



PENTECOST SUNDAY
SUNDAY – JUNE 9, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost means “fiftieth day” in Greek. In the Old Testament it was known as the Feast of Harvest or the Day of First-Fruits. The Jews also commemorated the promulgation of the Law on Mount Sinai on this day. Pentecost happens fifty days after the Resurrection of the Lord or ten days after His ascension to heaven.

Almost two thousand years ago on this day the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles in the Upper Room - the room where Jesus had the Last Supper; where the Lord reminded them of the New Commandment; where Jesus prayed the High Priestly Prayer to the Father for them; where Jesus, their Master, knelt down and washed their feet, while they prayed fervently with the doors closed because of the fear of the Jews. With the Holy Spirit, they opened the doors and proclaimed the crucified and resurrected Christ.

That Holy Spirit is still with the Church and works in the Church to guide and protect the truth that Jesus Christ entrusted to her and asked her to proclaim to all nations. The Holy Spirit continues to remind the Church what Jesus has said.

Today is also the “birthday” of the Church. By only eleven men on Pentecost day, carrying with them their own weaknesses, the Gospel has been spread to all nations as they themselves lived and proclaimed the Gospel. It was the work of the Holy Spirit that strengthened and encouraged them.

That same Spirit continues to strengthen and encourage the Church and its members to spread the Good News despite the threat, ridicule, or persecution from the anti-Christ peoples, groups, or organizations.

With what happened in the Church and what the Church is trying to “purify and sanctify,” I think now, more than ever, we need to pray to the Holy Spirit (of course we need to pray to the Spirit everyday

asking for guidance and protection) and ask Him to keep the Church in the truth, to encourage the **true** followers of Christ, to protect the Church from the traps of the world, to **open** and **soften** the closed and hardened hearts of many people to the love and mercy of God, to help us to be faithful to the whole teaching of Christ, to sanctify and purify the Church, to send more laborers filled with zeal, humility, holiness, and faithfulness to proclaim the truth of Christ, and . . .

For our community here, let us pray for **unity and holiness** in worship and service, for **courage and perseverance** in living the truth to its fullness as Christ commanded, for **sincerity and humility** in sharing our love to one another, for **wisdom and understanding** in following the voice of the Good Shepherd. We need to pray to the Holy Spirit for our community of faith. What about yourself? What do you need to pray to the Holy Spirit for today and every day?

There is only one Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, and, like I have said several times before, the Holy Spirit - the Father of the Truth - cannot contradict Himself. He cannot go to this Church and say the teaching “A” is true, and then go to the other Church and say the teaching “A” is wrong. He will never contradict Himself in guiding the truth. In the teaching of truth there is white or black, right or wrong, true or false; there is no between. Jesus promised the Church under the leadership of Peter and his successors the whole truth and it will be reminded, guided, and protected in the truth by the Holy Spirit.

Come, O Holy Spirit--the Advocate, the Paraclete, and the Father of the Truth. Amen.

Peace, Fr. Tien

P.S. I would like to thank the Hispanic community for their surprise party for me on my 18th anniversary last Sunday and to everyone for your cards and well wishes. I extend a special “thank you” to Eva Zamudo and Gabe Montero!



CLASSES - MEETINGS

Monday ... Women’s Guild Meeting ... 10:00 am
(Second Monday of each month)

Monday ... R.C.I.A. ... 6:30 pm

Tuesday...Craft & Sewing Group...10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Tuesday...Knights of Columbus Meeting...7:00 pm
(First Tuesday of each month)

Thursday...Choir Practice...3:00-5:00 pm



STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Needs \$4,825

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| Envelopes/Cash/Online | \$4,703 |
| Second Collection | \$1,949 |

Attendance

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| Saturday 5:00 P.M. | 123 |
| Sunday 9:00 A.M. | 230 |
| 11:30 A.M. | 415 |

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute and are so generous to our Parish.



The Women's Guild will have their next meeting this Monday, June 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in our Family Life Center. All women are cordially invited to attend!

If you are making a monetary donation to our Food Pantry, please do not put it in the weekly collection. You can bring it to our Parish Office during operating hours. Thank you so much for your continued support of our Food Pantry!



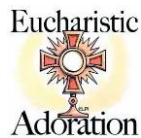
The new offertory envelopes will be coming out soon. The names were generated from our data base (which we hope is corrected). If you do not find a box with your name on it or if your address is incorrect, please stop by the Parish Office during the week so we can correct this. There are envelopes for part time parishioners and those who give on line (just in case you change your method of contributing or the service is discontinued). If you put a check in the collection without an envelope, PLEASE consider using one. We also ask everyone to PLEASE write your name (at least your last name) and amount given on your envelope. These things truly help the Trustees and the office staff when recording your contribution. Thank you!

We will celebrate The Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 23rd, and once again construct the sawdust carpets that afternoon for the Corpus Christi Procession. All are invited to prepare a sawdust carpet for the procession and can sign-up on the sheet located at the entrances of the church.



Vacation Bible School coming to St. Francis on July 22nd through the 26th for children, kindergarten to 5th grade. Save the date!

If you are willing to spend one hour in the presence of Our Lord each Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, please contact Mary Murphy at 524-2831.



Pray for everyone who seeks healing: Eric Baquet, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Alexander Canelas, Michael Ciochetti, Tom Coffey, Mary Cude, Craig Currier, Dotti Currier, Heath Currier, Patti Dameron, Dan DeBetta, Kathy DeBetta, Lillianne Duong Davis, Ron Gralewski, Curt Halter, Monte Hamilton, Lori Bourgeois Harvey, Peggy Hewlett, Joyce Hillard, Bill Himschoot, Emilee Janson, Edline Jigla, Florencio Jimenez, Jerry & Sue Kempinski, Lauren Kennedy, Doris Lobeck, Brandon Lowery, Holly Marsten, Bill Matthews, Lenore Maynard, Danny Mercer, Sue Merry, Millard Michaels, Dakota Miller, Bill & Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Kathy Moffitt, Laura Moore, Wade Morgan, Cheryl Murphy, Wanda Orf, Nonie Ortiz, Chris Richards, Rebecca Richards, Josette Roisin, Derrick Scaletta, Bill Shaw, Bena Lee Shields, Cora Shope, Marlene Taber, John Tastinger, Elijah Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Ed Tisdale, Irene Tisdale, Teresa Williams, Thomas Wimpey, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi, Adan Vanbourgangdien, Mary Ann Zoeckler.

Elderly & shut-in: Barbara Elliot, Candida Hernandez, Peggy Gibson,

Parishioners & all armed forces: Aaron Brooks, Edmund Cameron, Matthew Cameron, Wallace Cameron, William Crunkleton, Patrick Debo, Michael Douglas, Brandon Dziurgot, Jeremiah Elam, Jacob Ewing, Joseph Hagge, Russell Helma, Christian Houston, Ben Hunter, Carol Hysell, Thomas Hysell, Raymond Hysell, Amy Hysell, Stephen Karcher, Kyle McCormick, Chris Richards, Lauren Richards, Michael Ricke, Brandon Sanchez, Elizabeth Scoone. *Thank you for your service!*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, June 8

5:00 P.M. + Linda French Shields
by Alan & Doris French

Sunday, June 9

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 A.M. + Eric Kyle Galbrecht by Charlene Galbrecht
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Monday, June 10

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Tuesday, June 11

8:00 A.M. NO MASS

Wednesday, June 12

5:30 P.M. + Ethel & Walter Mullett by Allene Ramsey

Thursday, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 A.M. Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
for answered prayers by Ginny Gonzalez

Friday, June 14

9:00 A.M. + Cecilia Rois Cruz; and
Basilia Ruiz Acevedo (living)
by Basilia Ruiz Acevedo

Saturday, June 15

5:00 P.M. + Mary Bedrick by Ray & Linda Behr

Sunday, June 16

The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 A.M. + Daniel Birchard by Lori Birchard
11:30 A.M. Parish Peoples Mass En Español

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

Wednesday at 6:15 P.M.

The Rosary and The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary is recited everyday one-half hour before each Mass except for first Saturday.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited each Friday at 3:00 P.M.



"The Church of Christ is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost: she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer, and at the same time, driven by the powerful wind of the Spirit, she is always on the streets preaching"

Pope St. John Paul II