



St. Benedict Catholic Church

June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Different Gifts, Service, and Workings



Paul's choice of words, found in his instruction to the Corinthians, is telling. Gifts refer to certain actions of the Holy Spirit; service is assistance within the community; and workings points to the dynamic power of God. Together these realities might raise the questions: What do I have? What can I do? How can I do it? This is the lesson of Pentecost. We all possess remarkable gifts and abilities, some of which we might not

even know we have until we are called upon to exercise them. Many interpreters think Paul was referring here to the extraordinary spiritual gifts that became obvious during liturgical services— gifts like speaking in tongues. However, he expands this list to include gifts such as teaching, generosity, and showing compassion, for example (see Romans 12:6–8). Many of us possess these gifts. As for service, all we have to do is look around. We will find people in our families, our parishes, our workplaces who need our help, even if it is simple and limited. We cannot excuse ourselves with the response, “I can’t. I don’t have what it takes.” The feast we celebrate today reminds us we have been given the power of the Holy Spirit, working through our gifts and talents, to serve others. Everyone can do something; everyone must do something. Paul underscores this with the image of the body, which is made up of different parts. Either we work together doing what we can or the entire body suffers. Remember, we have the power of the Spirit.

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✿ *In what ways do you use your gifts to serve others?*

✿ *Be grateful for the service of others.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Then there appeared to them tongues of fire... Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Second Reading: To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: “...As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Jn 20:19-23

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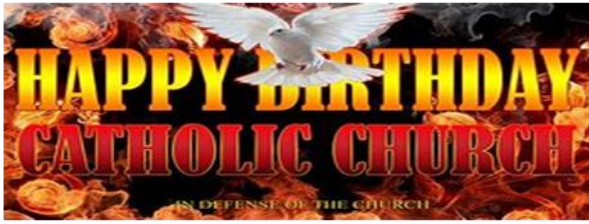
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HOSPITALITY

ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME



UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

***IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL OR HAVE OUTWARD SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME! ***

Masks are now optional.

Safe distance is no longer required in Church or in meeting places. Food can be shared only if served by designated persons wearing masks or if individually pre-packaged.

Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Please contact the office for most current guidelines.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

This is conversion, changing mentality—and changing life: no longer following the examples of the world but those of God, who is Jesus; following Jesus; doing as Jesus had done, and as Jesus taught us. It is a decisive change of view and attitude.



ANGELUS, JANUARY 24, 2021



Pentecost Prayer

Lord of the Harvest,
You gave Your
disciples the mandate

to be Your witnesses around the world and empowered them with Your Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost to accomplish this task. Today, we ask that You help us to refocus our attention, as we face a task unfinished. You have blessed us with the power and the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to use these for ministry and witness. Amen.

Is it hot in here?

Or is it just the

Holy Spirit

burning inside you?



SAINT OF THE WEEK—FEAST DAY JUNE 9 SAINT EPHREM, DEACON AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH—Early fourth century, c.373

The questions about the nature of Christ were argued by scholars and theologians, defending complex theories as to whether Jesus had one or two natures, if he was two persons or one. In the fifth century the doctrine was established at the Councils of Ephesus and Chalcedon that Jesus was both human and divine in one nature. At that time it was taught in theological terms, i.e. *hypostatic union*, *monophysitism*, *Theotokos*, etc. Saint Ephrem was active a century earlier with the same conclusions as the councils. He was a poet and a musician. In metaphorical language he communicated the same truths beautifully. He stated, “In your bread hides the Spirit who cannot be consumed; in your wine is the fire that cannot be swallowed. The Spirit in your bread, fire in your wine: behold a wonder heard from our lips.” Also he poetically said, “The Lord entered (Mary) and became a servant; the Word entered her, and became silent within her; thunder entered her and his voice was still; the Shepherd of all entered her and became a Lamb...” St. Ephrem was declared Doctor of the Church in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Let us ask the Virgin Mary to obtain also today a renewed Pentecost for the Church that will imbue in all, and especially in the young, the joy of living and witnessing to the Gospel... With Mary, the Virgin in prayer at Pentecost, let us ask the Almighty for an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of unity and harmony, to inspire thoughts of peace and reconciliation in everyone.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Pray the Rosary Daily



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Think, O' God, of our loved ones who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard.

Comfort them upon their sickbed, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance, and submit that no healing is too hard if it be Your will.

We therefore pray that You bless our families and friends with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them in Your loving name.

Amen.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Ken Norin, Declan Garner, Emily Griego, Jeanette Laris, Finnan Sambursky, Gwen McKinney, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Mary Bunao, Tamayo Hanato, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles & DeeDee Tripoli, Linda Adkins, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs. * Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that
You are present
in the Most Holy
Sacrament.*

*I love you
above all things,
and I desire
to receive You
into my soul.
Since I cannot
at this moment
receive You
sacramentally,
come at least
spiritually into
my heart.*

*I embrace You
as if You were
already there
and unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated
from You.
Amen.*

*Thank God...
for the gift of Jesus
in the Eucharist!*

CALENDAR

Monday JUNE 6 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday JUNE 7 Weekday 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday JUNE 8 Weekday 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday JUNE 9 Weekday 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Mt 5:20-26

Friday JUNE 10 Weekday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Mt 5:27-32

Saturday JUNE 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:33-37

Sunday JUNE 12 The Most Holy Trinity Prv 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

**"Like newborn babies,
thirst for the pure
milk of the word
so that by it you may
grow in your
salvation. Surely you
have tasted that the
Lord is good!"**

1 Peter 2:2-3



Pentecost Sunday

[John 14: 15-16 & 23-26]

[Acts 2: 1-11]

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Treasure Hunt

1. **How many days** after Jesus' Ascension did His disciples experience the first Pentecost?
2. What **book** and **chapter** of the *New Testament* provides us with an account of the first celebration of Pentecost? [Reading beyond today's excerpt, who was **the first disciple** to evangelize on Pentecost?]
3. **Where** did the first Pentecost take place?
4. *The sound of the rushing wind* was the d_____ of the **H** _____ **S** _____ upon the disciples. This gift dispersed their fear, and they began to act with faith and **c** _____.
5. **Explore** Exodus 23:16, Exodus 34:22 and Numbers 28:26 to discover **three** more **names** for the Feast of Pentecost.

Answers to last week's Treasure

The Ascension of the Lord

1- repentance for the forgiveness of sin; 2- "until you are clothed with power from on high"; 3- Jesus was taken up to heaven; 4- homage, joy, praised; 5- to get the disciples to believe in the Truth of His Resurrection and to prepare them for His Ascension (departure).



"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart.
Enlighten the dark corners of this
neglected dwelling and scatter there
thy cheerful beams."

-St. Augustine of Hippo -

Dear Padre,

My priest talks about the need for Catholics to "deepen our conversion." I'm already Catholic. What else is there to convert to?

Often, we think of conversion as something that happens only when someone joins the Catholic Church. But the word conversion has several meanings. As used by priests, it means to enter more deeply into a life of faith. As Catholics, we are called to continual conversion through everyday gestures of following Christ (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1435). I have a non-Catholic friend who inscribed the date she accepted Christ on her Bible. I could write "January 8, 1962" on my Bible because that's the date of my baptism, the day I was saved. At baptism I received the grace to convert daily after I became old enough to do so on my own. But my conversion isn't something that happened once in the past. It wasn't the last sacrament I received. It was the first sacrament I received as I began my faith journey. We deepen our faith and continue our conversion as we live the sacramental life of the Church. "Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church" (CCC 1428). This is seen clearly through the sacraments of the Eucharist and penance. The Eucharist is something Catholics participate in weekly, and most Catholics take part in the sacrament of penance at least once a year. Why? Because we want to deepen our conversion.

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 am to 10 am.

Next open on Friday, June 10, 2022.

SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their "aloha experience" at the Painted Church.

**Do you not know
that you are God's temple and
that God's Spirit dwells in you?**

1 Corinthians 3:16