

May 23, 2021

Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm 104

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

John 20: 19-23

The Lord our God draws all of creation to oneness. All things are meant to be in peace, balance and harmony.

Saint Irenaeus, bishop (born 130ad), wrote the Holy Spirit is like moisture added to dry flour that forms a lump of dough that forms a loaf of bread. Without the Holy Spirit, "we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven." (From Treatise Against Heresies) He goes on to say, "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 Holy Spirit spans the globe. When Jesus was on earth, as true man, he could only be in one place at one time. The Acts of the Apostles makes known the Spirit is the source of powerful witness to the unity God the Father calls us to. It brings about a diversity of function without threat to unity. Thus, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

In the Old Testament scriptures, to be filled with the Spirit meant the person was called to make known the fulfillment of the promise. The fulfillment of the promise is the Good News.

When the Spirit's presence is recognized, as in the Acts of the Apostles, it is dynamic, alive! It is characterized by a strong driving wind and tongues of fire. It drives the people who were present forward. They are empowered and enabled to proclaim the Good News. As in 1 Corinthians 12, it says, "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit." All gifts are given to make God known. Therefore, everyone has some purpose and value in God's kingdom. Everyone is valuable and all are directed toward the one end of making the fulfillment of the promise known. Together, we accomplish all of this as the gathered people, the Church.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches Pentecost is the beginning of the Age of the Church. Jesus Christ makes present, manifests and communicates his work of salvation through the Liturgy of his Church until he comes again. In concrete, visible ways he is known through the sacraments. The sacraments are part of the common Tradition of Christians in the Church from East to West.

In short, as Church, we are one, holy, catholic. and apostolic. Through the dynamic presence of God in the community the members discern their vocations. Each will add his or her value to the community as a whole. The Holy Spirit holds all together even as each new gifted person is added. The community is engaged and involved. No one is intended to be left out unless he or she decides to not participate.

The Church must go on and so it does. The Holy Spirit continues to lead, guide, and energize us as Church to carry on the witness to God's loving presence in our time and space. Christ reigns through the Holy Spirit now and forever.

We continue to give witness to the existence of God and to his wonderful love for us. So how is it we may feel frustrated and confused at certain periods in history, even now?

Confusion and frustration can occur when we allow ourselves to be divided. Spiritual elitism, prejudice between ethnic groups, injustice among wealthy and poor and so on. Have you been confused and frustrated? Is it attributable to some elitism or prejudice? Examine your conscience. We are all responsible for our own behavior. But God will help.

Paul reminds us (1 Cor) of the revelation given to us and maintained in the Holy Spirit. Everyone has been baptized into the one Jesus Christ. All gifts have a common origin and a common purpose. They are to be used to bring all of creation together into harmony. As the Gospel shows (Jn. 20) peace comes to those who accept the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Accept the Spirit as the one who maintains the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Let us find unity in the Spirit as the seed that can hold us together, that moisture that comes down from heaven. If we are determined to seek unity around the Lord, we surely can resist elitism, prejudice, injustice between the rich and poor and all other divisive attitudes and behavior. Pray to the Lord and rely on the Holy Spirit to tie all things together and to bring about greater peace, balance, and harmony for us all.

Stewardship

Attendance last week:	268
Tithes Collected:	\$5,449.00
Online Giving:	\$300.00
Total:	\$5,749.00
2 nd Coll for Catholic Communications:	\$349.00

Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS!

**First Communion
Olivia, Jason, Roberto**

**Confirmation
Jesse & Ryan**

May these people continue to grow in the Lord & in the Church

Money for Private School Tuition

"Step Up"

**This scholarship may help with Catholic School
Apply by June 1st SUFS.org**

**Get up to \$7K for your child to attend K-12.
Go to the above listed site it will give you the
qualifications and all other instructions needed. If
interested do this today.**

LITURGY FOR MAY 23, 2021
PENTECOST (B)

• **HYMN #1: ONE SPIRIT/ONE CHURCH (Keil)**

1. We are a pilgrim people, we are the Church of God. A family of believers, disciples of the Lord. United in one spirit, ignited by the fire. Still burning through the ages, still present in our lives.
2. Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace and heav'nly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
3. O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of life and fire of love, the soul's anointing from above.

• **PSALM 104:** Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

• **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ALLELUIA)** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

HYMN #2: WE ARE MANY PARTS (Haugen)

1. We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share. May the Spirit of love make us one indeed; one, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.
2. God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true, let us be your love to all the world.
3. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is my joy too; all is brought together in the Lord.
4. All you seekers great and small, seek the greatest gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

• **HYMN #3: BY THE WAKING OF OUR HEARTS (Manalo)**

1. **By the waking of our hearts, by the stirring of our souls, may the Spirit of God abide and bring us together in Christ.**
2. Come, O Spirit, from above, come from your celestial heights. Come with blessed light so radiant bright.
3. Come, O Savior of the poor, come, O source of gifts ensured. Come with your gentle hope, so wondrous and pure.
4. In our labor, rest most sweet; grateful coolness in the heat. Console our restless lives, by your comfort, we seek.
5. Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen, warm the chill. Come guide our searching minds toward your promise fulfilled.
6. Grant us virtue's sure reward, may your gracious love be sent. Come with your peace and joy that shall never end.

• **HYMN #4: GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE (Angrisano)**

1. Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference,

you can make a difference, go make a difference in the world.

2. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God in you and me. We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen. Go make a difference in the world.
3. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace. Go make a difference in the world.
4. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see. Go make a difference in the world. And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go. Go make a difference in the world.

All material licensed to Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, Breaking Bread 2021 Edition published by OCP publications and CCLI. "Psalms and Gospel Acclamations and Pentecost Sequence under special licensing from CMAP: Catholic Music Publications. Missal 2021 Edition.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Liggett, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 22

- 4:00 p.m. † Mary & Louis Michel by Anthony & Rosemary
† Souls in Purgatory by Gabriel

Sunday, May 23

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † William Weber by Fortunata Weber
Terri Symonette by Dan Murphy & Dil

Monday, May 24

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, May 25

- 8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Wednesday, May 26

- 8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Eileen Flood by Flood Family

Thursday, May 27

- 8:00 a.m. Oliver & Theodore by Ed Barcho

Friday, May 28

- 8:00 a.m. † Luisa Natividad Mosquera by Joyce

Saturday, May 29

- 4:00 p.m. Forgiveness & Peace by Gabriel
Dil Hatchett by DM

Sunday, May 30

- 9:00 a.m. † Deb Botta by Jimmy & Tina Jordan
10:45 a.m. † Amalia Henriques Mota by Family
Hugo Dugue by Selma