



Saint Joseph's Parish

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Pentecost Sunday, Year C | June 5, 2022

LORD, SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

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The images of wind and fire in today's first reading both draw us back to God breathing life into creation and the burning bush, and also commission us anew to bring healing in our time. God is ever ancient and ever new, reaching throughout human history to be reconciled with us. This outreach continues today at every assembly—as Paul reminds us, the spirit of God dwells in us.

While most of us have never had to fear for our lives in an upper room, we can identify with the apostles' anxiety. In these moments we might wish for tongues of fire to inspire us. How can we communicate the good news in a tongue that our children, our friends, our colleagues, our community and our decision makers will understand? When we are graced with the courage to step out in vulnerability. Share authentically, we can almost hear and feel the breath of new life.

Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we participate in Jesus' mission of peace and are called to reconcile with each other and God. May the Advocate guide us to overcome division and live in service of the common good.

Vanessa & Michael Nicholas-Schmidt St. Joseph's Missal pg. 416

"The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia."

Wisdom 1.7



Holy Trinity
Church
Mission
Saik'uz



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Pentecost, birthday of the Church, gift of the spirit that works for unity. Today is the great celebration of the messy, Spirit-filled birth of the church. And like all things from God, the infant church was small but mighty, imbued with unlimited power for all who embraced the gift and the challenge. There were no barriers to those eager to hear the message or use their various unique gifts. Now, as then, what appears to be “messy”—whether different languages, gifts, qualities, ideas etc.—works together for the building up

of the church and the spread of the Gospel. **Homework:** The gift of the Holy Spirit is first given to us at baptism, then renewed and strengthened at Confirmation, and nourished with every Eucharist we celebrate. The gift of the Spirit shows itself in the 7 traditional gifts of Wisdom, Courage, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Piety, Awe of the Lord. These gifts help us to work in the ‘messy’ church to bring unity. Begin each day this week by praying for one of the traditional gifts to help you and watch for things to happen.

Reflection, Feast of Pentecost: To understand the event of Pentecost, we first need to look at the story of the Tower of Babel. There in chapter 11 of the Book of Genesis we read how the people had decided to build a tower into the heavens to demonstrate how great they had become. God was aware that if the humans completed this task then they would think ‘they’ (and not God) could do anything. To protect them from this pride, the sin also of Adam and Eve, God decided to send confusion among the people in the form of people having different languages so that they would not understand one another and therefore not be able to build the Tower. That story symbolizes the end result of broken relationships all caused by the original sin of Adam and Eve. From here on, the Scriptures would record how God works to restore that original unity beginning with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, then Moses, then David, and then all the prophets, and finally Jesus, God Himself. The story of Pentecost is the story of the Holy Spirit, really the Spirit of the one God, working to bring unity and understanding (that everyone understood the apostles, each in ‘their own language’, was the unifying work of the Spirit). The church was small, and would be ‘GREAT’ only to the extent that it would listen to God’s Spirit. These stories from our faith teach us the foundational work of the church: to praise God and God alone, and to bring forgiveness of sins which are the cause of the breakdown of relationships. The feast of Pentecost commemorates the unseen, immeasurable presence of God in our lives and in our Church; God breathes God’s Spirit into our lives.

PRIESTs on RETREAT: thank you for your prayers while I was on retreat; Fr. Gregory of the Ukrainian Rite shared the richness, depth and diversity of the Church if we: (1)PAY ATTENTION, (2)BE OPEN TO HOLY SPIRIT, (3)EMBRACE SADNESS AND SUFFERING WITH JESUS ON THE CROSS.

FORMED: REMEMBER THIS IS A FREE SUBSCRIPTION AS PART OF OUR PARISH

Transformed lives, transforming community: (mission statement for evangelization); I had suggested that people keep a journal during Lent of God’s actions in your life; keep the journal going through Easter, and when appropriate, we would like to include stories of transformation on our website.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION : has begun; keep the candidates for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation in your prayers; preparation is Saturdays from 3:15 to 4:45;

PARISH ACTIVITIES- Confirmation, June 13, 7pm: please mark your calendars and come out to support our confirmandi. **First Holy Communion, June 19, 9:30am,** Feast of Corpus Christi.

PARISH ACTIVITIES- Father’s Day Brunch, June 19: an assortment of menu items is being prepared; plan on attending.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : Grounds Clean-up; Saturdays from 10 to noon; we still have a little work

PARISH ACTIVITIES : YEAR END BBQ, June 26. Mark your calendar

INTERCHURCH ACTIVITY : COMIC LELAND KLASSEN, June 26 at 7pm at Gospel Chapel; see insert for QR code for purchasing tickets.

QUIET PARISH HEROS : those committed to our Saturday morning yard clean up

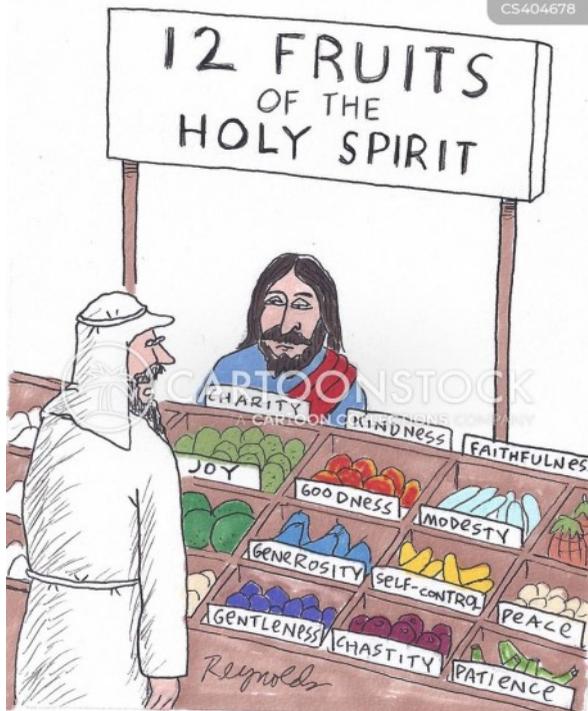
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Pentecost Sunday

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Jesus	acts	power	fifty	apostles
speak	wind	spirit	language	house
sound	tongues	hear	Holy	fire
filled	Day	Heaven	Pentecost	



“Do you have any oranges?”

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WISDOM

To value the things of God

UNDERSTANDING

To grasp faith's mysteries

COUNSEL

To make wise decisions

FORTITUDE

To strengthen your will



KNOWLEDGE

To enlighten your mind

PIETY

To love and serve God

FEAR OF THE LORD

To respect God's majesty

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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Mike Van Dusen, Martin Walker and for all who are in need of God's healing grace.