

Pentecost Sunday – May 31, 2020

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE	
Tuesday, June 2nd, <i>Sts. Marcellinus & Peter (Opt Mem)</i>	
	1st Reading: 2 Peter 3.12-15a, 17-18 Gospel: Mark 12.13-17 +Edward Berlot (Maria Berlot & Family)
Wednesday, June 3rd, <i>St. Charles Lwanga & Companions (Obl Mem)</i>	
	1st Reading: 2 Timothy 1.1-3, 6-12 Gospel: Mark 12.18-27 A.I.D.
Thursday, June 4th	
	1st Reading: 2 Timothy 2. 8-15 Gospel: Mark 12.28b-34 +John Rafferty (Kropf Family)
Friday, June 5th, <i>St. Boniface (Obl Mem)</i>	
	1st Reading: 2 Timothy 3.10-17 Gospel: Mark 12.35-37 For the Intentions of Maurice Downey & Marguerite Umbach (Frances Mantler)
Saturday, June 6th, <i>St. Norbert (Opt Mem)</i>	
	1st Reading: 2 Timothy 4.1-8 Gospel: Mark 12.38-44 For the Repose of the Soul of Joseph Mantler (Frances Mantler & Family)
Sunday June 7th, <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i>	
	1st Reading: Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13, 12-13 Gospel: John 3.16-18 For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

CELEBRATING PENTECOST IN A DIFFERENT TIME:

Pentecost is here, which literally means “fiftieth” from the Greek word *Pentekoste*, referring to the Jewish harvest feast fifty days after the Passover, ... (see Fr. Gordian’s full reflection here: <http://stmaryimmaculate.com/>)

PENTECOST



“A Christianity without the Spirit is joyless moralism; with the Spirit, it is life.”
-Pope Francis

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

God’s Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING:

The Season of Easter concludes with today’s celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today’s

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first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the [Second Sunday of Easter](#) this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief. In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath". This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's Psalm or the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#), asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another a Sign of Peace. (www.loyolapress.com)

PRAYER REQUEST FOR ALL OUR SICK PARISHIONERS:

For all the sick around the world especially those who feel alone in their struggles, and all those who have been affected in different ways by the current COVID-19 pandemic, that God may grant them healing and comfort.

We also pray for our sick parishioners and those who look after them: **Don Woodham, Maverick Southern, Margaret Morris, Defina Segatti, Felix Kozak, Argene Pellegrini, Tom Wunder, Kaelynn Heines, and family and friends.**

For all our Healthcare Professionals and Frontline Workers, may they experience healing and God's loving care and protection, we pray to the Lord.

PLEASE KEEP OUR RECENTLY DECEASED LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wayne Robinson and Ethel Doucette.