



THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

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May 24, 2015 • Pentecost Sunday

Niech Bedze pochwalony
Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow.
Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus
Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Morning Hymn"

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READING I - 1 Acts 2:1-11
When the time for Pentecost
was fulfilled, they were all
in one place together. And

suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures;

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

READING II - 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

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 who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

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. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia (3x). Verse. **Alleluia** (3x).

GOSPEL - John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 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." This is the gospel of the Lord.

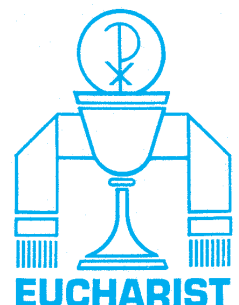
R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the Gospel: May devotions to the blessed mother.

OFFERTORY HYMN -
"One Spirit, One Church"

COMMUNION HYMN -
"One Bread, One Body"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -
"Down in the River to Pray"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost simple means "fiftieth" in Greek. It is the Sunday seven weeks or fifty days after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised to His followers before His ascension into heaven. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the gift that Jesus bought for us with His life: that God himself would dwell within us!

HIS WORDS...

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

—Acts 2:1-3

DID YOU KNOW?

The wind is the primary symbol for the Holy Spirit. This is because the biblical account of the Holy Spirit filling the believers on the Day of Pentecost describes it as the sound of a "rushing mighty wind."

A PRAYER TO THE "HOLY SPIRIT"

Come. Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your Love. Send forth The Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth, come into our hearts; give to all peoples the brightness of Thy light, that they may be well pleasing to Thee in unity of faith. Amen.

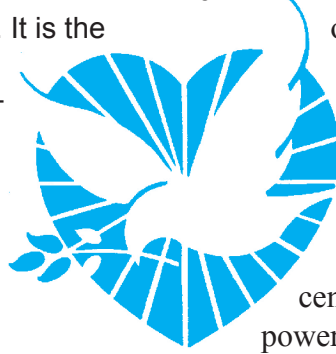
PENTECOST: THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

by Rev. Lawrence Rice, CSP

Each year the Church celebrates 50 days of Easter, culminating at the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the occasion of God's sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his resurrection. Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus, and they had the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was, and what he had accomplished by his dying and rising.

Because Pentecost brought the disciples this clarity

of



mission, it is regarded as the founding feast of the Christian Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus are tentative and disorganized. After Pentecost, they are a people with a mission, who perceive themselves as spiritually and sacramentally connected to the risen Christ.

Today, celebrations of Pentecost still center on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the power of those gifts to both draw people together, and to send them forth to spread the word. ***For those of you who are fond of making lists, those gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Fortitude, Good Counsel, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.***

Of course, one of the remarkable elements of the story of the first Pentecost was the miracle of understanding, in which everyone in the diverse crowd in Jerusalem hears the disciples speaking in the listeners' own language. This unique event is sometimes commemorated at masses for Pentecost Sunday by having people read sections of the story in a variety of different languages represented in the congregation. It's a reminder that although we've heard the story before, we have inherited the mission of those first disciples.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!...

Do a random or regular act of kindness, it does make a difference! "Be the change you would like to see in the world."

—Mahatma Gandhi

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

May 31, 2015 - 10 a.m.

St. Francis Healing Mass - All are invited!

June 3, 2015 - 3 p.m.

Board of Appeals hearing regarding the Mosque at Hempstead Town Hall - all who can should attend.

June 6, 2015 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

East Meadow Pride Day at Speno Park

June 14, 2015 - 4 p.m.

Adam Koterba's First Holy Communion

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, December 5, 2015

Christmas Fund-raiser Dinner