

## SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

*“In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.”*

*— 1 Corinthians 12:13a*

### RECONCILED DIVERSITY

A few years ago, during Rome’s quiet summer, Pope Francis took a day off to visit privately with some old friends, whose identity took Catholic Italy by surprise: Evangelical Protestants. They welcomed Francis to their Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation, where Francis asked pardon for Catholic persecutions and celebrated the Holy Spirit’s “pentecostal work.” Unlike Satan, declared Francis, who creates division among God’s children, the Holy Spirit creates a diversity rich and beautiful. And unity; not uniformity, Francis specified, but unity in diversity. Francis named the Spirit’s gift “reconciled diversity.” Pentecost’s rich treasury of scriptural readings, for Saturday’s vigil and Sunday’s morning liturgy, traces the Holy Spirit’s work from creation’s beginning, through Jesus’ resurrection, into the church’s earliest days, now into our days. Kindled in our hearts, the Spirit’s gentle fire is ours to share generously, even with those most strikingly different from us. All hearts are Spirit-warmed by reconciled diversity.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

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

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Romans 8:8-17.*

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) *or*

*John 14:15-16, 23b-26.*

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man says to his friend, “I’m a walking economy.”

“How so?” the friend asks.

He replies, “My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation and both of them together are putting me in a deep depression.”

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### PENTECOST PRAYER

*O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

### REFLECTION

A pastor was once heard that one of his parishioners was going about announcing to one and all that he would no longer attend church services. The rebellious parishioner was advancing the familiar argument that he could communicate with God just as easily out in the fields, with nature as his setting for worship. One winter evening, the pastor called on this reluctant member of his flock for a friendly visit. The two men sat before the fireplace making small talk, but studiously avoiding the issue of church attendance. After a while, the pastor took the tongs from the rack next to the fireplace and pulled a single coal from the fire. He placed the glowing ember on the hearth. As the two watched in silence, the coal quickly ceased burning and turned ashen grey, while the other coals in the fire continued to burn brightly. The pastor’s silent message was not lost on the parishioner. After a long pause, he turned to the pastor and said, “I’ll be back next Sunday” (John Pichappilly). We read in the Scriptures that ‘When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together.

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost. The term Pentecost originates from a Greek word that means the fiftieth. The New Testament Pentecost took place on the fiftieth day after Easter. Acts 2:2-3 describes the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit. “Suddenly, a noise like a strong driving wind came from the sky, filling the entire house in which they were. And there appeared to them tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them”. Over three thousand people were baptized at the first Pentecost, creating the first church. This is why we say the church was born on Pentecost Day.

Let the Holy Spirit renew our days, and our lives. Let him bring us tenderness and joy as well as openness to one another and the courage to stand up for all that is right and just. Let him unite us and lead us to God.

#### LIFE

*Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish,  
But you can only spend it once.*

FR. CHERIAN’S PHONE NUMBER IN INDIA

91-944-649-2827

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,187.00	\$1,523.00
Number of Families contributing	63	50
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (20 Weeks)	\$65,236.00	\$66,174.00
Received to Date	\$54,874.00	\$45,194.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$10,362.00	\$20,980.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$118.00	\$3,947.00

Fourteen ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$10,126.00	\$48,346.00

Six people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$3,266.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$96.00.

13 CHILDREN contributed \$46.00.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS totaled \$289.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Daughters of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on his 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday;
2. the Family of Sonny Jim in loving memory of him on his 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

MAY PROCESSION The Crowning of the Blessed Mother will be held this Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

SPRING PICNIC will be directly after the May Procession.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

**Wednesday:** Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Justin

**Saturday:** St. Marcellinus and St. Peter; First Friday

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** In honor of St. Joseph for Matt Thomas Sherlock; and in honor of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, all the Holy Angels and all Holy Souls for a favor received.

**Tuesday:** For Pete Suedle and for Mary Louise on her 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for Camelot on her 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Macho Mike on his Birthday.

**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Mikey Joe Riley on his Birthday.

## READERS

**Sat. May 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Natalie & Julie Ann

**Sun. May 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

**Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Macy

**Sun. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

## READERS – WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Christina  
**Tuesday** - Natalie  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Ashley Carroll  
**Friday** - Lauren Ashley

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Betty Jo  
**Friday** - Ned's Rose Marie

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**  
**Right** Winnie Ann  
**Left** Bridget Rita

### Sunday 10:00 A.M

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** Nora  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie

## PENTECOST

From the day of Pentecost until the present time; it has been necessary to be of one accord in prayer before the spirit of God will work with mighty converting power.