

RENTECOS





PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.

I want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.

Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,
with courage and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, may my actions witness
to Your presence in my life.

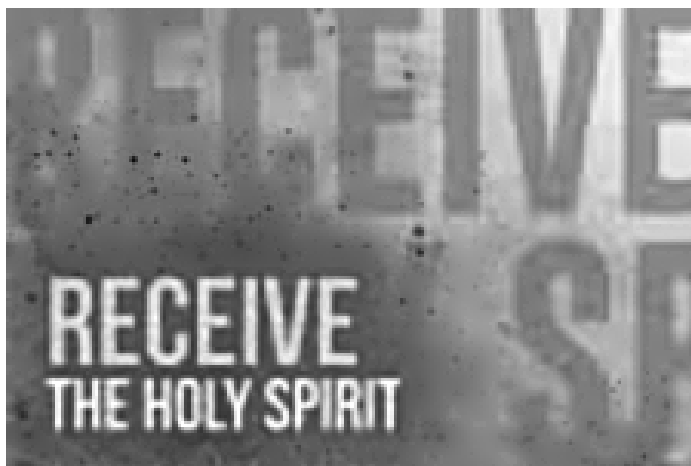
Help me to see the ways my strengths
can serve others in their weakness.

In all my interactions, I want to
radiate love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.

Breathe new life into the world through me.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of May 23rd

Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 1-13, John 20:19-23
Monday:	Genesis 3:9-15, 20, John 19:25-34
Tuesday:	Sirach 35:1-12, Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Mark 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sirach 42:15-25, Mark 10:46-52
Friday:	Sirach 44:1, 9-13, Mark 11:11-26
Saturday:	Sirach 51:12cd-20, Mark 11:27-33



Message of the Week

Today we celebrate the "birthday of the Church!" Pentecost is described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. But before the great driving wind and tongues of fire empowering the Disciples, the Holy Spirit had already arrived. The Gospel for today's Mass during the day is from John 20. Jesus appears to the fearful disciples after his resurrection. He first speaks a message of calm. "Peace be with you." The apostles "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." When the enthusiastic response settles down, Jesus "breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

This action is Trinitarian, and it has happened before. If you turn your Bible back to the beginning, you'll read: "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so many became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). In the Garden of Eden, we see God's first, original covenant with man. The breath of life signifies that original indwelling of grace, the special state of likeness and friendship with God before the Fall. Here now, in this locked room, the Apostles receive the long-awaited promise: the very breath of God, new life, a new covenant.

In the pairing of these two readings -- the Pentecost experience in Acts and the breath of Jesus in John's Gospel -- we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not only an empowering, it is an indwelling. We have each received the breath of grace in our baptism. It is confirmed, strengthened, and deepened in each reception of the sacraments. If we persevere in virtue, the Spirit of God is alive in us, inspiring our actions of love. This Pentecost Sunday, how is the breath of God alive in you?



"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me." -- Jn 16:12-14a



WEEK OF MAY 23RD - MAY 29TH

Sun.	9:30 AM	OLV Parishioners
Mon.	8:00 AM	Rudy Pelz
Tue.	8:00 AM	James Fink
Wed.	8:00 AM	Jim Fish
Wed.	8:00 AM -3:00 PM	(Mass and Adoration in the Church)
Thur.	8:00 AM	Ralph Gagnon
Fri.	8:00 AM	Michael Kielas
Sat.	4:00 PM	Private Confessions
Sat.	5:00 PM	Fr. Paul Hedman

Observances for the Week of May 23rd

- Monday:** Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Tuesday:** Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Memorial of St. Gregory VII, Pope
Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
- Wednesday:** Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Thursday:** Memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury
- Saturday:** Memorial of St. Paul VI
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRIES:

Saturday, May 29 - 5:00 PM

Eucharistic Minister:

Donna Fox

Lector:

Gen Hyde

Sunday, May 30 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Minister:

Sr. Jovita

Lector:

Bev Truran

Questions of the Week

When have I avoided the truth? What truth am I avoiding right now? How will I confront and accept it?

WEEKEND COLLECTION

May 8th / 9th

\$ 1,673.00

Thank you for your continued support!!

Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, May 24th is the memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 5:30 PM.

All parishioners are welcome !!!

Pray for ...

the sick in our community,
our homebound and nursing home residents,
for those afflicted with the coronavirus,
for all care-givers,
for the deceased of our parish,
and the family and friends who mourn them.

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