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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment

Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm

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will be returned.



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Donation	\$4,630.00
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Total Donation	\$6,170.00

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Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Homily by Fr. Peter Doan

Pentecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai.

In the second reading today St. Paul tells us: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God." In these verses St. Paul reveals the Most Holy Trinity, Whose feast we celebrate next week, but today, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is God.

Jesus promised His Apostles the Holy Spirit. In Scripture the Holy Spirit is sometimes called the Paraclete. A literal translation of this word implies someone who speaks on behalf of another. This is why Paraclete is sometimes translated as Counselor or Advocate. Jesus is the Mediator between God and man. This means He is our Paraclete with the Father. He has promised another Paraclete Who will intercede for us, teach us, lead us, etc.

With this in mind, although it would have been wonderful to be alive when our Lord and our Lady lived on earth, we live in a situation that is even better! Jesus is God Who came from Heaven to save us and to lead us to Heaven. The Holy Spirit is God Who has come from Heaven to lead us back to Heaven. Jesus came as the Truth and taught us. He promised the Holy Spirit, Whom He calls "the Spirit of Truth," to lead us into all truth. Jesus brought to us the forgiveness of sins. In the Gospel today we see our Lord breathing on His Apostles so they would receive the Holy Spirit in order to forgive the sins of others.

The point of all this is that God is still with us and doing everything Jesus did while He was alive in this world. However, 2000 years ago our Lord was present with His Apostles, now, He is present within us. This means He is infinitely closer to us than He was physically present to those around Him in Israel. More than that, the Father and the Holy Spirit are present within us as well. Now we not only have the Father and the Son within us, but the Holy Spirit as well.

The Holy Spirit is given to be with us in ways that are similar to our Lord's presence of old. However, as we see in the readings today, and in other readings throughout the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is doing more for us than what our Lord was doing in His days. According to St. Paul, different gifts are given to us by the Holy Spirit. Our Lord possessed these gifts Himself, but He did not communicate them to His Apostles until after He rose from the dead and gave them the Holy Spirit.

We have been given many gifts by the Holy Spirit, but of course, the greatest gift we have been given is the Holy Spirit, along with the Father and the Son. We often look at the gifts given by God and ignore the Giver of the gifts. Even when we think of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we often think wrongly. It is not a matter that I have been given a gift so I can do this or that with it. No, it is the Holy Spirit Who is exercising these gifts within us and working through us. It is not we who are doing this or that; it is the Holy Spirit Who is doing all the work, we are only cooperating with His work.

As we see in the second reading, different gifts are given according to what God has called each person to do. In the first reading for example, we see the Apostles speaking in tongues so the Gospel will be heard by many people in their own languages. Other gifts are given simply because it is God's choice to give a particular gift to a specific individual, for instance, the gifts of healing or prophecy. God has given each of us many gifts. Now the goal for us is to become united with the will of God that we will cooperate with the movement of the Holy Spirit within us and manifest His gifts for the benefit of others and the glory of God!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 28, 2023

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 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/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday:

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

Friday

Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

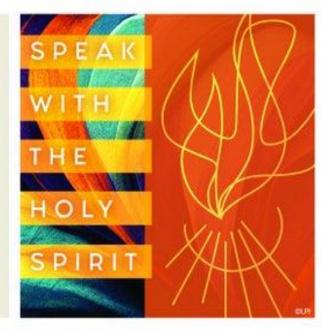
Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

- Father John Muir