

Pentecost Sunday | May 28, 2023



# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

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~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm  
In the  
Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open  
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm  
Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**RCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**Walking with the Neighborhood Hero:** A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that one of my goals in recovering from knee surgery was to

join Rachel Allemon and her family on one of their strolls around Overlake, Goethe, Edmunton, and E. Eight Mile Road. While dear Rachel and her family are regulars at Mass, she is also a regular walker during the summer months. When she is walking down Overlake, she and her family often stop by the Parish Center and pay a visit to the Lord in the Chapel. Immediately after that is a chocolate exchange. First, she will offer up some of the chocolate she might have stashed as energy for the journey, and then Rachel or Dina will offer her some of our precious stash that is ALWAYS sitting around the Parish Center.

Now the thing you need to know about Rachel Allemon is that she is a young 99 years old! She will join the esteemed Centenarians of our parish in late October. We currently have 4 parishioners over 100 years old (the oldest being Lionel Montagne at the young age of 102.5) and 4 who will reach that milestone in the coming year! Speaking of Lionel, I always enjoy pointing him out to some of our youngest parishioners after Sunday masses and asking them to guess his age. When I tell them he's 102+, watching them gasp with a prolonged "WOW" and wide-open eyes is fun!

But watching Rachel walk around the block with her esteemed and trusted walker is moving and inspirational. So, I've been on the lookout for her for a couple of days because I wanted to join her for a quick walk and, more importantly, get a photo op with her!

Last Sunday after Mass, I was sharing the story with, well, let's say for the sake of this story, their names are Chris and Lisa Nicholas (you may remember Chris is my orthopedic surgeon). They stopped by after Mass to visit my mom and me and mainly to check up on me because I had a little setback during the week. Dorkus here, got out of his chair wrong a few days before the weekend and twisted and bent his bad knee, sending his pain into orbit. My mind forgot that my knee

just had surgery! I had to get X-rays to ensure I didn't dislodge anything. Thankfully, the x-rays confirmed I didn't mess up anything. One good thing that came out of the mishap is that I had doctor's order to skip therapy and my exercises for a few days so my knee and whatever I did would calm down. So I was "parked" on my recliner with my infamous "ice sandwich" around my knee for a few days ... and it worked! Blessed be God! As everyone kept telling me, ice would become my best friend. They weren't kidding.

After sharing the story with my mom, Chris, and Lisa about wanting to join Rachel for a walk, I said that if I didn't see them out walking today, I would call them. Well, I didn't need to call. As my guests were leaving, guess who they saw in front of the Parish Center going for a walk! Yes, none other than Rachel, her daughter, and her son-in-law! Knowing it would take me a few minutes to get myself downstairs and knowing I didn't want to do anything stupid again, they asked Rachel if she could take a quick break so I could meet her outside. And wait they did. My mom and I then took turns using the chair lift to descend to the lower level. I got my walker, and my mom grabbed hers and her phone so we could meet them outside.

Rachel was kind enough to join me for a photo op, and then we went for a little walk up the driveway! There was no way I was going to join them on a walk around the block! As we began our little journey, I was stunned by what I saw. This couldn't be. There is NO WAY this was happening. I knew I had a little setback, but I didn't think I was walking THAT slowly. Rachel was OUTPACING ME! Wait a minute! NO WAY. Then to add salt to the wound, she looked back at me and said, "Let me know if you want me to slow down!" I was done! It was time to go back upstairs and park it on my chair with my ice sandwich.

I guess this means I need more physical therapy! I'll be asking for a re-do in a few weeks ... so get ready Rachel!

Here's the photo op from the experience. The video my mom took will be posted in my Sunday email.

God bless you, Rachel ... our Neighborhood Hero!



**Disciple Maker Index:** Our parish has been asked to participate in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. This non-profit Catholic apostolate does leadership training and development around the world. All parishes in our Family of Parishes have been asked to participate in the survey.

**Thus, I need your help! We want as many parishioners as possible to complete the 10-15 minute survey.**

The survey, which will only be available until June 4, asks you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enables you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow.

The survey can be done online and will only take 10-15 minutes. Paper copies of the survey are available and can be found in the Gathering Place bookcase or at the Parish Center. The questions are pretty straightforward. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. The survey results will be invaluable to me, our leadership team, and our many volunteers as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey. I will share the survey results at the project's completion.

**If you haven't completed the survey, please go to [survey.stjoan.church](https://survey.stjoan.church).**

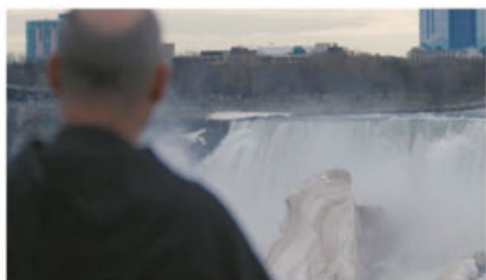
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of May 28, 2023



## God's Love Poured Out | Episode 1

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. In this episode of The Wild Goose, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love.



## The Journey: Trinity, Faith

The Bible reveals the mystery of who God is: God is love. God created us out of love, died for us out of love, and invites us on a journey of faith in which we live in his love. In this study, we'll look at the God who is Love and how that love shows itself in the Trinity and the Faith.



## Joyful Mysteries

As we celebrate the Visitation this week, we invite you to pray the Joyful Mysteries alongside this spoken Rosary set to music. Enter into some of the most joy-filled moments of Our Lord Jesus Christ's life, alongside the Blessed Virgin, through this devotional prayer and accompanying Scripture passages.

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## Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11 | 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20: 19-23

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As a college student, I found myself sitting near the information desk during a layover at a German airport. This was in the days before mobile phones and Google Translate. I remember being so impressed that the two young women behind the desk were able to answer questions in so many languages without missing a beat. Whether it was Spanish, French, German or English, each traveler heard an answer in their own language. I often think that must have been what it was like for the travelers to Jerusalem during Pentecost. They were in an unfamiliar place and yet God spoke to them in a way they could understand. And the beautiful thing about the Pentecost story is that it is not just relating one single moment in time. Instead, it is the start of the Holy Spirit's ministry here on earth, and in our baptism, we, too, receive the same gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation completes the grace we receive at baptism, since we receive a "special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285) We, too, are given the tools to go forth and speak to others even when we are afraid they may not understand. Let us remember St. Paul's words from the second reading: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." And then let us go out and use those gifts for the greater glory of God.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

## PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The idea of evangelizing is uncomfortable for many people. Sure, it was fine for the disciples to go out and start talking to strangers, but us? No way. However, evangelization doesn't have to mean starting conversations on the street (although it can!). Instead, it might be making the sign of the cross before a meal in a restaurant, mentioning Mass when a co-worker asks what you did over the weekend, or displaying a crucifix in your home where visitors will see it. In these small ways, we can encourage others to open the door for God to "shine within these hearts of yours," as today's Gospel Sequence says.

**PRAY** St. Paul reminds us today that we are all "baptized into one body" and "we were all given to drink of one Spirit." In today's divisive world, it can be difficult to remember that. Let us pray for one another knowing that all Christians – even those who may annoy us – are joined together in the same body of Christ. Specifically, have as your at-the-ready prayer this week for all circumstances, the following: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*





# Liturgical Life

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

- Jn 20:21-23

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles were able to speak "of the mighty acts of God" in many different languages. This speaks of God's desire for all believers to be united. How could you promote unity among those who believe?

### Second Reading

Paul speaks of the many different individual gifts of the Spirit that are intended to benefit the larger community. What is the gift you bring to your family or community of friends?

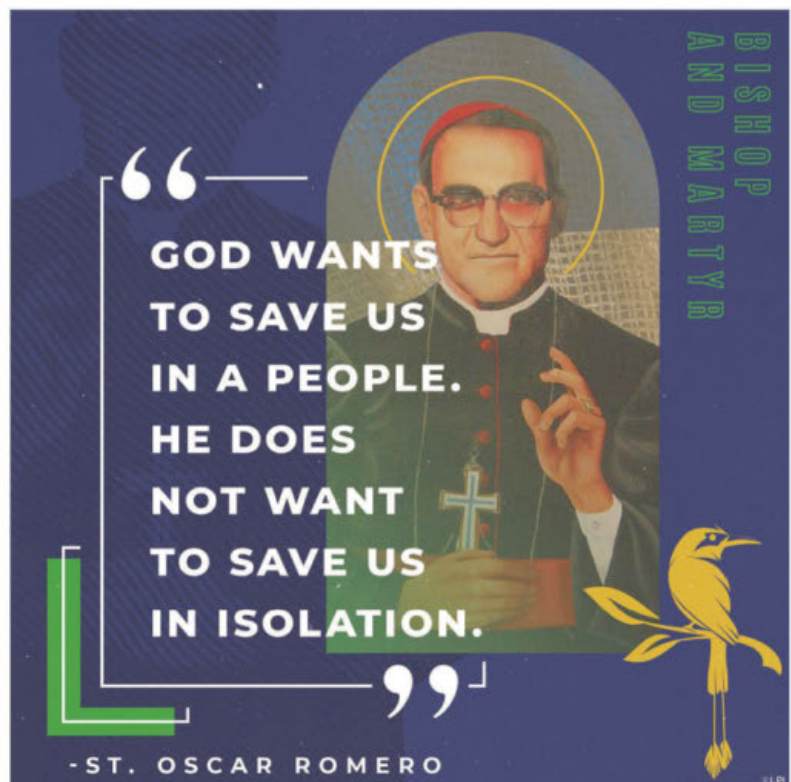
### Gospel Reading

With the power of the Holy Spirit, the resurrected Jesus instructs the disciples with this calling: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." How strong is your sense of vocation?



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# Readings for The Most Holy Trinity

## St. Joan of Arc

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – JUNE 4 A

#### Reading One – Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

#### Responsorial – Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

##### R. Glory and praise forever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; and blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

##### R. Glory and praise forever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

##### R. Glory and praise forever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

##### R. Glory and praise forever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

##### R. Glory and praise forever!

#### Reading Two – 2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

#### Alleluia – Cf. Rv 1:8

##### Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

##### Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel – Jn 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.



Stained Glass window of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in the Cathedral of Brussels, Belgium.

# PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SUMMER STORYBOOK HOUR

Parents and caregivers, bring your preschool and elementary-age children for a story, snack and fun faith-related activity. (And a little coffee break for you!)



## When?

Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am  
on: July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2

## Where?

The Emmaus Fellowship Hall in the  
Sr. Carol Center.

## Respond

Let us know by the Tuesday before  
each session if you're coming.

Leave a message at 586-772-1282  
or respond at [sjascs.org/storyhour](http://sjascs.org/storyhour)

Siblings of all ages are welcomed.



 **St. Joan of Arc**  
FAITH & FAMILY FORMATION



Presented by the Office of Faith  
and Family Formation





# St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc SOCIAL CALENDAR

## Summer Sunday Funday and BIG Raffle Drawing

**JUNE 11, 1-6 PM ON THE PARISH CAMPUS**

Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, food trucks, family activities (including a petting zoo, face painting, games) and much, much more!

## 2023 Coming Events

### AUGUST

- Marriage Date Night (Aug 18)
- Alumni Social

### September

- Parish Breakfast

### October

- Parish Gala - Paint the Town Red (Oct. 21)
- Family Fun Fest (Oct. 27)

### NOVEMBER

- Game Night

### DECEMBER

- Marches de Noel and Nativity Story (Dec 9)

*Stay tuned  
for dates  
and details!*

## **The Felicians need your time and talent!**

The Felician Sisters have established an exciting new ministry called Deo Gratias Detroit.



Their base of operations is at the former St. Jude Parish Center on 7 Mile, just west of Kelly.

Three times a week, the Sisters host the Deo Gratias Café, where they break bread, share fellowship and provide counselling with people in the neighborhood.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, the Sisters currently need help Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2 pm working at the Café.

In addition, Deo Gratias operates a food pantry , a community garden and arts programs. They also need tutors for adults and children in reading and math.

Please contact Sister Felicity Marie Madigan, CSSF, at 313-743-0477 or by email at [sisterfelicity@dgmdetroit.org](mailto:sisterfelicity@dgmdetroit.org).



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day**



7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Parish Center Closed for the Holiday

#### **Tuesday, May 30th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, May 31st**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

6:30 PM Eighth Grade Graduation Mass

#### **Thursday, June 1st**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour

#### **Friday, June 2nd**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

4:00 PM Roehl/McCarthy Wedding – L.S.

#### **Saturday, June 3rd**

10:00 AM Funeral for Kathy Meyer

11:00 AM Reconciliation

1:00 PM Jones/Tadevich Wedding—L.S.

4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, June 4th**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***May 28, 2023 – Spiritual Gifts***

Whenever there are big groups of people involved, things tend to get complicated. It's true among local volunteer groups. It's true in private industry, and it's especially true, one might argue, when it comes to the government.

A recent story in *The Detroit News* discussed efforts in Lansing to take “a more transparent approach this spring to deciding which special projects get funding in the state’s next budget.”

Putting aside the political conversations about whether these upcoming government expenditures should be happening at all, and at what cost to taxpayers, simply consider the wrangling that must be taking place among those who may receive funding. The approach suggested by one legislator, for example, included creating various categories of funding to be provided, so that “all of the dollars wouldn’t flow to just a handful of big initiatives,” the story said.

Among the various categories of potential spending are programs around culture and arts, labor market talent attraction and growth, housing projects, small business initiatives, infrastructure improvements, nonprofit support, and more. Even in the absolute best circumstances, where everyone shares a common goal – say, making Michigan a better place for all – the competing voices, agendas and interests would seem to be almost insurmountable.

And that’s why the vision – and reality – described by St. Paul in today’s second reading is so appealing.

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit,” he writes to the Corinthians. “There are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

That’s the blueprint, if you will, for the church. God willing, with the cooperation of all, it could work for society as well.

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 29, 2023 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Robert Swalec
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 30, 2023 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Henry VanEgmond
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 31, 2023 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Carolyn Foley
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 1, 2023 Saint Justin, Martyr (Red)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Wallie Gray
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 2, 2023 Weekday, Saint Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs (Green/Red)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Evan Battani
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 3, 2023 Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity; Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (Red)</b>
4:00 p.m.	Bonnie Batche, albert Embo, Virginia Vonderwerth, the deceased members of the Gore family, Frank Nagy, Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Alison Reslow and Prayerful Appreciation for the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc.
6:00 p.m.	John Armaly Sr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 4, 2023 The Most Holy Trinity (White)</b>
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Frank E. Adamecik
12:00 p.m.	Dottie Lubinski, Edward Baranek, the deceased members of the Rogier & Dettloff Families and a Special Intention for Alison Reslow

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, May 29

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
John 19:25-34

#### Tuesday, May 30

Wisdom of Ben Sira 35:1-12  
Mark 10:28-31

#### Wednesday, May 31

Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Luke 1:39-56

#### Thursday, June 1

Wisdom of Ben Sira 42:15-25  
Mark 10:46-52

#### Friday, June 2

Wisdom of Ben Sira 44:1, 9-13  
Mark 11:11-26

#### Saturday, June 3

Wisdom of Ben Sira 51:12cd-20  
Mark 11:27-33

#### Sunday, June 4

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
2Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Dorothy Lubinski**  
**Colleen Hemmen**



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



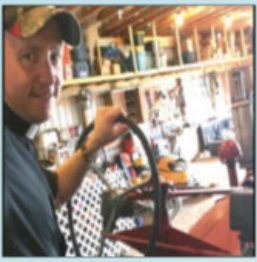
### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org) calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.



## Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



**Memorial Day:** As we gather with friends and family this Memorial Day weekend, I wanted to share with you an extract from a speech given by Billy Graham

decade and a half before Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1971. He was in Boston to deliver a memorial address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in, but perhaps his words, and the challenge he presents, have gained an even great need for repetition in recent years:

*"As we think of the selflessness and heroism [of those we remember today], we are reminded of the words of Jesus Christ who said: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*

*[They] found, as have brave men of all ages, that there are principles well worth dying for. Their noble, unselfish sacrifice is a silent, eloquent rebuke to the self-centeredness of this generation. Let those who want "peace at any price" remember this day that thousands have died for honor and freedom and that what we have today has come at the price of shed blood."*

*Even though the sacrifices of our war dead have been great, yet the greatest sacrifice of all time was made by a man on a cross who died that men might live. We have neglected Him too long! We have rejected His plan for peace, and as a result, we have fought, bled and died for centuries! I challenge the world at this hour to accept His program of heart regeneration that can transform the society in which we live, and we can know the meaning of genuine peace in our time.*

*Yes the bells of liberty ring in America today because these men we honor today got through for us. The sacred memory of their sacrifice will always live in our hearts, and we have a sacred and holy trust—and we cannot fail them!"*

*And we must not weaken in our efforts to live out the Gospel, because Jesus Christ sacrificed everything for us. ... for our freedom from the chains of evil that destroys life. We owe him our effort. We owe Him our time in the trenches, doing the work, sacrificing where needed.*

Today I offer you this prayer. Maybe you and your family can keep what I hope is a restful day together in true perspective by praying this together at some point of Memorial Day.

*Heavenly Father,*

*On this Memorial Day, we pray for those*

*who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.*

*We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Pentecost:** Pentecost is not only a Christian feast. As part of the Old Covenant, the people of Israel were supposed to travel to Jerusalem for three feasts each year. Pope Benedict writes that by doing this, "Israel remains, as it were, God's pilgrim people, always journeying toward its God and receiving its identity."

The Feast of Tabernacles, celebrating God's saving presence, is fulfilled in the Transfiguration; the Feast of Passover, the sacrifice that saved Israel from death, is fulfilled in the Eucharist. Now we celebrate the third of these three Jewish pilgrimage feasts, Pentecost, brought to glorious fulfillment in the New Testament.

This feast took place every year, about fifty days after Passover, giving the feast its Greek name: *pentekoste*. This feast commemorated God's giving of the Law to Moses and, through Moses, to all the people.

*The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain [Sinai], and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction"...*

*Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the sons of Israel. (Exodus 24:12, 15-17)*

God spoke to Moses from the cloud of fire, and gave him the Law, explaining how proper worship should look - how to construct and carry the Ark of the Covenant, how to offer sacrifice, how to ordain priests, how priests are to behave, and how to decorate the Lord's tent. It was only *after* Israel received these laws about worship—and after Israel broke them by forging the golden calf—that the Lord gave them the Ten Commandments.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit brings the

Feast of Pentecost to its glorious fulfillment. God comes down as fire upon His appointed messengers, and sends them to proclaim the New Covenant to His people. St. Peter, primary among the Apostles, leads them out into the large crowds. It's no coincidence that the crowds have gathered there from every nation – they have travelled to Jerusalem on their pilgrimage of *Pentekoste*. And Peter proclaims to them the fulfillment of the Old Testament:

*"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it... Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:22-24, 36)*

Here, just as Moses attended to God on Mt. Sinai and received the Law, the Apostles attend to the Holy Spirit and receive the new Law. They do not yet prescribe regulations for worship, but they definitively proclaim the truth around which all worship is now centered: that Jesus of Nazareth, who is Lord and Christ, died and was raised from the dead.

In time, led by the Holy Spirit, they will bring us God's new law. These men will be the ones to write the Gospels, inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will lead the Church and guide Her, themselves led by the Spirit, in opening up the Church to the whole world. As priests of the new covenant, they will lead God's people in proper worship and sacrifice in the Eucharist, as they were commanded by Jesus. Following His commands, they will bring Baptism and all the sacraments to the ends of the earth.

We give God thanks today for our new priests, ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit this Pentecost weekend by Archbishop Vigneron: Fr. Richard Dorsch; Fr. Ryan Walters; Fr. Jeremy Schupbach; Fr. Michael Selvaraj; and Fr. Andrew Smith.

You are in my prayers this week.  
Fr. Andrew      adawson@sjasc.org



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# Bringing Home the Word

Pentecost (A)  
May 28, 2023

## Look What Blew into Town

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**D**id it really happen the way the story is told? Who would not give anything to have been there? But maybe we have been there. Maybe we have met people who were so open to the mysterious power of the Spirit of God that they were able to accomplish things they never thought they could. Maybe at times even we, too, have been so moved by that mysterious Spirit. Is it possible that we are mistaken about what is truly mysterious or Spirit-driven? Is it possible that we fail to see the mystery of God in everyday life?

This is not to say that nothing extraordinary happened on that Pentecost day. It certainly did! People who kept a low profile out of fear of facing the same deadly fate as their leader seemed to rush out onto the street and proclaim that leader's mighty acts. What has happened to them? How is such a reversal of behavior to be described? It happens that when something wondrous occurs we often use exaggerated images and superlative language in an attempt to capture the astounding character of the event. To embellish language does not mean that the event was not amazing. It means that it was so amazing that we are at a loss to describe or explain it. We are, after all, talking about the dynamic Spirit of God that can completely change people. This is the same Spirit we received at baptism. Are we open to have it change us? †

## Sunday Readings

### Acts 2:1-11

Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and...Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire.

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

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

### John 20:19-23

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

*Do we fail to see  
the mystery of God  
in everyday life?*



## A Word from Pope Francis

We can say that the Holy Spirit... knows how to bridge distances; he teaches us how to overcome them. It is he who connects the teaching of Jesus with every time and every person. With him Christ's words are not a memory, no: Christ's words, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, come alive today!

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What if I look upon every person I encounter as someone introduced to me by Jesus himself?
- Have I missed knowing a wonderful person? If so, who?



# Community in the Spirit

By Paige Byrne Shortal

Today is the last Sunday of the Easter Season, or Pentecost, a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. Pentecost has been called the birthday of the church. (I remember once, back in the experimental seventies, actually singing “Happy Birthday” as part of the opening hymn. Hmmm.)

Today’s first reading describes a gathering of “devout Jews from every nation.” They were celebrating Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover and a day on which tradition held that the law was given to Moses. Suddenly there is wind and tongues of fire and people speaking in different languages and understanding each other. After all this occurred, Peter stood up to explain and, at the end of his preaching, about three thousand professed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized.

It is the Spirit’s work to make community out of individuals. And not just individuals from the same family or the same neighborhood or even the same race, class, or language. We’re talking strange people! We’re talking people we wouldn’t give a second glance. The Holy Spirit creates community out of those who are unlike us; people we don’t want to be lumped with.

Our church community is not always



what we want it to be. We may be too slow to respond or too quick to change. Our leaders may be too conservative, too liberal, too worldly or too out-of-touch. Our gatherings may be too much about all that fellowship stuff or too cold and inhospitable.

Here’s the thing: nowhere in the gospels is there a suggestion that the Christian life is something we can do alone. Nowhere does it suggest that the church is a comfortable club of likeminded people. The church is messy and annoying and absolutely necessary to the Christian life.

That being said, a community formed by the Holy Spirit is an amazing experience. Usually we seek out like-minded people, folks who look like us,

talk like us, think like us. Even for the most gregarious and open-minded folks, a few hours in the company of people whose ways are foreign to us is a strain, leaving us with fixed smiles and blank stares and a desire for solitude. At least that’s what it does for me.

But there’s an experience of community in the Spirit when you want to come back for more. I find it among the women of different congregations in Church Women United. I find it in a group we call Neighbors United—Undoing Racism. I find it in my parish choir, where folks of every economic and educational background meet and sing and pray and find themselves commiserating about their children, bringing meals when someone is sick, and laughing about...nothing. Just laughing because it is precious to be together and know this is what is meant by “community.” Community in the Spirit will keep you young, give you courage when you are afraid, companionship when you are lonely, and help you find God in all things. †



*So that we may know what is good, speak about the good, and do what is good, we pray, Come, Holy Spirit! Amen! Alleluia!*

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**Participating in a Church community is good for all individuals.**

## WEEKDAY READINGS

May 29—June 3

**Monday, Blessed Virgin Mary:**

Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 / Jn 19:25–34

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

Sir 35:1–12 / Mk 10:28–31

**Wednesday, Visitation of Blessed Virgin:**

Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 / Lk 1:39–56

**Thursday, St. Justin Martyr:**

Sir 42:15–25 / Mk 10:46–52

**Friday, Weekday:**

Sir 44:1, 9–13 / Mk 11:11–26

**Saturday, St. Charles Lwanga**

**and Companions:** Sir 51:12cd–20 / Mk 11:27–33

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