

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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May 24, 2026 - Pentecost Sunday

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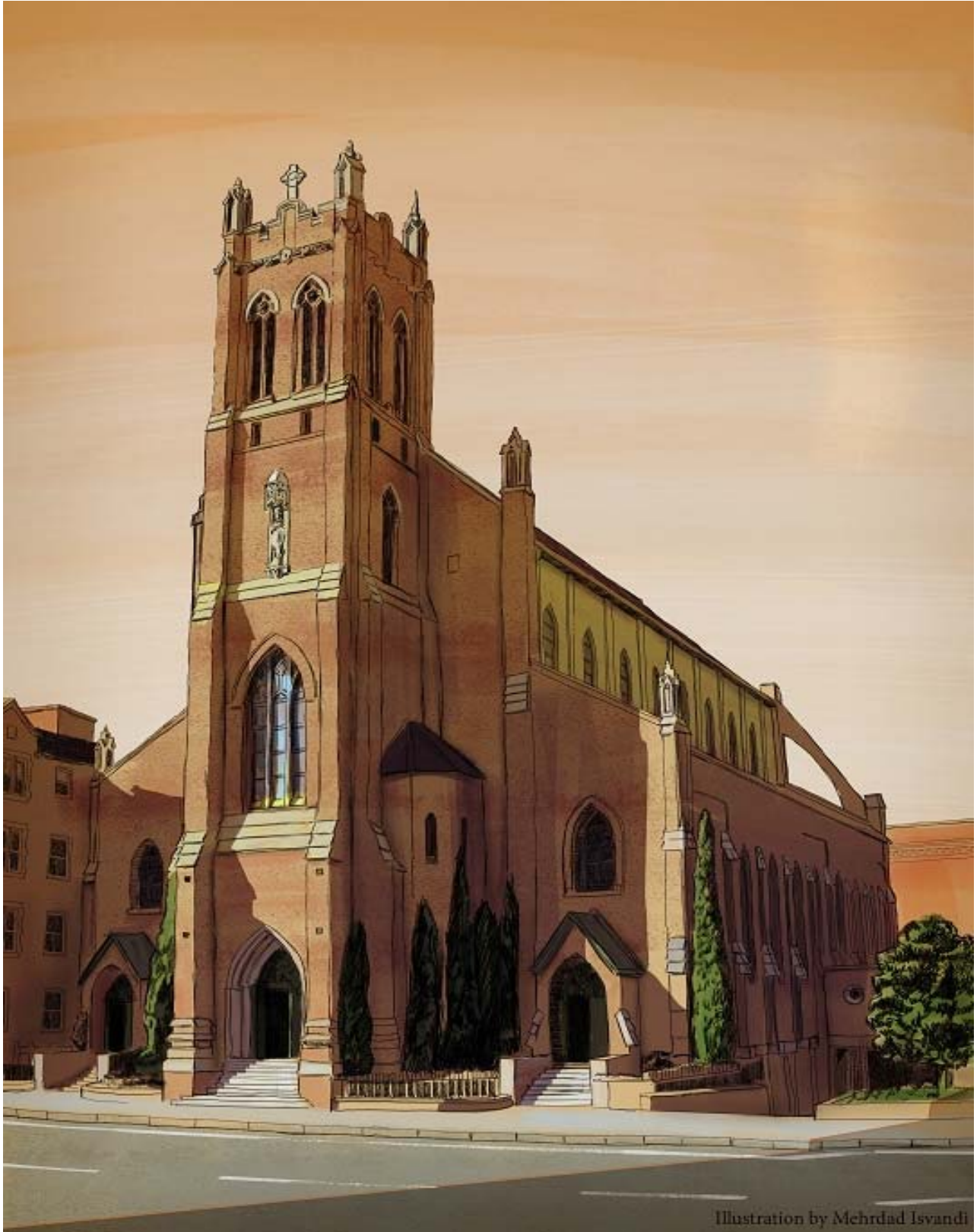


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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)

Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Holiday Mass **Monday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m.**



There will be only *one* Mass celebrated here at St. Patrick on Memorial Day. The office will be closed all day and the Church will be closed after the Mass.

Have a safe and blessed holiday!!

Living Stewardship Now

Pray for missionaries, especially those in areas of political instability, terrorist activity, and natural disaster. Write to a missionary. Contribute to a mission organization.

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Got Spirit?

When we were in high school, there was an old cheer at ballgames, "We've got spirit, yes we do. We've got spirit, how 'bout you?" We would scream it back and forth with the opposing team's fans. And while, "Got Spirit?" could certainly be the catchphrase today, we see people receiving the spirit in many different ways. In Acts, there appear a loud noise and a driving wind, followed by people being able to understand speech in many languages. It is reminiscent of a booming, "This is my Son, my Beloved." Psalm 104 "Lord, Send out Your Spirit" was also the first psalm used at the Easter Vigil, in response to the creation story. First Corinthians acknowledges that there are many different spiritual gifts, but we must use them together as the body of Christ. The Sequence is a beautiful prayer that calls down the Spirit. In John's Gospel, the Spirit comes through the breath of Jesus. What can we take away from this? That the Spirit of God is not "one size fits all." Rather, the Holy Spirit will come to us, speak to us, be given to us, as each of us needs.

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Our Fascinating Faith

Pentecost

Today the Church remembers the moment when the very breath of God rushed from the mouth of the risen Jesus, filling the disciples with the Holy Spirit. Today's readings bring us to the culmination of the great fifty-day celebration of Easter with images of strong driving winds and tongues of fire. We cry out to God in today's psalm, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" During these fifty days, we have baptized, confirmed, and shared the Eucharist with the newly initiated. We have spent these days savoring the meaning of the sacramental life. In these sacramental moments, the Church is reborn. In this moment of Pentecost, we are reborn. We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we, like the disciples, can be sent forth to be Christ for the world. Let us be open and vulnerable to the driving winds and tongues of flame that can signal a new Pentecost. Let God's word once again bring us the power to renew the face of the earth.

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AAA Update *(as of 12 May 2026)*

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252
Received	\$13,684
Amount Remaining	\$29,568
% of Goal	32%

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Trinidad Raymundo	5/25	Eleanor Garside	5/28
Yolanda Bertonio	5/26	Renylyn Dela Cruz	5/30
Judith Casper	5/26	Kay Anne Goite	5/30
Tatiana Dake	5/26	Angelina Javines	5/30
Michael David Rios	5/26	Joshua Mariano	5/30
Edwin Narates Welton	5/27		

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You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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St. Patrick 175th Anniversary Gala

From humble beginnings on 4th St here in San Francisco way back in 1851, we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary as a parish on June 6, 2026.

Dinner tickets for \$100 may still be available from the various parish organizations

Raffle tickets are still available from the parish office (\$25 for a booklet of three, sold as booklets only)

Sponsorships are also available in our Gala program. Please contact the parish office for more details.

As part of our Gala celebration, on Sunday, May 31st, we will serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses which will coincide with our ministry fair. Come and see what's going on ministry-wise at St. Patrick. You just might find something that will inspire you to join. See some old friends, make some new friends, have some coffee and donuts, and maybe join a parish organization. What could be better than that!!

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The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco

KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;

and in Sacramento

KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to FatherHarry.org. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

Catholic Prayer Corner To the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit;
and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mass Intentions for May 24 - 30

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 24	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Xena Esteban † Maxine Eastman BD Rica Yan SI All Parishioners Of St. Patrick
Monday 25	9:00 a.m.	† George Jereza <i>Memorial Day Holiday</i>
Tuesday 26	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Loren Masangcay TG Stephen Sun SI Corazon Mariano
Wednesday 27	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Beltran C. Marces † Lourdes Villanueva SI Fernando V. Alviar
Thursday 28	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Fe Macatngay SI Merly Lorete SI Felicitas Locsin
Friday 29	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong SI Dan & Annie Lacap SI Judy Labaria
Saturday 30	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Bert & Josie Albano SI Tita Labaria SI Agnes Kumi

Feast of Faith

Liturgy: Work of the Spirit

The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation—the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame—hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real. It is the Spirit of God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God's word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit's power that, when Christ's words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us—that is, breathes in us—when, sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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The Gift

Ask nothing of God, then, but this gift of divine Love, that is, the Holy Spirit.

~ Walter Hilton

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

Congratulations to Our First Communicants

Congratulations to nine of our Religious Education students who received their First Holy Communion from Fr. Spyrow on Saturday, May 9. Well done to their catechists as well!!



Too Large?

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Draw Strengths From the Gifts

Everyone who has been confirmed has received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Too often these gifts lie dormant. Can we even imagine what the world would look like if we shook off our stupor and awoke to the reality of these gifts? Take a moment to reflect on each of them. Every one of us, at some time or another, needs to put into practice one of these gifts. When faced with a difficult decision, draw strength from the gifts of wisdom, understanding, and counsel. When striving to overcome addictive behavior or when working through a difficult marriage issue, draw strength from the gift of fortitude. When asked about your faith, don't be afraid to turn to the Spirit's gift of knowledge. Draw strength from the gifts of piety and fear of the Lord as you nurture your faith life through prayer. Pentecost gives us the opportunity to recognize the fact that God has generously poured forth the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Let's not forget the tremendous potential of the gifts of God's Spirit.

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Living God's Word

During this week, pray the Sequence used at Mass for Pentecost before the Gospel, "Come, Holy Spirit, come!" Notice especially the request for healing, refreshment, and cleansing.

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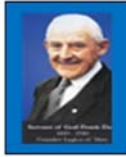
LEGION OF MARY - ST. PATRICK CHURCH

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL **PRAESIDIUM**



Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall

The Legion Family Worldwide
On all continents
In over 170 countries
4 million active members
5 million auxiliary members



The Founder Frank Duff
1889 - 1980

Legion of Mary's History

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.

Legion of Mary's Aim

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.

Legion of Mary's Unit

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.

Legion of Mary's Active Works

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.

Legion of Mary's Active Membership

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.



*As the
Father
has sent
Me,
so I send
you*

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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

On the first day of the week, Jesus appeared to the disciples and said, "As the Father has ..."

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Answer: *sent me, so I send you*

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saint snippets

O Lord, I wish I had a voice sufficiently loud and strong enough to tell every part of the world about your great love.

St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
16th-century Italian from a wealthy family. She became a Carmelite nun and mystic, able to read the thoughts of others and predict future events.

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May 25

saint snippets

You are my portion, Lord. You alone have I chosen for my whole inheritance.

St. Augustine of Canterbury
6th-century Benedictine monk and archbishop known as the "Apostle to the English"

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May 27

saint snippets

I am not afraid. I was born to do this.

St. Joan of Arc
15th-century visionary who advised the French on how to win battles; Patron of France

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May 30

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— Acts 2:3

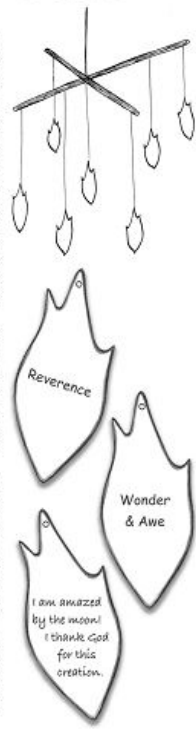
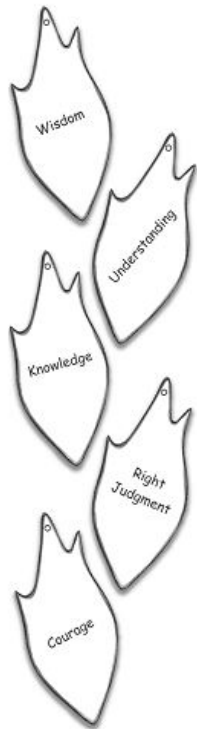
CATHOLIC CORNER

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Today we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the world. In the first reading for today we read the Holy Spirit described as wind and fire (Acts 2:2-3). The Church teaches that like the wind, we cannot see the Holy Spirit but we can feel its presence. Sometime, just as the wind can move leaves, the Spirit moves us to new places. Like a breeze on a hot day, the Holy Spirit refreshes us when we are sick or lonely. It inspires us to do brave things or make wise decisions. As fire changes what it burns, the Spirit can change us, strengthen us, show us the way with its light.

When you were baptized we celebrated your new birth in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit stays with you throughout your life. It is strengthened in you in the sacrament of confirmation. Written in these flames are the names of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, given to you and alive within you.

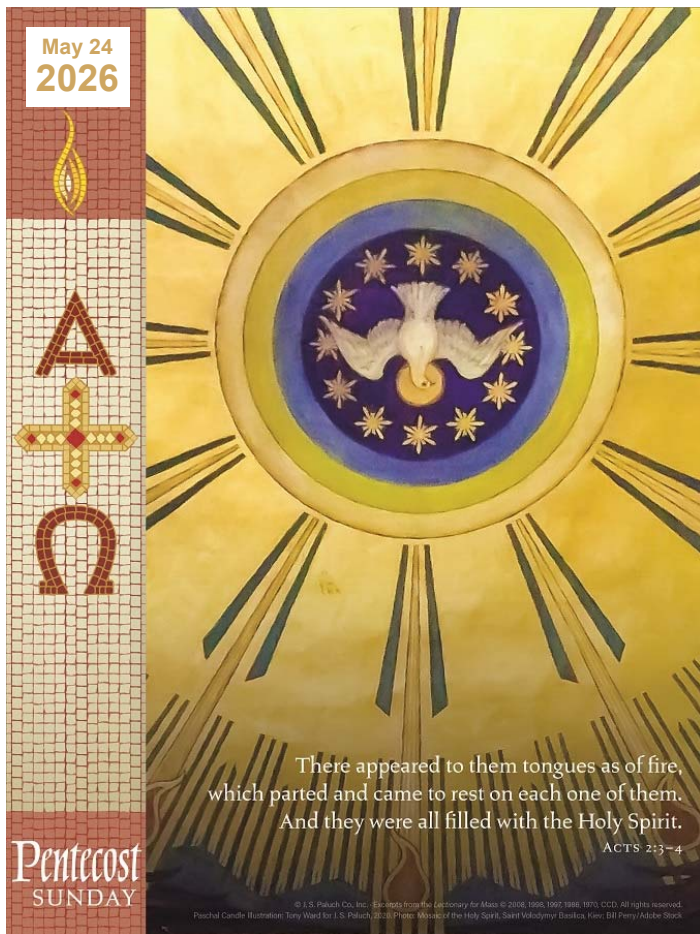
Ask an adult to help you understand the meaning of each gift. Think about each gift, then talk about some examples of how you or one of your family members have used a certain gift. Write the examples on the flames. Say a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to continue to strengthen these gifts within you. Cut out the flames. Color them red, the color that symbolizes the Spirit. Add some orange and yellow, the colors of fire. Use them to create a mobile that can be moved by the wind—bringing both symbols of the Spirit together.



I'M DRAWING THE HOLY SPIRIT. BUT HOW DO YOU DRAW SOMEONE WHO IS EVERYWHERE?



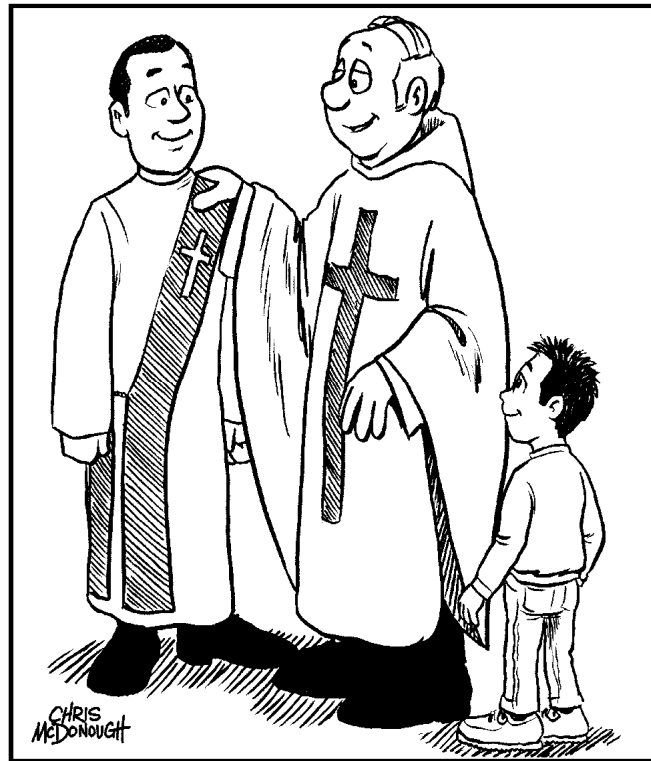
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. 1 Cor 12:13



There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:3-4

Pastor Al™



"Well, Deacon Aaron does assist me during the Mass, but I never considered calling him my 'sidekick'."

Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was given by Jesus and received by the disciples. The readings from Acts and the Gospel of John offer accounts of that day while First Corinthians offers an analysis of the many gifts that resulted from the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The psalm and the sequence read today are filled with praise for the work of the Spirit. Today represents a culmination of all the difficult days that have gone before, the triumph of Holy Thursday, the death and despair of the Cross, the astonishing Resurrection, and the appearances of a familiar but transformed Jesus to his disciples. It represents the pivotal transition for the disciples from people of uncertainty and fear to people of commitment and action. The Spirit moves the disciples and moves us as well.

Safety in Numbers

The apostles and all the believers in Jesus have been through a tumultuous time. They have experienced the heights of Holy Thursday and the depths of Good Friday, the uncertainties of Easter Sunday, and the multiple appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection. They have not recognized Jesus, and when they have, they have demanded reassurance from him. Throughout most of this time they have stayed together. Acts describes them all in one place, together, when wind fills the house and tongues of fire rest on each of them. They then find themselves able to communicate with and be understood by those who had not understood them. Everyone recognizes this as a mighty act of God. John reminds us and the disciples that receiving the Spirit brings with it peace and the need for action. They receive the Spirit so they can be sent into the world to forgive sins.

Action in the Spirit

When our world has been turned upside down, when we are faced with uncertainties about what is real, when we are unsure about what lies ahead for us, when we don't know what we should do next, we do not want to be alone. Neither did the apostles and all those who loved Jesus. They wanted to be together when they needed to make sense of what was happening to them and what was going to be asked of them. There is safety in numbers but neither the apostles nor we can remain huddled together. The Spirit requires that we act. All the manifestations of the Spirit are given in order to benefit us and our world. The many different gifts given by the Spirit demand that we do many kinds of work, many forms of service. But we do not work alone. The Spirit is always with us.

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Pentecost

Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire, God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.

~ William Blake



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Go and Make Disciples

In 1991, Marxist guerrillas in the mountain village of Huasahuasi, Peru, executed Irene McCormack, Josephite sister and missionary. Her "crime" was feeding the poor with food donated by overseas aid organizations. The violent activities of these terrorists were a daily reality but, despite warnings, Irene chose to stay in the village with its impoverished people. After thirty years of teaching in Australian schools, Sister Irene found her purpose in life teaching the children of Huasahuasi to read and write. One evening armed guerrillas arrested her and took her to the village plaza, where five villagers were already face-down on the ground. The captors conducted a mock trial. Sister Irene was denounced as a "Yankee imperialist"—even though villagers protested that she was Australian—pronounced guilty, then shot in the back of the head by a girl soldier. The example of Sister Irene and the villagers who died with her has been remarkable, resulting in an annual human rights activities week, community clean-ups, and at least one new Peruvian vocation to the Josephites. Sister Irene also left something just as important—a description of the spirit that called her to go to Peru. Back in Australia in 1987, she explained to family and friends the revelation she received at the age of forty. The call to be a missionary came to her through reflection and prayer. She described it as an overwhelming experience of the unconditional love of God and not simply an intellectual conviction. She recognized God beckoning her through an inner voice. If she were to be true to herself as a woman, a Christian, a Josephite, and a world citizen, she felt she had to respond to the Spirit within. If she did not yield, she believed that she risked spiritual death.

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Mission

Christ sent me to preach the gospel and he will look after the results.

~ Mary Slessor



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Send Out Your Spirit

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30).

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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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Receive the Holy Spirit

At last! The power hinted at and the Spirit promised are unleashed on this holy day. We call it the birthday of the church. Try to listen to today's scripture passages with some sense of how electrifying these events must have been to those who lived through them. Up until now, they have been waiting in the upper room. In today's first reading, that room is filled with wind and fire and bold proclamations in foreign tongues.

In the second reading, Paul describes the Pentecost event, too. His description includes all of us. The Spirit lives on in the church in each of us who are members of the Body of Christ, given different gifts from the same Spirit. Only after Pentecost could the apostles look back and understand what Jesus meant when he said, as reported in today's Gospel reading, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

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Reflecting on God's Word

The disciples were cowering behind locked doors. Fear has a way of imprisoning, away from the outer world, but also from our inner world, taking away our freedom to hope, imagine, and dream. We can become comfortable working in cramped spaces, isolated and unattached, removed from life and contact with others.

But then along comes the risen Lord, arms outstretched, heart wide open, bearing gifts to transform our lives. The first gift of the risen Lord is peace (*shalom*), which translates as all good things, physically, mentally, and spiritually—all that is needed to be alive inside. This peace is a gift that the world cannot give.

The second gift is a mission: we are sent, as Jesus was sent, by the Father. Where? To the world. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:16–17). Now the Son sends the disciples—us!—to bring life.

The third gift is the Holy Spirit, given for the forgiveness of sins. The Holy Spirit is the gift of the Father and the Son, given to us at baptism, again at confirmation, and whose gifts are given to the church and its members for the good of all, within and outside the church. Primary among these gifts is the gift of forgiveness.

~ James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Receive the Holy Spirit

At last! The power hinted at and the Spirit promised are unleashed on this holy day. We call it the birthday of the church. Try to listen to today's scripture passages with some sense of how electrifying these events must have been to those who lived through them. Up until now, they have been waiting in the upper room. In today's first reading, that room is filled with wind and fire and bold proclamations in foreign tongues.

In the second reading, Paul describes the Pentecost event, too. His description includes all of us. The Spirit lives on in the church in each of us who are members of the Body of Christ, given different gifts from the same Spirit. Only after Pentecost could the apostles look back and understand what Jesus meant when he said, as reported in today's Gospel reading, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

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Reflecting on God's Word

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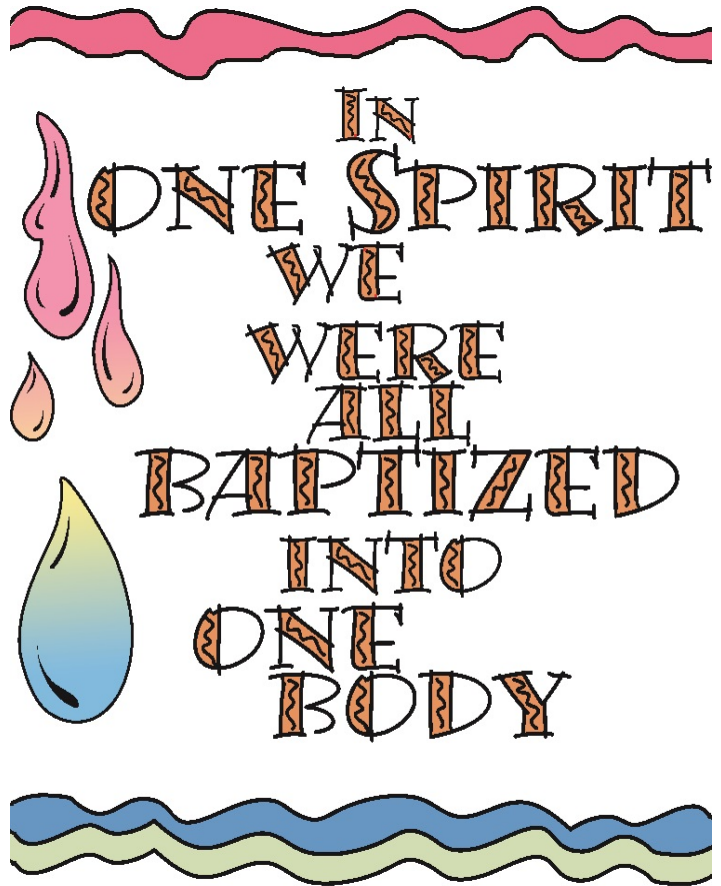
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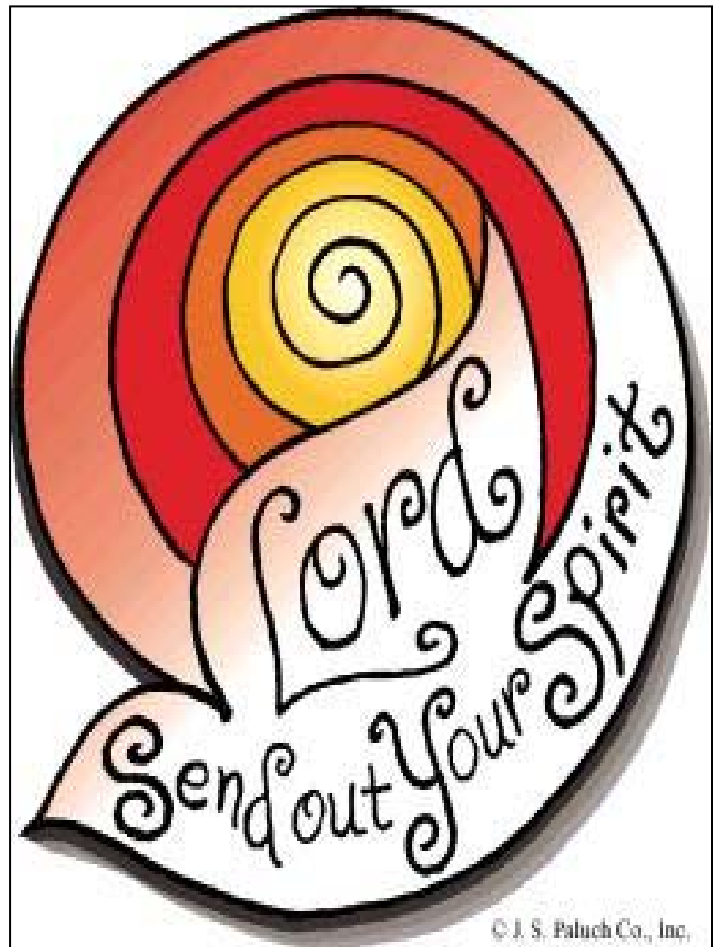
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Send Out Your Spirit

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30).

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Today, the languages of the whole world arise to God in a Pentecost of praise. In some American dioceses, the Mass is offered every Sunday in more than thirty different languages, including the silent praise of American Sign Language. Fifty years ago, the landscape of liturgy was very different. It was grounded firmly in Latin, which is to the present day still the official language of the Roman Rite. Very few people were fluent in Latin, even though in those days Latin was far more widely studied in school. Nevertheless, almost every Catholic was competent in the responses and chants of Latin since it is not difficult to pronounce. The clergy were normally minimally competent in Latin, since much of seminary education was conducted in that language.

When the Second Vatican Council was convened, all of the debate and daily work of the council was to be in Latin. In the first session in 1962, Boston's Cardinal Richard Cushing continually complained about it, and threatened not to return in 1963 if something wasn't done. He convinced the fathers when he rose to speak in fairly fluent Latin in an unforgettable Boston twang. The next year, he returned, but with a simultaneous translation system funded by the people of Boston. The ordinary everyday language of the people, the vernacular, had arrived at the Vatican via Boston!

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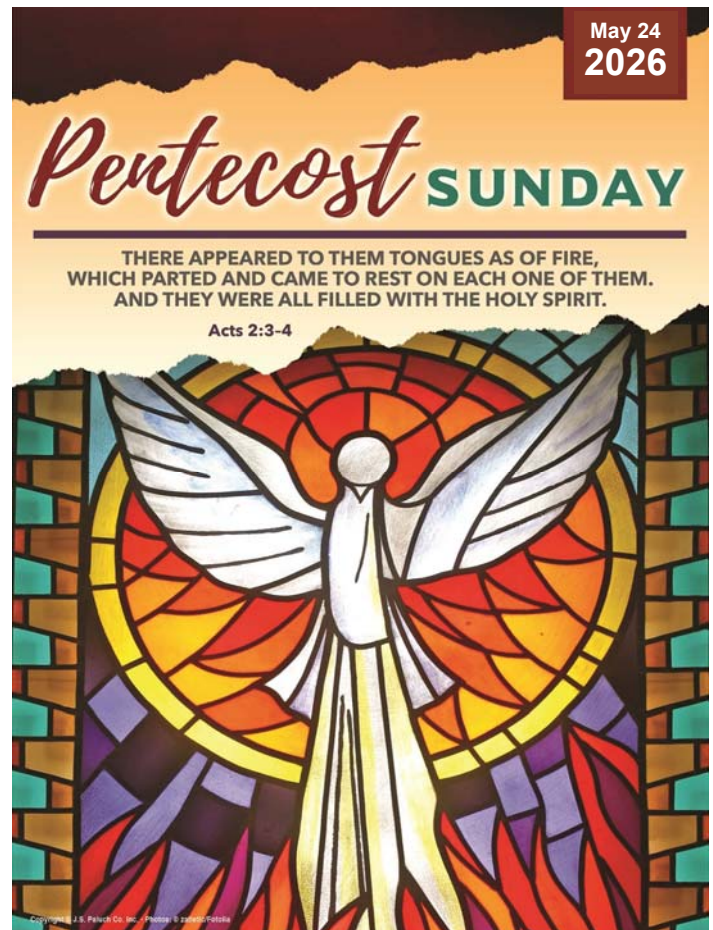
There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest
on each one of them.

~ Acts 2:3

Go and Make Disciples

In 1991, Marxist guerrillas in the mountain village of Huasahuasi, Peru, executed Irene McCormack, Josephite sister and missionary. Her "crime" was feeding the poor with food donated by overseas aid organizations. The violent activities of these terrorists were a daily reality but, despite warnings, Irene chose to stay in the village with its impoverished people. After thirty years of teaching in Australian schools, Sister Irene found her purpose in life teaching the children of Huasahuasi to read and write. One evening armed guerrillas arrested her and took her to the village plaza, where five villagers were already face-down on the ground. The captors conducted a mock trial. Sister Irene was denounced as a "Yankee imperialist"—even though villagers protested that she was Australian—pronounced guilty, then shot in the back of the head by a girl soldier. The example of Sister Irene and the villagers who died with her has been remarkable, resulting in an annual human rights activities week, community clean-ups, and at least one new Peruvian vocation to the Josephites. Sister Irene also left something just as important—a description of the spirit that called her to go to Peru. Back in Australia in 1987, she explained to family and friends the revelation she received at the age of forty. The call to be a missionary came to her through reflection and prayer. She described it as an overwhelming experience of the unconditional love of God and not simply an intellectual conviction. She recognized God beckoning her through an inner voice. If she were to be true to herself as a woman, a Christian, a Josephite, and a world citizen, she felt she had to respond to the Spirit within. If she did not yield, she believed that she risked spiritual death.

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Before there was water, there was fire. Once in a while, a volcano hints at the sizzling magma upon which the whole human enterprise floats. Over eons, the surface cooled off a bit, and rain sizzled down for thousands of centuries, filling the oceans and sculpting the earth. We Christians can catch God’s glory in a shimmering pool of water, but we can also capture God’s burning desire to fan the tiny flames of our baptismal candles into something that will make a difference.

In Sicily to this day, there is a custom of scattering rose petals down from the ceiling of church on the heads of the faithful, an effective reminder of the “tongues of flame” descending on the apostles, and a sign that the Holy Spirit still is poured out on the baptized. It is not merely a quaint custom, but a fairly potent sign of what baptism does. An interesting sidebar: if you have traced the Epiphany blessing on your doorway in chalk, Pentecost is the day to erase it. From now on, no need to rely on the “wise men”—you are alive in the Spirit!

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Feast of Faith

Liturgy: Work of the Spirit

The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation—the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame—hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real. It is the Spirit of God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God’s word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit’s power that, when Christ’s words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us—that is, breathes in us—when, sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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True Beauty

People are like stained glass windows; they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light within.

~ Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was given by Jesus and received by the disciples. The readings from Acts and the Gospel of John offer accounts of that day while First Corinthians offers an analysis of the many gifts that resulted from the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The psalm and the sequence read today are filled with praise for the work of the Spirit. Today represents a culmination of all the difficult days that have gone before, the triumph of Holy Thursday, the death and despair of the Cross, the astonishing Resurrection, and the appearances of a familiar but transformed Jesus to his disciples. It represents the pivotal transition for the disciples from people of uncertainty and fear to people of commitment and action. The Spirit moves the disciples and moves us as well.

Safety in Numbers

The apostles and all the believers in Jesus have been through a tumultuous time. They have experienced the heights of Holy Thursday and the depths of Good Friday, the uncertainties of Easter Sunday, and the multiple appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection. They have not recognized Jesus, and when they have, they have demanded reassurance from him. Throughout most of this time they have stayed together. Acts describes them all in one place, together, when wind fills the house and tongues of fire rest on each of them. They then find themselves able to communicate with and be understood by those who had not understood them. Everyone recognizes this as a mighty act of God. John reminds us and the disciples that receiving the Spirit brings with it peace and the need for action. They receive the Spirit so they can be sent into the world to forgive sins.

Action in the Spirit

When our world has been turned upside down, when we are faced with uncertainties about what is real, when we are unsure about what lies ahead for us, when we don't know what we should do next, we do not want to be alone. Neither did the apostles and all those who loved Jesus. They wanted to be together when they needed to make sense of what was happening to them and what was going to be asked of them. There is safety in numbers but neither the apostles nor we can remain huddled together. The Spirit requires that we act. All the manifestations of the Spirit are given in order to benefit us and our world. The many different gifts given by the Spirit demand that we do many kinds of work, many forms of service. But we do not work alone. The Spirit is always with us.

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See the Holy Spirit



In the readings on Pentecost Sunday, the Spirit is described as a driving wind and tongues of fire. Knowing that the Holy Spirit is a Person of the Trinity, we seem to be able to picture the Spirit only in terms of what the Spirit does. In our second reading, Paul tries to explain just that. Though the English translation sounds vague, let's jump in.

First, Paul says that we cannot know Jesus as Lord without the Spirit. The Spirit is the way Jesus is present today, so anyone who truly believes in Jesus is guided by the Spirit. The Spirit never contradicts Jesus, so anyone claiming to have new knowledge that is opposed to what Jesus taught is not using the Spirit. So, for example, if someone starts a cult that teaches that we no longer need to love our enemies, we know that the Spirit is not in them.

Second, Paul acknowledges that the Spirit works in many ways. As examples, he mentions there are many different gifts and services in the church. He emphasizes that all these differences come from one and the same God. Even today we see this happening; people serve the Church in different ways and with different abilities. People even have different ways of looking at things. Some have more patience than others, some are better listeners, and some are great organizers. The point is that all these differences come from the same source, God.

When we think of the strength of the Church, we usually think of its unity, i.e., one baptism, one faith, one Lord. But we also draw strength from the diversity of gifts and services that people offer to God. No one person can do all it takes to bring the world to Christ. Even Jesus shared his work of spreading the gospel with his disciples. If sin brought a multitude of problems to the world, then the Spirit brings a multitude of gifts to help us through these problems. As Paul says, this diversity of gifts is all part of one Body of Christ. So look at the gifts of those around you, and you may be able to see the Holy Spirit more clearly.

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Faith Is

Faith is not merely praying
Upon our knees at night;
Faith is not merely straying
Through darkness into light . . .
Faith is the brave endeavor,
The splendid enterprise,
The strength to serve, whatever
Conditions may arise.

~ Anonymous



Memorial Day

They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.

~ Francis Marion Crawford

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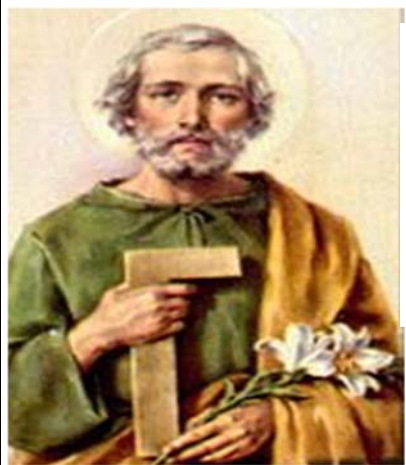
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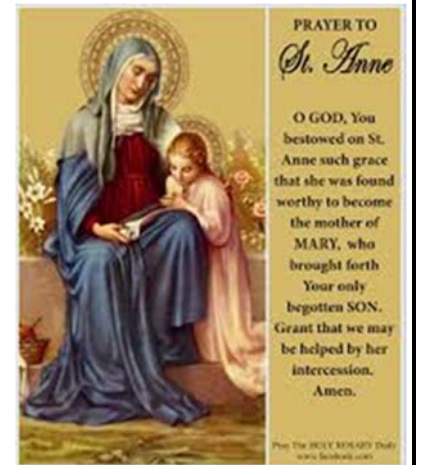


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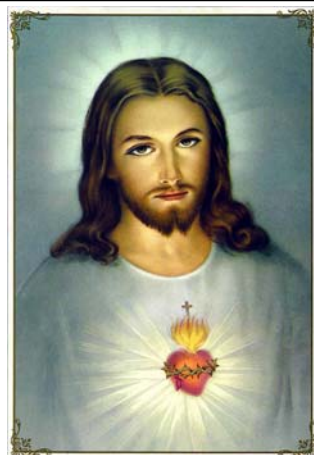
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2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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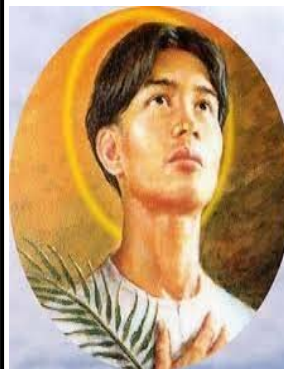
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