suspicious as well as very easily annoyed when people invoke the Holy Spirit too easily. I do believe the Holy Spirit can and does guide and prompt and inspire people to do and to say certain things, and that when He is genuinely acting and speaking we ought to listen. However, all too often the people in our age who invoke the Holy Spirit so often do so as a trump card, a tactic to shut down any objection to the content of what they themselves are doing or saying; So many self-proclaimed "Spirit led" or "Prophetic" persons and institutions speak and behave in ways that in bolder days the Church would openly—and rightly—denounce as heretical. As I will sometimes glibly say, such people may be led by a spirit, but I have some level of confidence it is not the spirit of God (Incidentally, I struggled over that last clause, exactly because I do not want to take the Holy Spirit lightly or use His name in vail to claim He does or does not want something).

The Holy Spirit is indeed vital and energizing, but He is not a spirit of change for change's sake, nor for the sake of compromise with the World, nor (as Jesus Christ makes clear in the Gospel of John) does the Holy Spirit speak on his own: He is first and foremost the one that confirms us in the Truth of Jesus Christ, the Word of God the Father. Yes, we may be surprised by the Holy Spirit prompting someone to express the unchanging and unchangeable truth of the Gospel in some new-to-us way or with a new-to-us perspective—or historically more often, calling us back to fidelity when we have strayed—but we need to remember the surprise is on our end and does not mean that God or the Gospel or anything in the Gospel has changed. All that the Holy Spirit shows us is already contained within the Deposit of Faith and is always in perfect continuity with what he has inspired the Church to know and treasure in the past. The Holy Spirit is God; he does not deceive or change or confirm himself to our desires and agenda.

This reality is why I am so troubled by people who lightly invoke the Holy Spirit or claim He desires some utterly novel thing, or that what the Church always and everywhere has held is somehow obsolete. It is seriously wrong to take the Name of the Lord in vain, and while that commandment does involve respect for God and prohibits such things as blasphemous cursing or and such, to appeal to God's will or to put words into His mouth that one is not certain he himself has said is the truer and much graver sin.

All that said, do pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and listen if and when that guidance comes, but only remember to test all things, even supposed promptings of the Holy Spirit, against the known truth given to us once, entirely, inerrantly, and whole by Father through his Son.

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Remember in Your Prayers



Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of our homebound brothers and sisters and those who have asked for our prayers:

The Sick and Homebound

Jessica Nash, Mary Taylor, Dan & Jeanine Kavanaugh, Vivienne Hayden, Kolleen Kelly, Eitan Hadayo

The Deceased All deceased service members.

MEMORIAL DAY DELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER

To add a name to this list or request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office. All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for

privacy purposes. St. Columban Prayer Chain: Confidential and

private prayer chain. To join, contact the parish office.

Extraordinary Intentions

+ All those in harm's way, especially those experiencing

+ All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

natural disasters and terrorism.

one to pray for them.

Elementary & Adult Faith Formation

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Simple Celebrations for Everyone: Pentecost by Tami Kiser from Catholicmom.com

You don't have to be *Super Holy Woman* or homeschool 12 kids or even wear a veil in Mass to celebrate the liturgical seasons of the Church. These are for everyone!

It may be slightly awkward at first, but like all things new, these celebrations--with a little consistency--can be a part of your family's life. They will happen just like birthday parties and other common holidays. And if your family is anything like mine, you can use any reminder of Jesus you can get.

And what do I mean by celebrating liturgical feasts or holy days? In a simple, but meaningful way, I suggest that the occasion is

clearly mentioned ("Hey, it's Pentecost--when the Holy Spirit came to the Church"), a meal is had together, and a prayer is said. Of course much more can be added—like desserts, attending Mass, decorations, themed food, crafts, and stories, but these are just extras—not essentials.

Pentecost is a great one to celebrate for beginners. It always is celebrated on a Sunday, so that usually makes it easier to plan something. It's also is a great time for picnics as the weather is finally getting nicer.

Many prayers can be found online for Pentecost—I've listed one below that we like to use. You can really use any prayer that is specific to the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is often said to be the birth of the Church, so a birthday cake makes a fine dessert. Here is a simple cake I often make (in any flavor) with the sign of the Holy Spirit on it. Candles can also be put on the cake as signs of the tongues of fire that landed upon the apostles' heads.

The perfect ending to the evening is a bonfire. Again, signifying the tongues of fire.

Keep it simple, and keep it Christ-centered. Yes, you can celebrate Pentecost with your family this Sunday!

A link to this article and the *Chaplet of the Holy Spirit* prayer will be imbedded to our Sunday E-bulletin.

For other ideas on how to celebrate check out :

Shower of roses at https://showerofrosesblog.com/2010/windsock-for-pentecost/

Catholic lcing at https://www.catholicicing.com/whos-ready-to-celebrate-pentecost/



Our RCIA classes have come to an end. Registration is now open for the upcoming year 2023-2024 are happening now through September when classes begin. Please contact Gaby Makinster for more information on how to register.

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

All classes for the 22-23 catechetical school year have come to an end. We are now accepting registrations for the 23-24 catechetical school year.

Tuition is used for the purchase of the curriculum books used in class along with other catechetical items.

From the Archdiocese

ACA UPDATE! LOOK FOR YOUR LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE Archbishop is grateful for all the gifts you share with our parish and our diocese. This week he is sending out a letter to those still considering their gift to the ACA campaign. He is inviting you to participate in supporting our own local Catholic community through your gift. The funds pledged will

support many archdiocesan-wide ministries including mental health, faith formation and CYO camps--- where each summer thousands of children learn respect and dignity for themselves, others and the environment---all through Catholic teachings. Please take time to consider Archbishop Etienne's enclosed note. Keep an eye on the tracking thermometer on our website to see our progress!



Ever thought of working for the Church?

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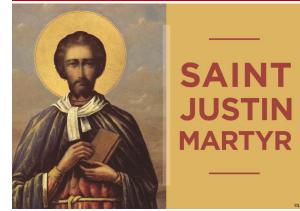
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Saint of the Week



From the Acts of the martyrdom of Saint Justin and his companion saints I have accepted the true doctrines of the Christians

The saints were seized and brought before the prefect of Rome, whose name was Rusticus. As they stood before the judgment seat, Rusticus the prefect said to Justin: "Above all, have faith in the gods and obey the emperors." Justin said: "We cannot be accused or condemned for obeying the commands of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

Rusticus said: "What system of teaching do you profess?" Justin said: "I have tried to learn about every system, but I have accepted the true doctrines of the Christians, though these are not approved by those who are held fast by error."

The prefect Rusticus said: "Are those doctrines approved by you, wretch that you are?" Justin said: "Yes, for I follow them with their correct teaching."

The prefect Rusticus said: "What sort of teaching is that?" Justin said: "Worship the God of the Christians. We hold him to be from the beginning the one creator and maker of the whole creation, of things seen and things unseen. We worship

also the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He was foretold by the prophets as the future herald of salvation for the human race and the teacher of distinguished disciples. For myself, since I am a human being, I consider that what I say is insignificant in comparison with his infinite godhead. I acknowledge the existence of a prophetic power, for the one I have just spoken of as the Son of God was the subject of prophecy. I know that the prophets were inspired from above when they spoke of his coming among men."

Rusticus said: "You are a Christian, then?" Justin said: "Yes, I am a Christian." The prefect said to Justin: "You are called a learned man and think that you know what is true teaching. Listen: if you were scourged and beheaded, are you convinced that you would go up to heaven?" Justin said: "I hope that I shall enter God's house if I suffer that way. For I know that God's favor is stored up until the end of the whole world for all who have lived good lives."

The prefect Rusticus said: "Do you have an idea that you will go up to heaven to receive some suitable rewards?" Justin said: "It is not an idea that I have; it is something I know well and hold to be most certain."

The prefect Rusticus said: "Now let us come to the point at issue, which is necessary and urgent. Gather round then and with one accord offer sacrifice to the gods." Justin said: "No one who is right thinking stoops from true worship to false worship."

The prefect Rusticus said: "If you do not do as you are commanded you will be tortured without mercy." Justin said: "We hope to suffer torment for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so be saved. For this will bring us salvation and confidence as we stand before the more terrible and universal judgment-seat of our Lord and Savior."

In the same way the other martyrs also said: "Do what you will. We are Christians; we do not offer sacrifice to idols."

The prefect Rusticus pronounced sentence, saying: "Let those who have refused to sacrifice to the gods and to obey the command of the emperor be scourged and led away to suffer capital punishment according to the ruling of the laws." Glorifying God, the holy martyrs went out to the accustomed place. They were beheaded, and so fulfilled their witness of martyrdom in confessing their faith in their Savior.

Youth Ministry

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1831 The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.

Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God ... If children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:14, 17)

1832 The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity."

Questions of the Week

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Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings:

First Reading Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles were able to speak "of the mighty acts of God" in many different languages. This speaks of God's desire for all believers to be united. How could you promote unity among those who believe?

Second Reading Paul speaks of the many different individual gifts of the Spirit that are intended to benefit the larger community. What is the gift you bring to your family or community of friends?

Gospel Reading With the power of the Holy Spirit, the resurrected Jesus instructs the disciples with this calling: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." How strong is your sense of vocation?

Our primary identity is as beloved sons and beloved daughters of God, no matter what. You are here because God wanted you here. Willing our existence, God create each of us out of love to love and for love.

We glorify God by striving to fully live our

state in live. God gave us families and communities where we learn our faith, pray for each other's needs, and build virtue together as members of his Church, the Body of Christ.

As pilgrims on a journey together we are always on mission. We attend Holy Mass and receive the sacraments to better endure the trials of life, train us to be of service to one another, and to prepare us for eternal life in Heaven.

Parish Ministries & Events

Sponsored by the Daughters of Mary

Please contact Jennifer at the Parish Office for more information about events and to connect with our various parish groups: 360-458-3031 x1 jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org

First Friday June 2

+ Mass 9am at St. Peter Tenino

> + Eucharistic Adoration & Devotions 6:30pm at St. Columban

Corpus Christi Procession June 11

Immediately following the 10:30am Mass



Sunday, June 18, Parish Hall following the 10:30am Mass



Presented by The Knights of Columbus Council 17152, Assembly 3947 Saturday June 24, 9am-3pm / In conjunction with Yelm Prairie Days 2023

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Daughters of Mary Monthly Meeting June 13th, 10:00 AM RE Bldg.

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Next Council Meeting: June 21, Begins with Evening Prayer in the Church at 5:30 PM

Next Assembly Meeting: June 19

Join us for our next breakfast! June 25, after the

Prayer Groups Rosary Group Mondays 7pm, Church Spanish Group Tuesdays 6:30pm, Hall

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting June 15, 7:00 PM Parish Hall



St. Peter Mission Tenino Next Meeting July 11th 9:30 AM



Catholic Media Recommendations for Everyone



Our parish pays for a subscription to FORMED.org, a streaming service from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius press.

Go to <u>formed.org/signup</u> and enter our parish name to redeem your FREE membership.

Once logged-in access these suggestions at <u>watch.formed.org/this-week-on</u> <u>-formed</u>







God's Love Poured Out

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. In this episode of The Wild Goose, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love.

The Journey: Trinity, Faith

The Bible reveals the mystery of who God is: God is love. God created us out of love, died for us out of love, and invites us on a journey of faith in which we live in his love. In this study, we'll look at the God who is Love and how that love shows itself in the Trinity and the Faith.

Joyful Mysteries

As we celebrate the Visitation this week, we invite you to pray the Joyful Mysteries alongside this spoken Rosary set to music. Enter into some of the most joy-filled moments of Our Lord Jesus Christ's life, alongside the Blessed Virgin, through this devotional prayer and accompanying Scripture passages.



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-Luke 6:38

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For Immediate Release

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne Issues Joint Letter with Archbishop of Santa Fe and the Bishops of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Urging G7 Leaders to Take Steps Toward Nuclear Disarmament

SEATTLE, May 16, 2023 – Archbishop Paul D. Etienne along with Archbishop John C. Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Archbishop Peter Michiaki Nakamura of Nagasaki, Japan and Bishop Alexis Mitsuru Shirahama, of Hiroshima, Japan, issued a joint letter to the G7 leaders urging for immediate action to prevent further proliferation of nuclear arms. Together they request peace and disarmament – a sentiment echoed by millions around the world. Their appeal to the G7 leaders carries the weight of moral responsibility and represents a unified call for concrete steps towards a safe and more secure world for everyone. Please see a copy of the letter below:

May 15, 2023

Dear G7 Leaders,

We, the undersigned spiritual leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, urge you to use the upcoming summit of the International Group of Seven to undertake concrete steps toward global, verifiable nuclear disarmament.

We commend Prime Minister Fumio Kishida for choosing the City of Hiroshima, the first victim of nuclear war, as the summit venue. That alone is a powerful message. We enthusiastically welcome the meeting between G7 leaders and the *hibakusha* - the survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki – as a step toward recognizing the long-lasting horrors of nuclear warfare.

As the Roman Catholic spiritual leaders of the diocese with the most spending on nuclear weapons in the United States (Santa Fe, NM), the diocese with the most deployed strategic nuclear weapons in the United States (Seattle, WA), and the only two dioceses in the world to have suffered atomic attacks (Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan), we are compelled by providence to speak out.

As Prime Minister Kishida observed, the summit presents a unique opportunity "to deepen discussions so that we can release a strong message toward realizing a world free of nuclear weapons" and to "demonstrate a firm commitment to absolutely reject the threat or use of nuclear weapons."

We strongly agree. We, therefore, urge you to use the summit to center international attention on the importance of nuclear arms control and disarmament and demonstrate a global commitment to nonproliferation efforts. Rather than viewing the war in Ukraine as an overwhelming impediment toward making substantial progress, we view it instead as a clear demonstration of the absolute need to do so.

Specifically, we encourage G7 leaders to:

• acknowledge the tremendous, long-lasting human suffering the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings inflicted upon the *hibakusha;* acknowledge the tremendous, long-lasting human

suffering that production and nuclear weapons testing caused to downwinders around the world;

- reiterate a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought, as well as emphasize that, as the G-20 agreed to in November 2022, the use and the threat of use of nuclear weapons are "inadmissible";
- reaffirm the goal of a future world free of nuclear weapons;
- announce and commit to concrete steps to prevent a new arms race, guard against nuclear weapons use, and advance nuclear disarmament;
- reiterate that serious talks should be restored between the United States and Russia to renew full implementation of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty and to negotiate a follow-on treaty; and finally,
- honor the international mandate to enter into serious multilateral negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament, pledged more than a half-century ago in the 1970 Non Proliferation Treaty.

Throughout the years, world leaders have spoken about the need to eliminate the threat of nuclear weapons, prevent a new nuclear arms race, and avoid the ultimate catastrophe that is potentially civilization-ending nuclear war. These calls have long been echoed by many notable world leaders, such as Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan, and Pope Francis. But it is now time to translate rhetoric into action.

We believe today's new nuclear arms race is more dangerous than the first arms race, given multiple nuclear actors and the advent of new cyber and hypersonic weapons and artificial intelligence. Former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara asserted that humanity survived the Cuban Missile Crisis only by luck. Luck is not sufficient to ensure the continuing survival of the human race.

We strongly urge world leaders at the G7 Summit to show by example how international leadership is ready, willing, and able to work with nuclear weapons and non-nuclear weapons states to ensure no country or city ever suffers the horrors of nuclear war again.

Yours in the hopes of humanity for lasting peace on earth,

Most Reverend John C. Wester	Most Reverend Paul Etienne
Archbishop of Santa Fe, NM	Archbishop of Seattle, WA
Most Reverend Peter Michiaki Nakamura	Most Reverend Alexis Mitsuru Shirahama
Archbishop of Nagasaki, Japan	Bishop of Hiroshima, Japan

End of Letter

With the looming threat of nuclear conflict, the bishops advocate for a comprehensive approach that includes transparency, dialogue, and cooperation among nations. Their plea highlights the moral imperative of prioritizing human security, fostering trust-building measures, and investing in peaceful alternatives.

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As the Father Sent Me, So I Send You May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

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Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples and sends them out to continue his work in the world. We, too, have been given the Holy Spirit, and to be his disciples in our own way.



Read

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

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit <u>www.usccb.org/bible/readings</u> or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings. When we think of being sent on a mission, we might think about the act of going out to others. But in this gospel reading, we see Jesus meeting his disciples where they were hiding for fear of the Jews. He greeted his disciples with peace, assuring them with the sight of his wounds, and greeting them with peace again. Even as he sent them out, he breathed on them and sent the Holy Spirit to be with them on the journey.

Sometimes we may feel overwhelmed by our Christian calling. This is natural. But Jesus always comes to meet us where we are. He brings us peace and breathes the Holy Spirit into us giving us courage and strength for the work ahead.

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit appears to the disciples as tongues of fire.

Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34 Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 We are many parts but all one body in Christ.

John 20:19-23 Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family. Nelson Mandela once said, "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not the one who does not feel afraid, but the one who conquers that fear." Today's gospel reading begins by painting a scene of the room where the disciples were hiding in fear behind locked doors. Jesus meets them in this frightened state, and his first words were not to express disappointment or order his disciples to be brave. He greeted his disciples with the words we now repeat to one another at Mass: "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

Think of a time when you felt afraid to do something. How were you greeted by the people around you? Were you shamed for feeling scared, or pressured into doing what scared you? Were you coddled out of taking the risk, or told that you didn't have what it takes to overcome the challenge? How did those words influence your thoughts, emotions, and actions in that moment?

Imagine what would happen if, every time we shared our fears with each other, we were greeted with the words, "Peace be with you." How might that change the way we show up for each other and for ourselves during challenging times?

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Celebrate the Easter Season April 9 to May 28 Read these words from the hymn, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" by Edwin Hatch (1878). Even if you don't know the melody, use the words to invite the Holy Spirit into your heart and home.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

- "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" by Edwin Hatch (1878)

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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

Sunday's Readings

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:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (2 Cor 12:13)

Gospel:

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." (Jn 20:21-22)

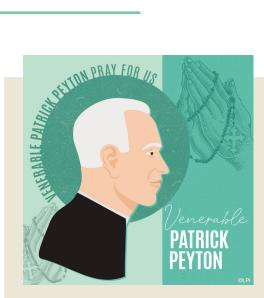
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace to speak in the tongues of many nations. When we engage with those who do not believe, who disagree with us, are we speaking the right language? We have to use the words they are able to understand — not just the words we want to say.

Observances for the week of May 28, 2023

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the
	Church; Memorial Day
Tuesday:	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday:	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Justin, Martyr
Friday:	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions,
	Martyrs
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity



Saint of the week

Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. was an Irish immigrant to the United States. A true pioneer of mass media evangelism, The Rosary Priest reached the entire world with his message of devotion to Christ reminding us that, "A family that prays together stays together."

Prayer

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton

Dear Jesus,

Father Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together every day, especially the rosary.

His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth. We beg you, therefore,

to hasten the day of his beatification so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message

that The Family That Prays Together Stays Together,

will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours,

and will be inspired by his holy life

to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://holycrosscongregation.org/ holy-ones/servant-of-god-patrick-peyton/prayers/)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 28, 2023

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday:

Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

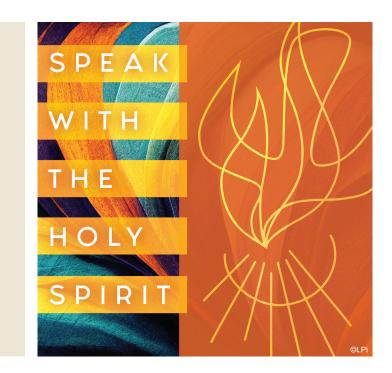
Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

- Father John Muir

(PRACTICING)

The Fame Communicated

"Fire! Fire! They're all gonna die! They're all gonna burn up!"

I had absolutely no hope of restoring order as I read the story of Pentecost with my young children last year. As soon as they glimpsed the tongues of fire hovering over the foreheads of the apostles, they were lost to giggles and shrieks. I sighed, sipped my coffee, and wondered resentfully why the Holy Spirit couldn't have chosen to be a dove on that particular day. Just a nice, peaceful dove.

I'll say this, though: the fire left an impression. It usually does, doesn't it? Fire consumes. It renews. It illuminates. It leaves you breathless with fear and awe. The memory and scent and impact of a flame lingers long after it is extinguished.

When I am trying to explain theology to my kids, I have an awful habit of overcomplicating things. I'd had a whole speech prepared for them about what the Holy Spirit is, but it went out the window as soon as they saw the flames. And you know what? It's probably for the best. They wouldn't have remembered that speech. The flames, though? The flames they remembered. The flame communicated.

As a result of Pentecost, the apostles suddenly had the ability to give the truth to foreigners. Aliens. People who were heretofore beyond their reach, isolated by language. The flame communicated.

God's sense of timing is impeccable, and His delivery is carefully crafted. And on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not descend as a dove or pour forth as water.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit burned.

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." — Psalm 104

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

Liturgical Life

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles were able to speak "of the mighty acts of God" in many different languages. This speaks of God's desire for all believers to be united. How could you promote unity among those who believe?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of the many different individual gifts of the Spirit that are intended to benefit the larger community. What is the gift you bring to your family or community of friends?

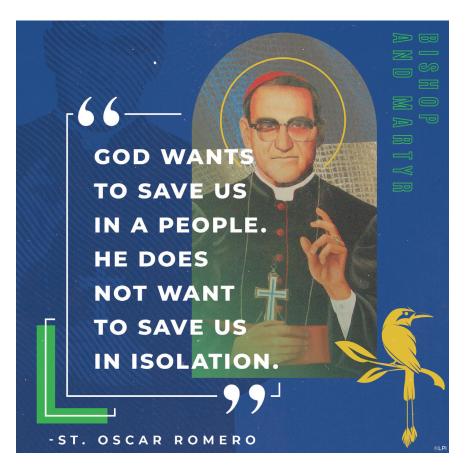
Gospel Reading

With the power of the Holy Spirit, the resurrected Jesus instructs the disciples with this calling: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." How strong is your sense of vocation?



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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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Kids Corner

Prayer

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you forgive others.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave his friends the Holy Spirit, who would always live in their hearts. If any of them were ever sad or afraid, they Holy Spirit comforted them. If someone had sinned, they could bring healing and forgiveness. With the help of the Holy Spirit, they shared God's love with the world.

Now color the picture!

Engrand Engrand



Circle the two identical doves!



