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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE SPIRIT'S ACTIVE POWER



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The mystery of the Trinity refers to one God in three persons. We frequently acknowledge Jesus as “the second person of the Trinity,” but referring also to the Spirit as a “person” comes less naturally. In religious art, the Holy Spirit often appears as a dove or, as in today’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles, tongues of fire. Much rarer are images of the Spirit as a “person” in recognizable human form. Today’s readings do not settle the issue of how to picture the Spirit, but they certainly give shape to the Spirit’s active power in the world and in each human heart. In Acts, the Spirit enables people to speak and understand a variety of languages. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians praises the Spirit for all kinds of spiritual gifts, services, and “workings.” Finally, in John’s Gospel, Jesus calls the Spirit our Advocate and our divine teacher.

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In today’s Gospel Luke, the author of Acts, links the “time of Pentecost” to the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was a harvest festival, fifty days after Passover. The feast became a celebration of God’s gift of the Torah, the law of Moses, remembering Exodus 19. Luke suggests that just as the Feast of Weeks was a culmination of Passover, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was a culmination of the Resurrection. In both Passover and Easter, God’s extraordinary saving action rescued God’s people from oppression and death. Because of these actions, the stage was set for the gift of Torah, and similarly for Christians, the gift of the Spirit. The ongoing presence of the Spirit sustains us to face life’s burdens gracefully. The Spirit also challenges us daily to mature in our capacity to love, and to take part in God’s ongoing work to rescue all God’s people.

WHAT GOD IS UP TO

The Christian community gathered in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit, has long stirred the Christian imagination. In our own time, when the Church has a long history of Christian faith but now faces many challenges, we might return to this image. Like the first disciples, we often don’t know what to do next. What used to work for us doesn’t work as well. We need to stay together, honor diversity, reflect upon the roots of our faith, and remain rooted in prayer.

Yet there is more. Pentecost has happened and is happening. The Spirit has already burst out into the world, already stirring among those who are confused about God. The Book of Acts tells the story of a Church continually pushed out by the Spirit, to join in what God was already up to, out in the world. We too are invited not only to remember our unity and our roots, but to pay acute attention to how the Spirit is working in our local communities.

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) *or Romans 8:8-17*.

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) *or John 14:15-16, 23b-26*.

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VARIETY OF GIFTS

In today’s second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, a community encountering tensions and divisions over spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that the Spirit shares a variety of gifts; none is better than any other, and all are needed by the whole Church. The Spirit is revealed in the diversity of gifts offered by individuals and by distinct groups. The Spirit desires that the Church live as an interdependent, cohesive whole, as the Body of Christ.

A parish can be a collegial partnership where parishioners, clergy, and ministry staff can confidently share God’s gifts. Gifts from persons and groups of diverse backgrounds can be honored. Gifts that tend to be less visible, such as in finance, custodial work, or administration, can be celebrated as much as those in preaching and music. May we notice God’s grace in this diversity.

Teach and Remind

I'm not very good at telling jokes. I like them, but after I hear one and laugh at it, I let it go and forget it. I suspect this doesn't just apply to jokes. The Gospel today hints that the disciples may have had the same weakness when Jesus says the Spirit will "teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26).

Jesus spent three years teaching his disciples about the kingdom of God. While he may have condensed his message to "Love God . . . and love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31), he spent most of his time showing them how much God loves them and how to love their neighbor. He used parables as examples and miracles as signs of the Father's love. He answered their questions and explained things privately. Knowing that this would still not be enough, he promised to send the Spirit after he had risen. He seems to have known that sometimes you just can't learn by listening. You have to experience some things to understand them. Sometimes you have to explain something to someone else before you understand it yourself. And that is what the disciples would do.

When they received the Spirit after Jesus' resurrection, they began to talk about Jesus to anyone who would listen. They also began to do the things Jesus talked about. They fed the poor and healed the sick. Thus they began to experience Jesus in those around them. They would remember what Jesus had taught them and apply it in their lives. They even accepted suffering for their faith.

We too can receive that promise from Jesus to have the Spirit teach and remind us. As we share our faith with others, we begin to experience Jesus in them. Just talking about our faith helps it to grow. As we listen to the Lord in prayer, we are reminded of passages in the Bible that we have read or heard from the altar on Sunday. We begin to understand how they apply in our lives. We may remember things that seemed to be very bad but turned out to be God's plan—maybe losing a job, only to find a better one; or moving away from friends, only to make new friends later. May the Holy Spirit teach and remind us of the signs of God's love.

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Tithing: \$6,277.78
Children: \$0.00
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 6, 2022

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 6, 2022

Monday
8:30am Lydia Meza (D)
12:00pm
Tuesday
8:30am Felix Remigio Batista, Jose Ramon Garcia, Maria Tereza Alvarez, Jose Luis Guichardo (D); Leonida Rojas (D)
12:00pm
Wednesday
8:30am
12:00pm
Thursday
8:30am
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am Ana Felicita Hernandez - conversión y liberación
12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am Phero & Maria (D)
7:00pm
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT
9:30am Feliz Evangelista Gonzalez, Eduvina Gonzalez, Serafin Alfredo Gonzalez (D)
11:30am
1:30pm Giuse Quang & Ine Huong (D)

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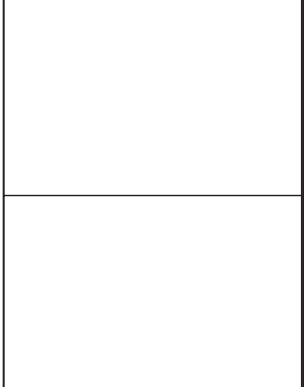
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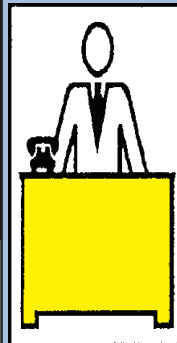
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