

June 5, 2022
Pentecost
First Holy Communion
Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13
John 20: 19-23

The People Gathered Are Called.

In the Old Testament scriptures to be filled with the Holy Spirit meant the person was called to prophecy. Those gathered are called to make known the fulfillment of the promise. The fulfillment of the promise is the Good News!

Note the Character of the Spirit's presence as described in the Acts of the Apostles: a strong driving wind and tongues of fire. This is dynamic. It is alive. The Good News cannot be contained. It must go forward. The people who were present were empowered and enabled to proclaim the Good News. It breaks forth.

In the second reading, 1 Corinthians 12, the Holy Spirit is shown to reveal Jesus is Lord. "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit." God makes Himself known. Moreover, all gifts of the Spirit are given in order to make God known. "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Everyone has some purpose and value in God's kingdom. All the parts of the body contribute in its own way to the good of the whole body. Everyone is valuable and all are directed toward the one end of making the fulfillment of the promise known.

How wonderful and beautiful. All things work to make God's love known. What wonderful gifts do you have? Take stock of yourself. In what way can you use your talents to make the Lord known to others?

The Gospel passage tells us the story of Jesus visiting the Apostles prior to His Ascension. He settles them by bringing them Peace. In other words, he brings on them fullness and fulfillment of life. Jesus is encouraging His apostles. He promises them the Holy Spirit who will guide them. Furthermore, Jesus gives them the power to forgive sins. Jesus is all about a love that brings people together which is a part of fulfillment. The process of telling the world of the love of God is on-going.

Once again, assess your own talents. Cherish them and put them to use telling the world that God's promise has been fulfilled. Tell the Good News!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
 Prv8:22-31;Rom5:1-5;Jn16:12-15
 Scripture Sharing is on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP	
Time, Talent, Tithing	
It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.	
Attendance last week:	244
Tithes Collected:	\$4,318.50
Online Giving:	\$327.00
Total:	\$4,645.50
Per Capita:	\$19.03
Ascension:	\$457.00
2nd Collection for Catholic Communications Campaign:	\$345.00
Attendance for 5/22/22:	319
Tithes for 5/22/22:	\$4 492.00
Online Giving for 5/22/22:	\$762.00
Total:	\$5,254.00
Per Capita:	\$16.47
Thank You!	

This week's second collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

First Holy Communion

As we are gathered together in this sacred place today, we witness our children receiving the precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time.

By the power of the Holy Spirit and at the hands of the ordained priest the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. In this sacrament we remain one with Jesus. Further, by our reception of it we are one with each other as we are called to be one In Christ.

We welcome these young people as they are further initiated into the Church. They have answered the call of God. Let us support his whole family as they continue their journey of faith.

COMMUNITY/SPIRITUALITY

Our Feast Day!
June 19th
Many Feasts In One.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

For us, the parish of Blessed Sacrament, this is our special feast day. We give witness to the Body and Blood of Christ in his most precious Real Presence.

The Scriptures of the day say the following: (taken from the Ordo) Melchezedek, priest of God Most High (Ps 110), offers bread and wine as a blessing upon Abram (Gn. 14). Jesus fulfills this offering, giving us his own body and blood under the forms of bread and wine (1Cor. 11). Thus is our hunger satisfied in abundance (Luke 9), as we make our pilgrim way to the heavenly banquet.

Juneteenth

Juneteenth honors the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the U.S. The name "Juneteenth" is a blend of the two words: "June" and "nineteenth." It is believed to be the oldest African American holiday, with annual celebrations on June 19th in different parts of the country dating back to 1866. It originated in Galveston, Texas.

New Apostolate Church Watch

Actually, this is *not* a new apostolate. We had people signed up and "ready to go". Then, just as we were about to launch it COVID and the lockdown happened. We could not implement the Church Watch.

Now we will begin again! Thanks be to God.

Purpose: To open the church building for a period of time each weekday to permit and encourage people to visit the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and quiet.

How: volunteers (preferably two at a time) will be present each day for two hours, 11:00am to 1:00pm in the chapel. The availability of the open chapel will be promoted in the surrounding community.

What: They will monitor the premises to be sure no one harms the building and its contents. Further, they will be present to offer printed materials a person may use for prayer. They may also offer prayer with a person if so desired or needed.

Why: This may encourage people to take time from work during a lunch break, etc. to come and be with the Lord in His Real Presence.

Please print your name on the list of interested people. (Soon to be provided.) You may also call the rectory to make known your interest to help.

We will open the chapel on as many days that we have volunteers to cover.

Father's Day!

Soon it will be Father's Day. Please be sure to print your father's name (or anyone you know) on the list that is in the foyer. Thanks.

Graduation Recognition

Forms will soon be placed in the foyer concerning Graduation Recognition. Please watch for them. We would

like to recognize those who have graduated from High School, College, and Graduate School this year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, 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, Joseph Devlin, 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, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson 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, June 4

4:00 p.m. † Darrell Demps by Demps Family
† Indiana August by Dan Murphy

Sunday, June 5

9:00 a.m. † Catalino Nazareno by Teresita Nazareno
10:45 a.m. † William Billy Wall by Joe Johnson
† George & Martha Cox by Anita Brommer

Monday, June 6

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 8

8:00 a.m. Timothy Ryan, esq. by Dan Murphy & Dil Hatchett

Thursday, June 9

8:00 a.m. † Jack Miller by Mary Miller

Friday, June 10

8:00 a.m. Timothy Ryan, esq. by Dan Murphy & Dil Hatchett

Saturday, June 11

4:00 p.m. † Phoebe Ann Hillan by John Galinus
† Joseph Orlando by Jose Gonzalez & Bill Caruso

Sunday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Caridad & Jesus Laureano Dalama by son, Laureano Dalama
Bridget Gillen by Daniel Murphy