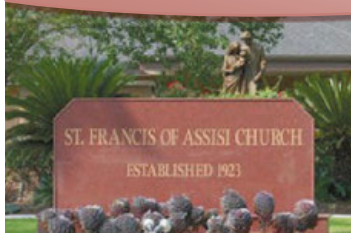


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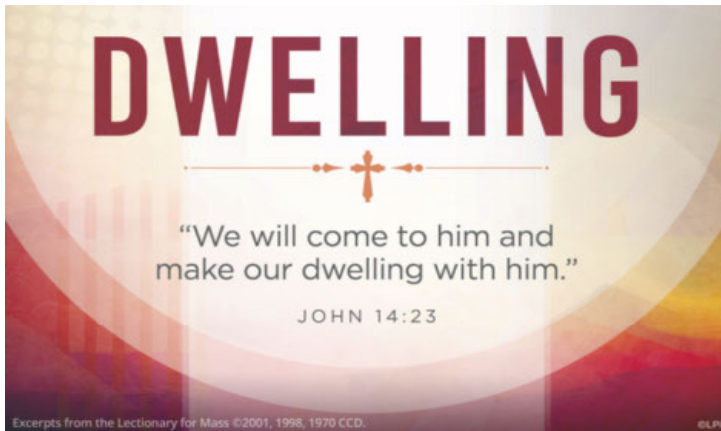
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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)



PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Rom 8:14)



GOSPEL

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I had told you." (Jn 14:26)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer:

One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

“Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

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June 12—Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ

“For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.” (Hb. 5:1)



Baptism Requirements for St. Francis of Assisi

Parents or guardian requesting Baptism must pick up a copy of the Baptism Requirements from the office.

All information must be turned in by the week before Baptism.



What did Jesus say and do about sin?

Jesus is the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world (Jn 1:29).

His first public words were “Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mt 4:17).

He healed the sins of the paralyzed man and of the woman caught in adultery (Mk 2:5; Jn 8:11).

He preached on God’s desire to reconcile us with the beautiful images of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son (Lk 15).

He taught us how to be brutal toward sin, instructing us in the Sermon on the Mount us that it would be better to rip out our eyes or cut off our hands if they were leading us to sin than to do nothing and lose our bodies and souls forever in Hell (Mt 5:29-30).

He taught us to pray to the Father to forgive us our sins and to bring us to forgive the relatively smaller debts of those who sin against us (Mt 6:12; 18:21-35).

On the Cross, as he prepared to die to take away our sins, Jesus’ salvific words were, first for sinners in general, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing,” and then for one sinner, the Good Thief, in particular (Lk 23:34, 43).

After his resurrection, not only did Jesus give the apostles the ability to forgive sins in his name but commanded them to preach “repentance and forgiveness of sins” to all nations (Jn 20:21-23; Lk 24:47).

That’s what the Church continues through preaching the need for repentance and making Jesus’ mercy available through the Sacrament of Penance.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; St. Norbert, Bishop

Thursday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Barnabas, Apostle

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

St. Josemaria Escriva tell us, “To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble him more and more.” Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the one who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to heaven in search of our Creator and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God’s Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision!

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