

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

— Acts 2:3

THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

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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 and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$4,255.00	\$3,354.00
Number of Families contributing	163	125
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (19 Weeks)	\$68,549.00	\$67,568.00
Received to Date	\$73,070.00	\$55,878.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$4,521.00)	\$11,690.00

LADES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$1,168.00	\$8,740.00

Forty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$1,108.00	\$40,649.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

POOR BOX totaled \$21.00

BAA totaled \$45.00.

46 **CHILDREN** contributed \$309.00.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS totaled \$57.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Paul writes that Jesus appeared in human form...was believed in...and was taken up to heaven. —1 TIMOTHY 3:16

The Kwa Noi prison camp in Thailand was a living hell for American and British soldiers in World war II. Then one day a couple of prisoners organized Bible study groups. The camp situation changed dramatically. A prisoner recalls the change this way:

He was hobbling back to his shack one night after a late Bible session. Suddenly he heard a group of men singing “Jerusalem the Golden.” He wrote later: “The words of that grand old hymn made the darkness seem friendly. The difference between this joyful sound and the joyless stillness of months past was the difference between life and death.”

It is this kind of difference Jesus made—and still makes—in our world.

What is one way Jesus has made a difference in my life?

*I have a great need for Christ;
I have a great Christ for my need.*

—CHARLES SPURGEON

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Jim Patrick and Sloan in thanks to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for Detroit on his 5th Birthday;
2. the Family of Sonny Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on his 89th Birthday;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Hughie Nicholas Sherlock and Chelsea Riley.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Cole Sherlock and Kennedy Sherlock.

SPECIAL THANKS to Jim Burke and Lisa Marie for their donation of \$1,000 to the Church in memory of Nanny Bone.

PEOPLE

- Be with people who knows your worth.
- You don’t need too many people to make you happy; just a few real ones who appreciates you for who you are.

PATIENCE WITH PROBLEMS

*Locks are never manufactured without a key.
Similarly, God never gives problems without solutions.
Only we need to have patience to unlock them.*

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, the Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member in honor of the Holy Spirit; and also to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOURNEY OF LIFE

DESTINY is not created by the SHOES we wear but by the STEPS we take. Let's make the JOURNEY of LIFE meaningful and memorable.

RELATIONS

Relations do not need a cute voice and a lovely face.
Relations need beautiful heart and an unbreakable trust.

FRUITS & ROOTS

**Power & Money are *FRUITS OF LIFE!*
Family & Friends are *ROOTS OF LIFE!*
We can manage without *FRUITS*
but can never stand without *ROOTS.***

JOKE OF THE WEEK

On the Feast of Pentecost a family that seldom went to church, decided to go. After mass the Mom said, "I thought the choir was a little off key."

The Dad said, "Well, the preacher's message was a little bland too."

Whereupon their 9-year-old boy said, "I thought they were pretty good for the nickel you put in the collection plate."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
- Wednesday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
- Friday:** St. Boniface; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Norbert; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** *Funeral.*
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Mikey Joe Riley on his 73rd Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Betty Apple on the 8th Anniversary of her death and 78th Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Ringo on the 9th Anniversary of his death.

PENTECOST

*Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into the earth
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the Gospel crosses every border
And tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.*

READERS

- Sat. May 30th, 4:00 P.M. Sun. May 31st, 10:00 A.M.
- Grace & Rita Riley Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
- Sat. June 6th, 4:00 P.M. Sun. June 7th, 10:00 A.M.
- Joy & Leah Mary Cat & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday - Margaret Butts
- Tuesday - Fallon
- Wednesday - Cathy Lisa
- Thursday - Natalie
- Friday - Christina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday Cathy Pole
- Tuesday Rita Weaver
- Wednesday Rosie Cat
- Thursday Winnie Ann
- Friday Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M. May 30th
- Front Mary Margaret
- Right Cathy Pole
- Left Kim Gallon
- Sunday 10:00 A.M.**
- May 31st June 7th
- Rose Marie Rose Marie
- Mary Cat Mary Cat

FORGET

***FORGET the things that make you sad.
REMEMBER the things that make you glad.
FORGET the trouble that passed away.
ACCEPT the blessings that come your way.***

LEARN TO BE BETTER

Every **teacher** once was a **student**.
Every **winner** once was a **loser**.
Every **expert** once was a **beginner**.
But all of them have crossed the bridge called "LEARNING."

ENJOY THE TRIP

***We are all tourists and God is our travel agent who already fixed all our ROUTES, RESERVATIONS, and DESTINATIONS.
Trust Him and enjoy the 'TRIP' called 'LIFE.'***

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**PENTECOST PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life You offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of Your love that I may serve You in joy and freedom. Amen.