



Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021



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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 22**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of  
Immaculate Conception Parish

5:00pm: Ray Geraci

Barbara Stephens

Jerome Stachniw

**Sunday, May 23**

10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish

Gernnarino Vena

John De Rose

Audrey Lakin

Dr. Hugo Muriel

**Monday, May 24**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of  
Immaculate Conception Parish

**Tuesday, May 25**

8:00am: John De Rose

Marion Smith

**Wednesday, May 26**

8:00am: Anna & Mario Marsiglio

**Thursday, May 27**

8:00am: Sydney Smith

The Martini Family

**Friday, May 28**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of  
Immaculate Conception Parish

**Saturday, May 29**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of  
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5:00pm: Anna & Mario Marsiglio

John De Rose

Phyllis Roa

**Sunday, May 30**

10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish

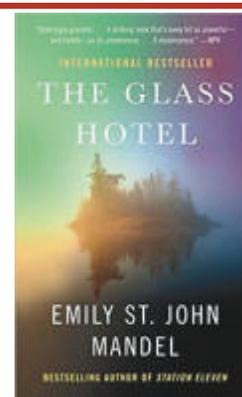
Carolina Sorrentino

Ben & Pauline Sesso

Gaspere DeLuca

## ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH BOOK CLUB

**“The Glass Hotel”  
by Emily St. John Mandel  
Tuesday, May 25  
Zoom Meeting 7:00pm**



327 pages

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Please contact Bertha at [berthaf@gmail.com](mailto:berthaf@gmail.com) or Mary at 847-722-2996 for the zoom link.

## Father Mike's Homiletter – May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

**Scripture:** Saturday Vigil Mass – Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

Sunday Mass of the Day – Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost – often considered the birthday of the Church. Derived from a Jewish festival which honored the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai and the covenant between God and the Jewish people, it falls about 50 days after Passover. It is the feast on which we pay more attention to the Holy Spirit than almost any other feast during the liturgical year – indeed, the Holy Spirit may be the most neglected person of the Holy Trinity. Yet, in many ways, the Spirit is more present in our daily lives than we realize.

In Saturday's first reading we hear about the Tower of Babel, that monument to human ego which the Israelites tried to build so they could reach heaven. Until then, all the people of the earth spoke the same language. When God decided to teach them a lesson in humility, He did so by confusing their language and scattering them over all the earth. The Israelites had forgotten their covenant with God and the Tower wound up going nowhere. In Sunday's first reading, we hear that the disciples were all in one place, when a strong wind came up. Tongues of fire appeared over each of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit, as Jesus had promised several times before He was taken up to heaven. In this case, though the disciples were all Galileans, they suddenly spoke in foreign tongues and could be understood by the many who were in Jerusalem for Pentecost worship. And the visitors all understood what the disciples were preaching – the God's mighty deeds. The Holy Spirit was at work immediately upon infusing the newborn Church. In Sunday's second reading, St. Paul explains there are different gifts, but they all emanate from the same Spirit. They result in different talents, different personalities, different ways of working, but they are all directed to achieving one goal: building the kingdom of God. St. Paul is reminding us that no one is perfect at everything: we need each other, and the Spirit comes to shape and unify us into the one Body of Christ.

In Sunday's Gospel, we again hear of Jesus' appearance to the disciples on the evening of Easter Day. His first, and repeated, message is "Peace" and He breathes on them, sending the Spirit into them, body and soul, head and heart, surrounding them, never to leave them. Jesus goes on to say "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Theologian John Shea sees this as a commission to work toward unity: sin is a divider, a barrier which separates us from God and from each other. For unity, for union with God and each other in the Body of Christ, we must let go of our egos, our selfishness, our worries, and trust that God will provide what we need. And He has sent the Holy Spirit into the world to do that work.

The Spirit is persistent: always available at the whisper of a prayer, He comes to us more formally multiple times – in Baptism, in Confirmation, in Matrimony and Holy Orders, in Reconciliation, in the Anointing of the Sick, and in the Eucharist. Though our image of the Spirit is a fuzzy one of a dove flying high, I think the Holy Spirit is very practical. He is at work in our world more often than we recognize: the unexpected phone call from a friend we have not heard from, just when we needed cheering up; the homily we hear with only partial attention, which somehow addresses exactly what was distracting us; the urge to call a friend or relative, just when they need to hear a supportive, loving voice; the idea for how to solve a problem just as you were about to give up; the final treatment option for a disease, which produces improvement; the last minute arrival of an item needed for a project. All of these look like the Holy Spirit at work to me – but do we take time to notice and say "thank you"? More importantly, do we try to live in His presence?

Peace be with you!

Father Mike

## Food for Thought...

God shakes up our normal life, all in an effort to get us to go and love...go and give...go and do that hard thing...go and pray...go to a deeper level of trust in me...go because I am with you. Always.

-Sr. Melannie Svoboda in  
*Give Us This Day*



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Despite current guidelines we are still required to maintain signups for our Masses and services. In order to do this, it is imperative that you **sign up for weekend Masses by Friday at 9am** so that we are able to have complete list for our greeters to check you in and make this a smooth process. It is becoming problematic as many are signing up after the deadline. In Christian fairness to everyone we would ask that you please comply to this reasonable request. We will keep you informed of any changes to the current guidelines.

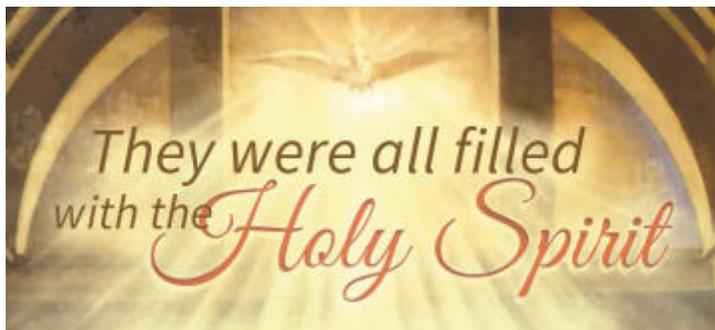
## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2021-2022 PREP year is now posted on the parish website. Don't miss out on the early bird registration incentives!



The learning and teaching that took place during Zoom was incredible! We have an amazing team of students and catechists. **Come join us** as we learn about our faith and prepare for the sacraments **in person** this fall.

Any questions please contact our Director, Barb, at [PREPOffice@icparish.org](mailto:PREPOffice@icparish.org).



## Marriage & Banns

**Lauren Feely &  
Matthew "Gus" Schweiterman II**



# Baptism



## *Keegan Robert Jessen*

was baptized into the Catholic faith on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Congratulations to the proud parents Kathy Anaya and Brian Jessen!

Let us pray that Keegan grows up strong in the faith and always close to Christ.

# Thank You



Thank You to Fran Collopy for organizing and also all those who helped make Mother's Day at IC extra special. Thank you for preparing and distributing flowers and prayer cards to our parishioners after mass and to Louie Vignocchi, who gave a blessing to those who came to our "Drive By". We also thank Floral Gardens and Kelley Spalding Funeral Home for their generous support.

## MEDITATION GARDEN

The garden is coming along nicely thanks to our volunteers. Please join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 if you are able to help. We will continue to work on the garden as needed throughout the season, weather permitting.

All are welcome, even if you would like to sit and chat with us as we work.

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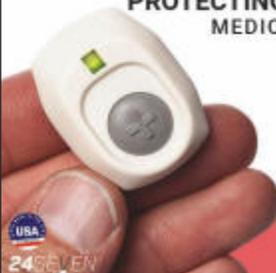
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