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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

SUNDAY 5/23 PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

MONDAY 5/24

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

TUESDAY 5/25

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY 5/26

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mk 10:32-45

THURSDAY 5/27

Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

FRIDAY 5/28

Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mk 11:11-26

SATURDAY 5/29

Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11/Mk 11:27-33

NEXT SUNDAY 5/30 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

The Feast of Pentecost

The Spirit of God has richly blessed each one of us. It enters into us, moves us and fills us with the strength to do good among those we encounter on this journey of life. Everyone is blessed with many of the gifts of the Spirit but not all use the gifts of the Spirit or are aware they have God's Spirit within them. What we come to remember with this Feast is not only are we "gifted" by the Spirit of God, but our actions will reveal how "gifted" we have been.

What we commonly call the Fruits of the Spirit can better be viewed as the concrete results in each person when using the gifts of the Spirit. The Spirit of God works in each one of us and the resultant change in each of us is both noticeable and affirming. Just as our reading from Paul this weekend points out the results of a less than stellar life, it also points out that a person possessing the gifts of the spirit will change for the better – one's heart will be purer, one's life will be simpler, one's decisions will be based on the care of the neighbor and one's mind will be at peace.

Praying each day to be a vessel of grace and asking God for his various gifts of the Spirit, not just one but many. The result will be,

over time, that one is filled with greater CHARITY. One will have a JOY-FILLED spirit that results in LOVING God more and loving the neighbor as oneself even more. Having the Spirit in one's life will result in a PEACEFUL heart and surprisingly can bring peace to problematic situations among others. There will be greater KINDNESS in one's words and deed, a lighter touch to life, if you will. Of course, there will be great GOODNESS to one's life and more profound thanks to God for all the blessings of our lives. It will give us the spirit of Christ himself who suffered so much for our sake but always gave back a blessing to others, we will find them when we refuse to add to the darkness of the world, choosing instead to bless and give back goodness. There will be greater FIDELITY to the Word of God and a greater love to learn the Word, live the Word and model our life and values after the Word of God. Not surprisingly, the Holy Spirit will make us HUMBLE servants of grace who understand that it is God working in us rather than us doing it on our own. Without a doubt, greater humbleness brings about GENTLENESS of spirit and more SELF-CONTROL in our everyday lives.

As you can see from the Fruits of the Spirit, each one of us can identify all that we've been given and can always go back to God with a thankful heart that no

matter who we are, God will always bless us and assist us because he's promised us His Spirit.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL – CSA 2021

We continue to ask the Lord to bless our efforts to share the Good News about our communion of faith, its mission, and the ministries, programs, and services supported by the Catholic Services Appeal. We ask our Lord to bless our parish family with generous hearts in order to ensure that our family is part of the entire Archdiocesan Family working for the good of all those in our six-county area through the Catholic Services Appeal. Thanks to all who donated already and with Blessed Solanus, may all come to be part of this great gift of faith for the good of others.

REV. RON JOZWIAK
Pastor

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 22

4:00 pm Donald Fichter
4:00 pm Gary Dominick
4:00 pm Margaret Esshaki

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:00 am Families of Prince of Peace

SUNDAY, MAY 23

10:00 am Families of Prince of Peace

TUESDAY, MAY 25

8:30 am Peter

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lisa Caplin Anderson
Genevieve Davey
Ronn Wolf

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.*

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us

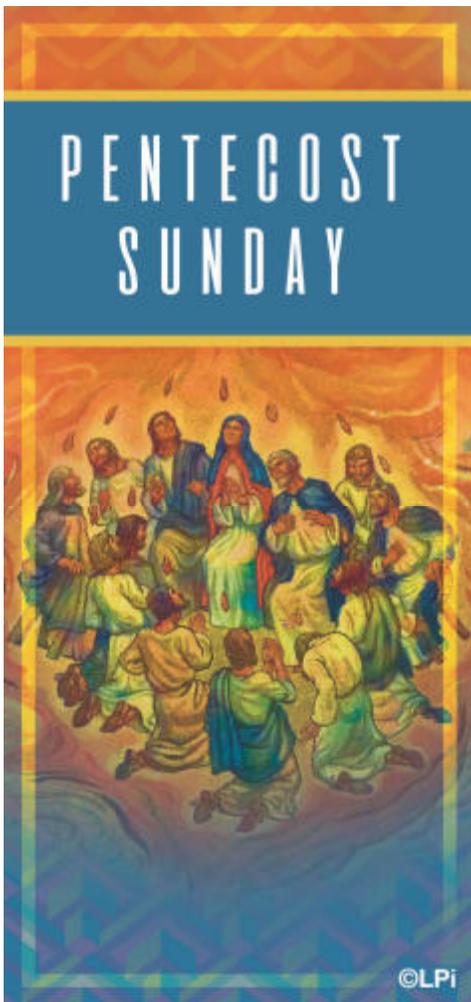
have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) CORNER AN UPDATE ON YOUR PRINCE OF PEACE CONFERENCE

Hello fellow-parishioners. This spring we're seeing a light at the end of the Covid tunnel. Our routines have been greatly impacted and we have passed through periods of isolation, staying at home a lot. We are now approaching a chance to move toward normal life and you may be looking for an opportunity to rejoin the world, to connect with others and to do some good in the process.

Well, we have a wonderful opportunity for you to consider. As you can imagine, some of our neighbors within the Prince of Peace parish boundaries are struggling right now. Our team has been helping these people, but we can gratefully use some extra help and talent. You'd be perfect!

Won't you consider joining us? It's not a large commitment of time, and it is very rewarding, plus we try to keep things informal, friendly and a bit humorous.

For further info (and a soft sales pitch), please feel free to contact Chris Waclawski (chris.g.waclawski@att.net; 248-977-0343)

GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Wednesday, June 2nd 9:30-11:30 am

It's time to come together and make the Prince of Peace Grounds beautiful! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and our Youth Group who have started the clean-up! There is still lots to do! We will begin at 9:30 am with coffee and donuts in the Parking Lot by the Parish Office (Green Road Entrance).

Bring your rakes, shovels and gloves to help make Prince of Peace beautiful!

We will be pulling weeds and beautifying the parish grounds. Hope you can join us! Contact Linda at 248-681-9424 ext. 20 or worship@princeofpeacecatholic.church for more information or to sign up to help.

If you can't make it during the week and still want to help, contact me and I will let you know the area that needs work. If you want to adopt a section of the grounds for the summer and take care of it at your convenience, contact me so I know the area you are going to work on!

FAMILY DIRECTORY

The new membership directory for Prince of Peace Catholic Church should be ready for publishing in July, 2021

As we prepare to publish our Parish directory we are asking that families wishing to opt-out of the directory please email the parish office by June 4th. Also, if you have a new phone number, address or email please call or email your updated information to the parish office so we can be sure our records are current.

Anyone interested in placing an advertisement in our new directory call Jill Garner at (800) 544-6903 ext.109 toll free or email jgarner@cathedraldirectories.com. A current ad or business card could be used or help in making a new ad.

Thank you!

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Baptism
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May 16, 2021



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Ben Schraffenberger
May 16, 2021



First Holy Communion
Scarlett Battersby
May 16, 2021



GOSPEL MEDITATION Pentecost Sunday

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy

Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.
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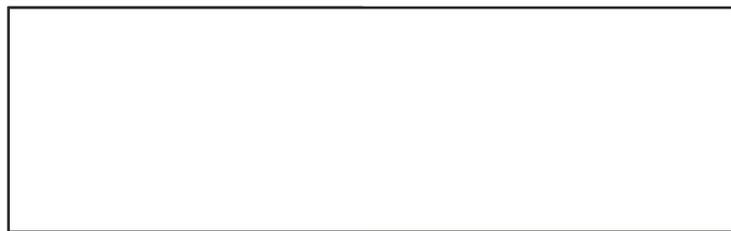
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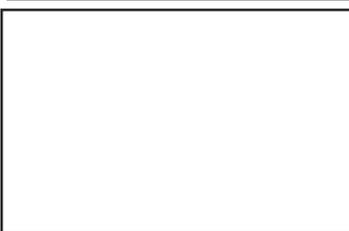


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