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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.

ACTS 2:3-4



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PENTECOST
SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

Come, Holy Spirit! Today we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples and on all who are baptized. We also commemorate the birth of the Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples remained hidden and uncertain; at Pentecost, those who were gathered were filled with the Spirit and proclaimed the wonders of the Good News of Christ to all. The Spirit guides us to the truth of Christ's love and mercy and strengthens us to live as disciples. Without the Holy Spirit, we would perish; with the Spirit, we have life to the full. Relying on the Spirit, we are given the grace to turn away from the many temptations that we face each day and prefer instead what is good and holy. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

As followers of Jesus, we are called to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's love, turning away from all that is not of God in order to be more Christ-like in our daily lives. The more we invite the Holy Spirit to draw us close to God's heart, the more readily we will avoid sin and choose life, faith, and love. In the letter to the Galatians, we hear a list of things that those who live in the Spirit are to avoid. Things like immorality, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness. At first glance, we might think to ourselves, "of course I want to avoid those things," and yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we likely recognize some of those patterns in our lives. Upon further reflection, however, we also see that these negative behaviors pose temporary pleasure while the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—lead to a life of deep and lasting fulfillment.

NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY

The Jewish people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost came from every corner of the world. They spoke many languages and yet were drawn to hear the message of Christ from the disciples who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were astonished by what they heard—not only the message, but the way in which it was conveyed, in their own language, and by the messengers, people whom they would have considered ordinary and unremarkable, rather than the acknowledged religious leaders of their time. We, too, are called to share the love and mercy of Christ through word and action, even when we feel small and insignificant. We need only to look at the witness and experience of those first disciples and all the saints who have preceded us to know that we are capable of much when we place our lives in God's hands. Nothing can stand in the way of the incredible love of God when we are filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Galatians 5:16-25
John 20:19-23 or
John 15: 26-27; 16:12-15

Mass Schedule

Monday.....8:30 am
Tuesday.....8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am
Friday.....8:30 am
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday...8:30/10:30 am

Confession

Saturday.....3:30 pm
Also, by appointment

Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.



Parish Office

Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am—4:00 pm
(Closed 12-1, Lunch)
618-377-6519
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Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions

Sat., May 22	St. Rita of Cascia 4:30 pm Helen Friedel
Sun., May 23	Pentecost Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am Nick Gray For the Parishioners
Mon., May 24	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church 8:30 am James Geisen
Tues., May 25	St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII 8:30 am St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi Louis Rexing
Wed., May 26	St. Philip Neri 6:30 pm Jill Lefringhouse
Thur., May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury 8:30 am Beverly Johnson
Fri., May 28	Weekday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Louis Rexing
Sat., May 29	St. Paul VI 4:30 pm Rudy Papa
Sun., May 30	Trinity Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am Kailash Khandelwal For the Parishioners



Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Bob Maronie, Jennifer Price, Bob Graham, Kenneth Korsmeyer, Kennedy Stalcup, Robert and Pauline Lange, Dorothy Dustman, Ricki Shutta, Debra Walker, Rosemary Bechtold, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**

Attention Ladies—Save the Date!

The ACTS Retreat for all ladies of the parish will be **Thurs., July 8 thru Sun., July 11.** This parish based retreat offers the opportunity to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, alongside ladies of our own parish. Registration forms at church entrances.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Bob Berghoff**, longtime parishioner of OLQP and **Jim Fillback**. May God grant them eternal rest.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Baby bottles for this fundraiser for **Thrive** (formerly *Arms of Love*), may be picked up in the entrances of the church. Envelopes are also available as another option to donate. The bottles and donations will be picked up after June 19-20. Also, you can text GIVE to 618-248-0093. Thank you!!!



Dear Parishioners,

Do You Know Your Faith? (Patron Saints)

1. Who is the Patron Saint of the United States?
2. Who is the Patron Saint of Mexico?
3. Who is the Patron Saint of lost articles?
4. Who is the Patron Saint of headaches?
5. Who is the Patron Saint of cancer?

Father Tom

Employment Opportunities OLQP School

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School is a place where academic excellence is achieved in a faith based, family environment. We are seeking candidates for the following 3 positions for the 2021/2022 school year:

3rd Grade Teacher, 4th Grade Teacher
Part-Time Spanish Teacher

Interested candidates should submit a resume to:
Steve Menke, Principal

smenke@olqpbethalto.org

Music Schedule

May 29-30, 2021
4:30—Craig/Cantors; 8:30—Craig/Brenda;
10:30—Praise Team

Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers

We are still in need of volunteers to Lector, EM, Usher. If you have returned to Mass and can assist with any of the ministries it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me or call the church office, 377-6519. We are also in need of Daily Mass attendees who would be willing to Lector once every other week or so over the summer.

Brenda Tebbe, 618-407-0233

Email: btebbe8356@att.net

Sunday Offerings

Week 46	May 15-16, 2021	Total to Date
Loose	\$144.00	\$9,071.49
Envelopes	\$14,025.00	\$404,883.17
On Line Giving	\$1,723.00	\$125,228.00
Young People	\$2.00	\$82.00
Total	\$15,894.00	\$539,264.66
Operating Budget	\$13,713.46	\$630,819.16
ACSA Budget	\$1,421.12	\$65,371.52
Difference	\$759.42	(\$156,926.02)

Total Envelopes received: 127 of 772
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$65.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$2,694.00

May 23, 2021

Elementary School Principal

St. Mary's Catholic School, Edwardsville, seeking an elementary school principal for the 21-22 school year. Applicant must be practicing Catholic, have teaching experience, and hold a master's degree in school administration or be willing to pursue such a degree. Email cover letter, resume, and references to St. Mary's Catholic School, Attention: Search Committee: wepkingdk@stmaryedw.org or jallasrj@stmaryedw.org. Deadline is May 27th.

Mid-life Singles

Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, June 4-6. Cost is \$210 including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or (314) 283-0044 for details.

Marquette "Camp Like an Explorer" Youth Summer Camp Program

Marquette Catholic High School is hosting a series of summer athletic camps for area youth. Parents may register and pay online at www.marquettecatholic.org/summercamps or access a paper form at www.marquettecatholic.org. The sports camps include football, soccer, basketball, tennis, baseball, softball, volleyball, cheerleading, cross country, track & field, and theater. Marquette has a long-standing tradition of successful athletic programs that routinely win regional and sectional championships and have had several teams qualify for the state finals or win state championships. Campers will benefit from the experience of Marquette coaches, successful alumni and current players. Each camper will receive a t-shirt and individual instruction. Register today! For questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 618-463-0583.

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. The Immaculate Conception
2. Our Lady of Guadalupe
3. St. Anthony
4. St. Teresa of Avila
5. St. Peregrine

Parishioner Information

(New Members & Changes)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner Send Envelopes

New Phone—Email New Baby

Change of Address Leaving Parish

Wish Father to call Illness in Family

A Pentecost Reflection

Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit?



After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit!' (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Why did they need power from on high? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

"And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:32,33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14).

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

Basil the Great (329-379 AD), an early church father, explains the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives: "The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise by Basil on The Holy Spirit)

The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

"Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of your love that I may serve you in joy and freedom."

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