

May 31st 2020 - Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 30

9:00am

4:30pm *All Souls in Purgatory*

Sunday, May 31

8:00am † *Tecla Sacramento*

10:00am † *Antonio Moreno*

12:00pm

Monday, June 1

9:00am

Tuesday, June 2

9:00am *Malachi & Luke Brennan*

Wednesday, June 3

9:00am † *Josefina B. Moran*

Thursday, June 4

9:00am

Friday, June 5

9:00am † *Crisanto O de la Torre*

Saturday, June 6

9:00am

4:30pm † *Milda Binalingbing*

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for **St. Vincent de Paul**. Thank you for your generous support

Parish Office is Open

If you have an urgent need and you must come to the Parish office, please call the office at 415-334-4646 prior to coming. This advance notification will help us be ready for you and to attend to your needs.

If you need to park your vehicle, we will gladly open access to the larger Parking grounds for the purpose. Please wear your face mask before entering the office and respect the social distancing protocol that has been implanted in the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and awe and wonder of the Lord.

From the Desk of the Pastor

Pentecost celebrates the fiftieth day of Easter – a time of fullness and grace.

After our Lenten journey of grace, we celebrated the Easter Triduum and for fifty days reveled in the mystery of Christ's saving death and resurrection. Today, we celebrate God's enduring presence through the promised Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gathers us together to give God thanks and praise for the marvels of salvation.

On that first Pentecost vigil, Jesus' followers gathered in the upper room, while people of all nations waited outside. The disciples murmured a prayer of hope, "Lord, send us your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." The Acts of the Apostles, records, that "a strong driving wind ... 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 of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:2-4). The Gospel shows the disciples as weak human beings, huddled in their room, and afraid. Into this pitiful mass of earthlings Jesus breathes divine life, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22).

God's creative Spirit came to bring about something new, to re-create the world beginning in the upper room, with fire and wind, breath and water filling the frightened apostles (human lumps of clay) with the Holy Spirit of God.

Just like Adam and Eve, they become living beings, re-created in the divine image of God himself. In First Corinthians we learn that through water the same divine life has been instilled in us: "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ... and we were all given to drink of one Spirit" 1 Cor 12:13).

The story of the Pentecost is the story of the Fire of the Holy Spirit, burning in human hearts, which melts and moulds people together in peace and harmony, to dispel the fears, suspicion, misunderstanding, confusion and doubt and fear. With the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, the new born Church took its first breath and came to life.

Through the prayer of the Church, the Holy Spirit comes to us even as we are gathered in prayer today in our church.

The Spirit of God brings Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Holiness and Awe and Wonder of God.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Pentecost

The Holy Spirit, the same Spirit who was present when the foundations of the earth were laid, the Spirit by whom our Savior was conceived, the Spirit that was with Him every day of His life on earth, that same Spirit came and made His dwelling place with the sons of men.

In that rush of wind, in those tongues of flame, as the Holy Spirit came and filled the disciples, the church of the living God was born. In that moment Christianity became more than Jesus' life alone: it became life in everyone who receives the Holy Spirit and walks in Him, not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.

The difference that the Holy Spirit makes in the lives of those He fills is immeasurable. He fills them with a power that is inconceivable to the human mind. The same weak Peter, who only weeks earlier had denied Jesus three times out of cowardice and fear of the consequences, now stood and spoke so powerfully about the life and resurrection of Jesus to the masses of Jews who filled Jerusalem, that 3000 people became believers that day.

The Holy Spirit gave Peter the boldness, the authority, the truth that he had never possessed until then. If that is what the Spirit can do in a person in a day, imagine the results in the life of a person who lives every day, week to week, month to month, year to year being obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. How could they not be transformed into vessels for God's honor? As per the example of Peter, personality types mean nothing. The Holy Spirit gives power beyond human capabilities.

Happy Birthday, Church

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptised. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptised following Peter's sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.