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June 5, 2022
Solemnity of Pentecost



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Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass
Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass
Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass
Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays – 8:30am-10pm (*ends with Benediction*)

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If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office, 503-631-2882.

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God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Dear friends in Christ, last Sunday, we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus Christ to occupy his rightful place in heaven. The Church's catechism strikes a significant chord about the solemnity when it states, "Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. (CCC, 535). During last weekend's reflection, we clearly stated that the ascension of Christ is for our benefit. Because "He ascended, not to distant himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before." (Preface of Ascension). Also, we prayed and reflected on the need to carry out the mandate of Christ as faithful witnesses, so as to be with him in heaven. Shortly before his ascension, the Son of God instructed and mandated his disciples to continue his mission as witnesses. And from fact check, the apostles did not fail in this assignment; instead, they religiously bore witness to Jesus' mission, even paying the supreme price.

Among the things contained in Jesus' farewell speech are his instructions to the apostles to stay in Jerusalem and prepare for the descent of the Holy Spirit. Luke records, "While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father...In few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1: 4-5). The fulfillment of the Father's promise: the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, Mary, and the Church that we are commemorating today. The important feast of Pentecost, among other things, is the pedestal stone that impelled the apostles to emerge from their hiding cubicles due to fear of being branded followers of Christ and launched themselves intrepidly to Jesus' mission.

In the first reading of this important feast, it is noticeable that the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and blessed them with a unique tool to enable them in the ministry. The apostles received the language of love, which is essential in disseminating glad tidings. The language of love is powerful, and its effects are limitless. The language of love, presumably understood by all, shatters and permeates a stony heart. On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on them, they began to speak in different tongues without attending any language course because the Spirit enabled them to do so. It won't be out of place to opine that the apostles, like those that were gathered, were amazed by what overtook them. Visitors from different nations could hear and understand them in their native language because the language of love needs no interpretation. The miracle of speaking in tongues on the day of Pentecost occurred mainly for the message of Christ to reach the four corners of the earth. God needs to be known by his creatures; hence, he manifested himself through the voice of the apostles. In the words of Jewish writer Philo, "The voice of men is audible, but the voice of God truly visible." (Decalogue 46). God's truly visible voice sent those who physically witnessed the Pentecost and continues to send us modern-day followers of Christ to renew the face of the earth with our actions and utterances. The Psalmist lauds, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104: 30). The mission of making things new is possible and attainable when the language of love is spoken by all and understood by all people of goodwill.

In his epistle to the Corinthian church and entire Christendom, Paul emphatically states that no one can honestly say Jesus is Lord if the person lacks the Holy Spirit. He further schooled his readers that there are different spiritual gifts, but all come from the same Spirit. The gift each receives from the Spirit is given for some benefit. (1 Cor 12). The fruits of God's blessings are for the unification and strengthening of the body of Christ. The gifts that we receive from God should not be the source of jealousy and rivalry. The gifts are not for destroying, sabotaging, and causing pain to others. Undeniably, we can easily use our gifts to light up others, raise their morale, and bring indescribable joy and happiness to fellow pilgrims. Amazingly, no gift is more important than the other; each gift is equally important because, as one body of Christ, we are in the same vineyard, working for the same master and pursuing one goal: spending eternity with the Blessed Trinity. Only when we are sincerely motivated by love and work with it can we quickly understand that we are working for God and chasing one goal. Love is indispensable in Jesus' mission.

The gospel passage is John's brief description of Jesus' appearance to his fearful disciples hiding in a locked room for fear of being maltreated by the Jews. Surprisingly, Jesus appeared in the locked room and offered them peace, greeting, gift, and a revelation of himself as the risen Lord. Jesus' gift of peace dispels fear and restores joy; his gift of peace surpasses human understanding, creates wholeness and harmony, and a source of transformation for individuals and, for the entire community. Jesus taught his followers to be generous and share their gifts with others. Because of love, you received without cost, you are to give freely. (Matthew 10:8). Jesus sends them just as his Father has sent him, bestowing on them another gift: the very breath of God, the Holy Spirit as the source of power. Those who received the gift of the Holy Spirit dispersed to their various communities offering the gift Jesus had given them: forgiveness in his name. With the power of the Holy Spirit, the chosen embarked on the mission of making Jesus known and transforming things with God's grace.

This week at SPB and Upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events

Sunday, 6/05/2022 Solemnity of Pentecost

8:00am Mass: +Dorothea & William Nelson
(Jean Nelson)
10:30am Mass: All parishioners

Monday, 6/06/2022 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +John & Chrystal VanDoren
(David & Rosalie Swanson)

Tuesday, 6/07/2022

6:30pm Mass: +Char Kile (Fred & Carolyn DeLange)
7:00pm: RICA/Hall

Wednesday, 6/08/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Don Wrublik (Markowski Family)

Thursday, 6/09/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Eleanor Staino (Patti Gosser)

8:30am-10:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration



Friday, 6/10/2022

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Helen Weiland (Veronica Kholer)

Saturday, 6/11/2022 Memorial of St. Barnabas

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm Mass: +Joyce Murphy (Becky Wooten)

Sunday, 6/12/2022 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00am Mass: +Dora Scheele (Dryden Family)
10:30am Mass: All parishioners

Father's Day Brunch

Come to the Hall after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses on June 19th for Father's Day Brunch. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, food prep and cooking. If you can help, please call the office. Thank you.

Archdiocese Catholic Appeal update

of donors = 54
Total donations given = \$17,173
Parish Goal = \$19,764.32
We are at 86.89% of our goal. We are short of our goal by \$2,591.32.
Thank you to those who have made your contribution.

June 5th: Blood pressure readings after the 8am Mass

June 19th: Father's Day. Father's Day Brunch after the 8 and 10:30 Masses.

June 26th: Second Collection for Peter's Pence

Save the Date!

Our annual Parish Picnic will be Sunday, August 21st this year. Mark your calendars. Last year it was a killer, this year will be even better.

Thank You

Thank you for your donations!
Your support is very much appreciated.

Finance Corner

Registered Household 218	WEEK OF 5/29/2022 Actual	Budget
Donors 46	\$3,073 (online: \$765)	\$6,129
Fiscal Year	\$227,998	\$228,738

Next Weeks Assignments

Ushers

6/11~5:30pm: Tom Muldoon
6/12~8:00am: Dave Beaty
6/12~10:30am: Larry Carnahan

Lector/Commentator

Heather Hannam
Danielle Dryden
Nancy Carnahan

June Church Cleaners: Gail & Abby Williams (971-277-0954)

June Altar Linens: Pam Erickson (503-459-8285)



6/12 9:00: John & Elaine
11:30:



June 5, 2022

Pentecost (C)

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Rom 8:8–17

Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

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.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *In what ways do you use your gifts to serve others?*
- * *Be grateful for the service of others.*

[Jesus] said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

JOHN 20:21



SHUTTERSTOCK

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



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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.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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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

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

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The Church in its unity speaks in the language of every nation

The disciples spoke in the language of every nation. At Pentecost God chose this means to indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit: whoever had received the Spirit spoke in every kind of tongue. We must realize, dear brothers, that this is the same Holy Spirit by whom love is poured out in our hearts. It was love that was to bring the Church of God together all over the world. And as individual men who received the Holy Spirit in those days could speak in all kinds of tongues, so today the Church, united by the Holy Spirit, speaks in the language of every people.

Therefore, if somebody should say to one of us, “You have received the Holy Spirit, why do you not speak in tongues?” his reply should be, “I do indeed speak in the tongues of all men, because I belong to the body of Christ, that is, the Church, and she speaks all languages. What else did the presence of the Holy Spirit indicate at Pentecost, except that God’s Church was to speak in the language of every people?”

This was the way in which the Lord’s promise was fulfilled: *No one puts new wine into old wineskins. New wine is put into fresh skins, and so both are preserved.* So when the disciples were heard speaking in all kinds of languages, some people were not far wrong in saying: *They have been drinking too much new wine.* The truth is that the disciples had now become fresh wineskins, renewed and made holy by grace. The new wine of the Holy Spirit filled them, so that their fervor brimmed over and they spoke in manifold tongues. By this spectacular miracle they became a sign of the Catholic Church, which embraces the language of every nation.

Keep this feast, then, as members of the one body of Christ. It will be no empty festival for you if you really live what you are celebrating. For you are the members of that Church which the Lord acknowledges as his own, being himself acknowledged by her, that same Church which he fills with the Holy Spirit as she spreads throughout the world. He is like a bridegroom who never loses sight of his own bride; no one could ever deceive him by substituting some other woman.

To you men of all nations, then, who make up the Church of Christ, you, the members of Christ, you, the body of Christ, you, the bride of Christ—to all of you the Apostle addresses these words: *Bear with one another in love; do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* Notice that when Paul urges us to bear with one another, he bases his argument on love, and when he speaks of our hope of unity, he emphasizes the bond of peace. This Church is the house of God, built up of living stones, whose master is almighty God. It is his delight to dwell here. Take care, then, that he never has the sorrow of seeing it undermined by schism and collapsing in ruins.

(From a sermon by a sixth century African author)

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

“Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us.”

----- Robert Baer

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father’s will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God’s love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God’s purpose of “wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim 2:4).

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

The Good News: God has sent his Son

'But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.' This is 'the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God': God has visited his people. He has fulfilled the promise he made to Abraham and his descendants. He acted far beyond all expectation - he has sent his own 'beloved Son'. CCC 422

We believe and confess that Jesus of Nazareth, born a Jew of a daughter of Israel at Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and the emperor Caesar Augustus, a carpenter by trade, who died crucified in Jerusalem under the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of the emperor Tiberius, is the eternal Son of God made man. He 'came from God', 'descended from heaven', and 'came in the flesh'. For 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. . . and from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace.' CCC 423

Moved by the grace of the Holy Spirit and drawn by the Father, we believe in Jesus and confess: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' On the rock of this faith confessed by St. Peter, Christ built his Church. "To preach. . . the unsearchable riches of Christ" CCC 424

The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning, the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." And they invite people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ:

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. and we are writing this that our joy may be complete. CCC 425

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The Savior ab initio prepared his followers for the mission ahead of them. He schooled them on the witness' etiquette, the necessity of prayer and mortification, warned them of the challenges ahead, and empowered them with the descent of the Holy Spirit that rebranded them into fearless preachers. The Pentecost experience re-invigorated their missionary power to transform the face of the earth, knowing that Christ is with them to the end of time. The Solemnity of Pentecost concludes both the Lenten experience and Easter celebrations. The forty days of lent culminated in the Resurrection of the Lord, which began the fifty-day joyful paschal season. As we conclude the Alleluia season today, like the premier apostles, let us fully and wisely launch ourselves to the regular season and be ready to confront the challenges. Undoubtedly, what we gathered from the seasons of Lent and Easter elegantly prepared us for the mission ahead. Jesus Christ, the Good Master, prepared us to continue his mission till the end of time. In the words of T.L. Osborn, "There is only one purpose of Pentecost; that is to effectively evangelize lost souls."

It is imperative to note that Jesus' mission survives, thrives, and yields harvest when executed in love and with the language of love. The Holy Trinity has empowered us with the Spirit of love; therefore, it is our onus to open the locked doors of timidity, dismantle our fearful cubicles, and daringly embark on the Divine mission of renewing the face of the earth with our utterances and actions. Finally, we pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to be felt across all nations as it was on the day of Pentecost in the upper room. Amen. Remember, the closer we are to God, the better for us.

Blessings,

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Paschal Ezwiike.



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