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## Pentecost Sunday



Peace to you! This Sunday, we celebrate with the whole Church the Solemnity of Pentecost, the moment on which the promised Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The book of the Acts of the Apostles recounts that “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the spirit enabled them to proclaim.” This description is most powerful and pivotal for the life of the nascent Church.

For the Apostles, who had once been overcome with fear and trembling, who had been hiding away behind closed doors, sprang into evangelizing action! The Spirit promised by Jesus before His Ascension prompted them to proclaim the Good News now without any fear or reservation.

Celebrating, thus, the coming of the Holy Spirit reminds us and emboldens us to do exactly the same: to allow the Spirit of God to move us into concrete evangelizing action. After all, through our baptism and confirmation, we have received the very Spirit that the Apostles and Mary experienced that day. Our words and actions in our daily lives should thusly flow from the abundance of this Spirit that lives within. We are called and prompted to manifest our Spirit-given gifts for the good of others and the flourishing of our community. So, it is fitting to ask ourselves: What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do? How is the Spirit, giver of life, calling me to build up the Church and serve others?

In a special way this weekend, as a parish community, we invoke the Holy Spirit upon all those who participate in one or more ministries in our parish. We are deeply grateful for the many parishioners who give of their time, talent and love in service to the community. Whether through liturgical ministries, hospitality, catechesis, music, outreach, parish organizations or behind-the-scenes service your commitment to ministering is a true blessing to our parish family. Thank you for sharing so much with us through your generous service!

One beautiful example has been our new Children’s Liturgy of the Word ministry. It has been inspiring to see the little ones of our parish joyfully learning about God’s Word in a way they can understand and embrace. Seeing our little children spring up from their families in the pews to listen to the Word reminds us how the Holy Spirit continues to renew and strengthen the life of His Church.

To this end, at all Masses this weekend, a special blessing will be given after the Homily for all those involved in ministry. We also continue to encourage anyone who may be discerning greater involvement in parish life to consider joining one or more ministries. The Holy Spirit grants gifts to each person for a reason, and our parish is vivified when those gifts are shared.

Finally, as we observe Memorial Day weekend, we remember and pray in gratitude for all the men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. We especially remember the fallen heroes from our neighborhood and parish community. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide us in the ways of peace and selfless love.

God bless,

- Fr Leo

