

PENTECOST - THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND A CALL TO SERVE

Dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is the birthday of the universal Church, when the Holy Spirit bestowed wonderful gifts upon his disciples. I have seen those gifts wonderfully manifested in you as disciples of the Lord. One of the things that has really built up our churches of St. Jude, Holy Innocents, and St Anthony over the years is the wonderful generosity of parishioners like you, sharing your gifts and talents. We would not be able to do what we do and spread the Gospel effectively without your willingness to serve.

On this Feast of Pentecost, I invite all of us to prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to use your gifts. First of all, I want to thank all who are already serving in some way at our churches. We are so grateful for all you do. If you haven't been involved in a ministry here at your church, I really want to invite you to guide you in discerning a way to use your gifts in the service of the Church and the larger community. We need everyone's gifts and talents to tell the good news and to serve God's people. I invite us all to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for putting your gifts at the service of the Lord!

FROM POPE LEO ON PENTECOST:

Last year in his first Pentecost homily as Pope, Pope Leo reflected on this great event and its meaning in our lives. His words give us food for thought as we celebrate this great feast:

"The day has dawned upon us when..., glorified by his ascension into heaven following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit" (Saint Augustine, Sermon 271, 1). Today, too, what took place in the Upper Room takes place anew in our midst. Like a mighty wind that overtakes us, like a crash that startles us, like a fire that illuminates us, the gift of the Holy Spirit descends upon us (cf. Acts 2:1-11).

As we heard in the first reading, the Spirit accomplished something extraordinary in the lives of the Apostles. Following Jesus' death, they had retreated behind closed doors, in fear and sadness. Now they receive a new way of seeing things, an interior understanding that helps them to interpret the events that occurred and to experience intimately the presence of the Risen Lord. The Holy Spirit overcomes their fear, shatters their inner chains, heals their wounds, anoints them with strength and grants them the courage to go out to all and to proclaim God's mighty works.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that in Jerusalem at that time there was a multitude of people from various backgrounds, yet "each one heard them speaking in his own native tongue" (v. 6). In a word, at Pentecost, the doors of the Upper Room were opened because the Spirit opens borders. As Benedict XVI explained: "The Holy Spirit bestows understanding. The Spirit overcomes the 'breach' that began in Babel, the confusion of mind and heart that sets us one against the other. The Spirit opens borders... The Church must always become anew what she already is. She must open the borders between peoples and break down the barriers between class and race. In her, there cannot be those who are neglected or disdained. In the Church there are only free men and women, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ" (Homily for Pentecost, 15 May 2005).

Here we have an eloquent image of Pentecost, one that I would like to pause for a moment and reflect upon with you. The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves. The Holy Spirit comes to challenge us, to make us confront the possibility that our lives are shrivelling up, trapped in the vortex of individualism. Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone. Constantly connected, yet incapable of "networking". Always immersed in a crowd, yet confused and solitary travellers.

The Spirit of God allows us to find a new way of approaching and experiencing life. He puts us in touch with our inmost self, beneath all the masks we wear. He leads us to an encounter with the Lord by teaching us to experience the joy that is his gift. He convinces us, as we just heard in Jesus' words, that only by abiding in love, will we receive the strength to remain faithful to his word and to let it transform us. The Spirit opens our interior borders, so that our lives can become places of welcome and refreshment.... POPE LEO

MEMORIAL DAY

On Monday of this long weekend we observe Memorial Day. It is a wonderful day to visit a cemetery and pray for all of our loved ones and all who have served our country. Let us take a moment to remember all those who have given their lives in service of our nation, defending our freedom, and protected our nation so selflessly.

May God reward them for their selfless service.

Happy Pentecost and blessings on your week!

Fr. Johnson

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ST JUDE Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
Memorial Day No Daily Mass Office Closed 9:30am Women of Faith* *Check with your ministry leaders for any holiday schedule changes.		8:30am Confessions 9:00am Daily Mass 7:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm House of Prayer	9:00am Daily Mass 12:15pm Steps to Freedom 1pm Rosary Cenacle 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Clean-Up 6:30pm KoC-Officers Meeting	9:00am Daily Mass 9:30am-10am and 2pm-9pm: Adoration (will be suspended at 10am and resume at 2pm for Funeral) 10:00am Guardians & Angels 11:00am Funeral for Elizabeth Quillin	3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 6:00pm Knights of Columbus Saturday Night Diner: Mexican Street Truck Theme	9:00am Sunday Mass 11:00am Sunday Mass Coffee & Donuts after both Masses

HOLY INNOCENTS Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
Memorial Day Office Closed	9:00am Daily Mass 3:00-6:30pm Food Pantry Open	10am-12noon Food Pantry Open 6:00pm Daily Mass	9:00am Daily Mass 11:00am Mark McGinnis Funeral	9:00am Daily Mass 10:00am Baby/Toddler Group 6-6:45pm Confessions 6-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		8:00am Sunday Mass 10:30am Sunday Mass 12pm First Communion Rehearsal

ST ANTHONY Office Hours: May 26, 2026 Tuesday 10AM-1PM

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 22	May 23
6:00pm Adoration & Rosary	7:30-9:30pm AA Meeting	6:00pm Bible Study		5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- St. Jude SVdP Helpline assistance: 206-767-6449
- Holy Innocents: King County Crisis line at 211
- To learn more or to join the ministry contact:
 - Connie Dunn at Holy Innocents: connie@conniedunn.com
 - Diane Murphy at St Jude: svdp@stjude-redmond.org
- To donate furniture or household items email: svdpfurniture@stjude-redmond.org

SAFE PARKING AT ST JUDE

Safe Parking Helpline: 425-658-4982
safeparking@stjude-redmond.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Holy Innocents:
Contact George Doty 360-668-2224
Dotyga@aol.com
St Jude:
knightsofcolumbus@stjude-redmond.org

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ST JUDE

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HOLY INNOCENTS

As a reminder... At Holy Innocents, we have two Stewardship Campaigns, our operations budget and our building loan. You can make a donation to either or both of these through our online giving platform found at our website www.holyinn.org. Thank you for your ongoing generosity toward supporting our parish.



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