

Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017

Our Jewish friends just celebrated Shavuot, the giving of the Torah on Sinai amid terrifying wind and fire. By contrast, the infant church is gathered not on a lofty mountain, but in the intimacy of a room with Mary, still present at every Eucharist by her name enshrined in the Eucharistic Prayers. When the Spirit comes in Acts, there is “a strong driving wind,” but the fire, reminiscent of Sinai, does not terrify but comforts, as it “parted and came to rest on each one of them” (Acts 2:2, 3). The speaking in different tongues at the Spirit’s prompting is central to the uniqueness of Christian Pentecost. But though this seems at first to reverse Babel’s confusion of tongues, the unity the Pentecost Spirit creates is not uniformity, but a wonderful unity-in-diversity. Thus, the gospel going forth into the world is one, but its manifestation – in worship and witness, in living, in liturgy and ministry – is richly diverse: “We hear them speaking in our own tongues” (2:11).

Paul contrasts different/same and many/one (twice in two lines), challenging us not merely to tolerate but to celebrate our community’s diversity and unity.

Jesus breathes his re-creating Spirit on the disciples, shows them his wounds, then sends them (and us) forth to love as he loved, to forgive and reconcile. Jesus adds, “Whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23). But like the disciples having been forgiven so many of our own sins of denial, desertion, and cowardice, how could we dare not to forgive the sins of a truly repentant person?

Question of the Day

Catholic tradition, referring to Isaiah, lists seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Can I identify seven gifts the Holy Spirit has given me? How will I use each of them this week for the good of others?



Saturday, June 3, 2017

Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

4:00p.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Corrine Singletary – Melvina Kepp – Intentions of Miriam Page – Eddie, Kirby and Larry Gautreaux

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earchy B. Lazard – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corrine Singletary

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Glenn Gilyot – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Albert R. Pierre

12:00p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – St. Joseph Altar Society

Monday, June 5, 2017

8:30a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of Blair McDonald – Miriam Page

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall

Thursday, June 8, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Intentions of Anne Troy – Michael Pierre – Miriam Page

Friday, June 9, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Suzanne Bouligny – Intentions of Miriam Page

Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:30a.m. The Living and Deceased Benefactor of the Catholic Negro American Mission.



Announcements

“Keep me Safe, O, GOD, You are my Hope.” Psalm 16.
Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m. until 12:00 noon and Saturdays 12:00 noon till 3:00p.m.

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lords: **Pour Out your Spirit!** This Bible Study is based on the readings for **Pentecost Sunday: Reading I: Acts 2:1-11; Responsorial Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; Gospel: John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.** This Bible Study can be found on the parish website at <http://www.smgola.com/BibleStudy>. **Join us in the Center Monday, May 29th at 7:00p.m.**

Gospel Concert

The Saint Maria Goretti Haiti Partnership will host the Annual Gospel Concert on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Church. Featured choirs include Shades of Praise, Blessed Trinity Gospel Choir, Our Lady of Grace Gospel Choir, Cornerstone Harmonizers, St. Paul the Apostle, and our own Saint Maria Goretti Gospel Choir. Tickets are \$10.00 and available after all masses. Join us as we make a joyful noise of praise. All proceeds will benefit our partner church in Haiti. St. Therese de L'enfant Jesus.



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) now moves to the period Mystagogy or Post-Baptismal Catechesis: During this period the New Christians deepen their understanding of the mysteries of our faith and experience being fully a part of the Christian community through pertinent catechesis particularly, by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharist celebration. The new Christians are now part of Christ's body (the Church). They must now go forth with the entire faith community to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Please welcome them.

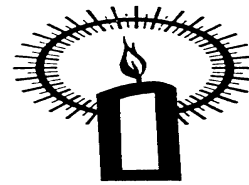
The Parish Invites Those Who:

- Have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seventeen who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Are Catholic and would like to know more about their faith?
- Who is married to a Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Faith.

Join us on our journey of Faith as we continue on **May 30, 2017**. The topic will be: **Love of Neighbor is Faith in Action – The Sacraments and the Social Teaching of the Church? To whom will you go to teach and baptize?**

For more information please contact Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Byron Martin or any RCIA member or email at: or visit the web site at www.smgola.com.

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of St. Jude & St. Anthony.
The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Helen Cheatham and Helen Suzanne Bouigny.



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In Our Parish

Monday, June 5, 2017

- 10:30a.m. Sr. Dance Class – Center Area
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Excerise Class – Center Area

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

- 9:00a.m. UTNO – Center & Kitchen
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center

Thursday, June 8, 2017

- 6:00p.m. Bingo

Friday, June 9, 2017

- 6:00p.m. Men's Rosary For Peace – Chapel

Saturday, June 10, 2017

- 8:00a.m. Sister's of the Holy Family Jubilee – Whole Center Area
- 10:00a.m. Sister's of the Holy Family Mass - Church

