

Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2020

In the city of Babel the plurality of languages produced misunderstanding and drove people apart. In Jerusalem at Pentecost the plurality of languages will produce understanding and draw people together. At Sinai the presence of God was obscured by fire and smoke, by trumpet blast and thunder. In the upper room locked doors could not prevent Jesus from bringing the Holy Spirit to the disciples. In Ezekiel's vision dead, dry bones lie in graves. Paul speaks of being reborn in the Spirit, suggesting Ezekiel's vision of the spirit bringing the bones to life. Joel prophesies that everyone will be rescued when the spirit comes. Paul tells the Romans that having the firstfruits of the Spirit, we await the redemption of our bodies. In every way, the Holy Spirit transforms the world.

In the Hebrew scriptures whenever God's spirit was invoked, it was upon people of special importance: kings, judges, prophets. When Joel writes that the Lord's spirit will be poured out "upon all flesh . . . even upon the servants and the handmaids," it is a radical shift (Joel 3:1-2). No longer will only a select few be blessed with God's spirit. Everyone will. "Everyone shall be rescued who calls on the name of the Lord" (3:5). No wonder Peter quotes this passage after the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. The universal spirit envisioned by Joel has been realized.

It wasn't only Joel who realized the breadth of God's blessings. Ezekiel never said that just "some" bones would rise up or that "some" graves would be opened. Paul speaks of "all creation" being reborn. Jesus offers himself to anyone who thirsts." All who believe will be blessed with the Spirit flowing within them. You, me, our neighbor, all creation. If the Holy Spirit were visible, we would be blinded by the energy flowing within us all. Our challenge is to make the spirit visible and help renew the face of the earth.

Question of the Week

Do I rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance? When I search my heart, what stubbornness do I find that could use honest examination?



Saturday, May 30, 2020

Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – George Marcell – Joyce Evans – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Leonard Belton

Sunday, May 31, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Intentions of Sonja Baham – Brenda Johnson

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Sandra Guillory and Family

Monday, June 1, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Therol Humphrey

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Blair McDonald – Stacey Martin – Henry Martin – Therol Humphrey – Jennifer Baptiste – Sonja Baham

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey and Henry Martin – Sonja Baham

Thursday, June 4, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Henry and Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Sonja Baham

Friday, June 5, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacey and Henry Martin – Sonja Baham

Saturday, June 6, 2020

8:30a.m. The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9-12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12 noon – 3:00p.m. in the Chapel

General Guidelines for Mass

Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only. There will be no distribution from the chalice.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn in memory of Harold Lions and Diane Lions.

CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

