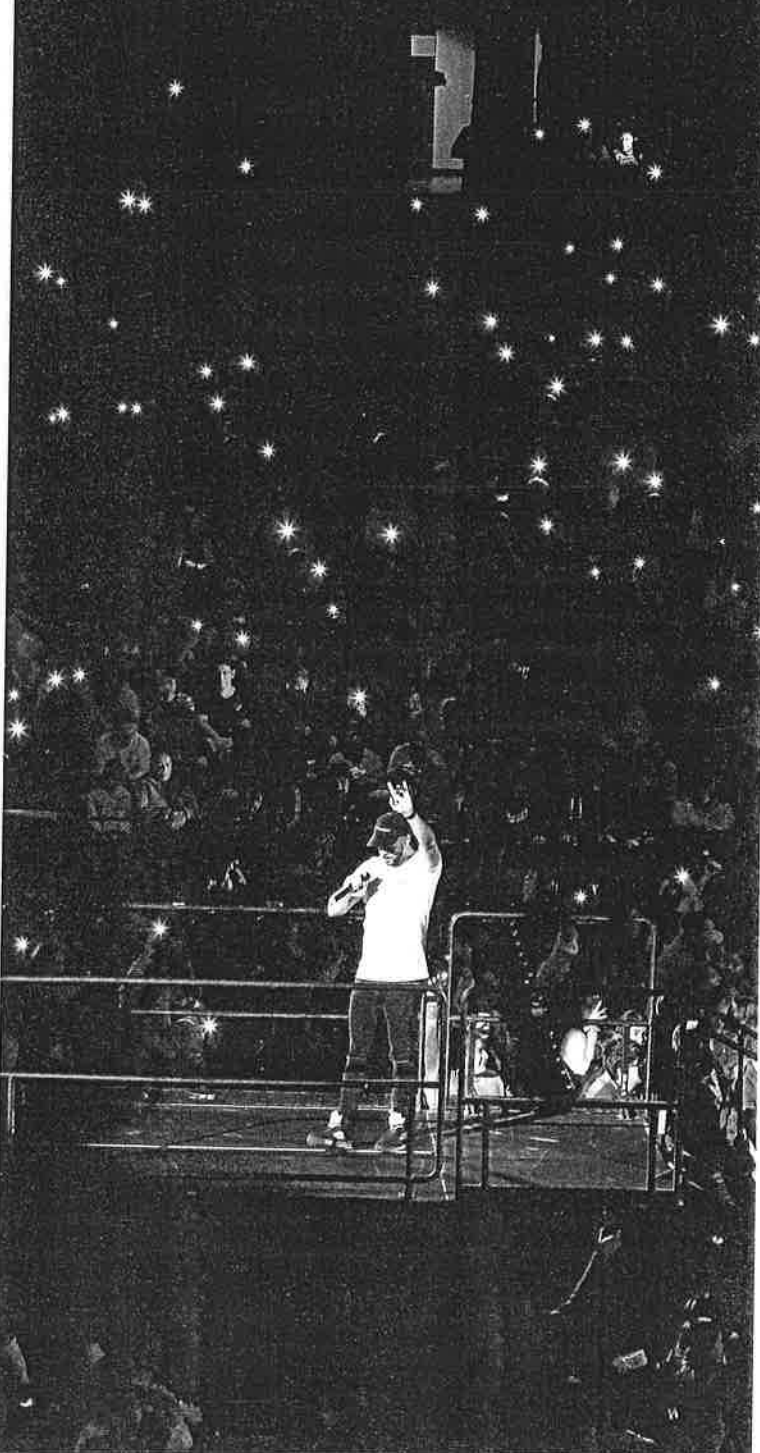


And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2



Tongues of Fire

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?
- * How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?

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May 23, 2021

The Feast of PENTECOST

Beloved brothers and sisters,

Fifty days after the Solemnity of Easter, the Church celebrates Pentecost, the descent of the Holy spirit. The gift was the result of a promise: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you always..." (John 14: 16). The feast of Pentecost has been traditionally understood as the birthday of the Church. This is in the sense that at this event the Spirit was poured out as God's strength for the Disciples, emboldening the Church in its commission to witness to the Good news to all nations of the earth.

We celebrate Pentecost this year with our parishioners: Marian Evans, Diego A. Mendoza, Michelene Pearson and Bryan Carter Smith, who will receive the outpouring of the Spirit in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate them and their families and pray that together with them we be emboldened for the new evangelization of our time.

We thank you for your support of the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal in the name of St. Joseph's Parish. Currently, 58 parish families out of 212 have contributed, putting us at 16,398 of our goal of 20,050. Thank you for your contributions that help us make our target. Thank you too for your support of our Social Hall Renovation project and your continuing stewardship for the ongoing operations of our parish. May God who is not outdone in generosity bless and reward you abundantly.

Stay well and remain blessed. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love!

Fr. Daniel Melaba

23 de Mayo, 2021

La Fiesta DE PENTECOSTES

Amados hermanos y hermanas,

Cincuenta días después de la Solemnidad de Pascua, la Iglesia celebra Pentecostés, la venida del Espíritu Santo. El regalo fue el resultado de una promesa: "Y le pediré al Padre, y él te dará otro Consejero para que esté contigo siempre..." (Juan 14: 16). La fiesta de Pentecostés se ha entendido tradicionalmente como el nacimiento de la Iglesia. Esto es en el sentido de que en este evento se derramó el Espíritu como la fuerza de Dios para los Discípulos, envalentonando a la Iglesia en su comisión de dar testimonio de la Buena Nueva a todas las naciones de la tierra.

Celebramos Pentecostés este año con nuestros feligreses: Marian Evans, Diego A. Mendoza, Michelene Pearson y Bryan Carter Smith, quienes recibirán el derramamiento del Espíritu de manera especial en el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Los felicitamos a ellos y a sus familias y rezamos para que junto con ellos estemos envalentonados para la nueva evangelización de nuestro tiempo.

Le agradecemos su apoyo a la Campaña Católica Anual Diocesana en nombre de la Parroquia de San José. Actualmente, 58 familias parroquiales de 212 han contribuido, lo que nos coloca en 16,398 de nuestra meta de 20,050. Gracias por sus contribuciones que nos ayudan a alcanzar nuestro objetivo. Gracias también por su apoyo a nuestro proyecto de Renovación del Salón Social y su administración continua de las operaciones en curso de nuestra parroquia. Que Dios, que no se queda atrás en generosidad, los bendiga y recompense abundantemente.

Mantente bien y permanece bendecido. ¡Ven Espíritu Santo, llena los corazones de los fieles y enciende en ellos el fuego de tu amor!

P. Daniel Melaba



Homeschool Mass of Thanksgiving

Welcoming all Catholic homeschoolers in the Diocese of Savannah for a Homeschool Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen D. Parkes.

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, 10550 Ford Avenue, Richmond Hill.

Please join us for a Homeschool Mass in thanksgiving for the opportunity to homeschool, the close of another successful school year and a blessing of graduates. Please contact Christina at school-tones@comcast.net if you have a graduating senior to be recognized or with any questions. A light reception will follow, and a time of fellowship with others. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch and stay at the playground afterwards. Considering homeschooling? Please join us!



The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at Deb Cahill's home (433 Lob-lolly Lane, Waycross) on Wednesday at Noon, May 26th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Trisha Pape, Lee & Angela McConaha, Jim & Louise Craig, and Margie Read.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempfer, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dalin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Jan Keen, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Audwin Fluker Sr., Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, Martin Brewington, Nicolas Horne, Joshus Parisse, Marie Fletcher, Sara Booth and Steve, the father of Barbara Blasko.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:

LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, Richard Jacobs, Spencer Hughes and Seth Cheshire.

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA ALBERT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 912-283-7700 TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LISTS.

All are welcome!



The Bible in the Mass

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

10 week DVD series

When: May 12, 2021

Day and Time: Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:30

Location: Debbie Cahill's Home

In *The Mass in the Bible*, discover why the liturgy is a major theme that runs through the entire Bible, from Genesis to the Book of Revelation. We will not only look to the Law, the Prophets, and the life and teachings of Jesus, we'll also lean on the Doctors of the Church to enhance our understanding of the Mass. We'll see how the New Testament is concealed in the Old, the Old is revealed in the New, and how both point directly to the Mass, the sign of the New Covenant.

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Mass in the Extraordinary Form (The Latin Mass)

Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Latin Mass) at St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City) on the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**June 6, 2021, Sunday, at 3:00 pm
St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City)**

Depending on the level of engagement of the faithful and in accord with the life our parish, the Latin Mass will be offered on a regular basis on Sundays. A schedule will be posted on their parish website <http://www.anthonypaduaga.org/>.

For more information please contact Fr. Kevin O'Keefe by phone or email: 229-445-5554 pas-tor@anthonypaduaga.org



Word from Pope Francis

"Christian joy comes from the Holy Spirit, who gives us true freedom and the gift of bringing Jesus to our brothers and sisters."

Palabra del Papa Francisco

"La alegría cristiana viene del Espíritu Santo, que nos da la verdadera libertad y el don de llevar a Jesús a nuestros hermanos y hermanas."



Votive Candles

Please remember your \$5.00 donation when you light a **votive candle** in the church. There is a deposit box for your donation attached to the lower left side of the stand.



Mass Intention Requests

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** in memory of someone, the donation is \$10.00. Please contact the church secretary to check date availability and to make your donation.

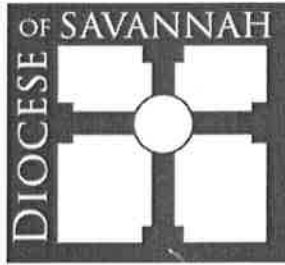


Join us for Bingo Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 10 am. Join us for fun, fellowship and prizes at the Parish Hall. The game will be followed by a light lunch. Please plan to have a Good time and take home some loot!

**St. Joseph Offertory
May 16, 2021**

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| Weekly Offertory Needed | \$4,423.00 |
| Weekly Offertory Collected | \$4,451.00 |
| Difference Positive | \$28.00 |

Social Hall Renovation \$1,000.00



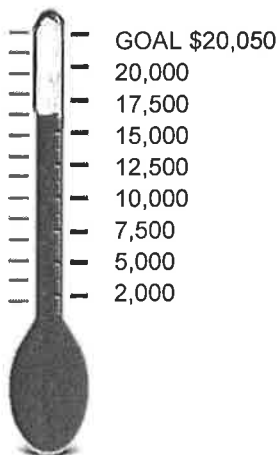
2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 05/13/2021, our parish has given **\$16,398.00** which is **82%** of our target of \$20,050. Out of 212 families only 58 made a donation or pledge, which is 27% of the parish families. Thank You!

Llamamiento Católico Anua! 2021. Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo a todo lo que conocemos. Al 05/13/2021, nuestra parroquia ha dado \$16,398.00 que es el 82% de nuestro objetivo de \$20,050. De 212 familias sólo 58 hicieron una donación o promesa, que es el 27% de las familias parroquiales. ¡Gracias!

Our goal is \$20,050; We have \$16,398.00

Only 27% of the parish families have responded.

Sólo el 27% de las familias han respondido.



Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Savannah to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Hoy realizaremos la colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC). Tu apoyo ayuda a la CCC a conectar a las personas con Cristo y construye comunidades católicas en los Estados Unidos y alrededor del mundo, utilizando la Internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. La mitad de los fondos recaudados permanece aquí en la La Diócesis de Savannah para financiar los esfuerzos locales. Sé parte de esta campaña para difundir el mensaje del Evangelio. ¡Apoya a la colecta hoy! Para informarte más, visita www.usccb.org/ccc.

Lector Schedule

May 22, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday
English Lector–Tammy Theologus

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

May 23, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday
English Lector-Frank Hoffman

May 23, 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday
Spanish Lector–Marie Cruz

May 29, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday
English Lector-Dave Callaway
Confessions Saturday 4-4:45 pm

May 30, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday
English Lector– Casey Brennan

May 30, 2021- Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday
Spanish Lector–Maribel Rios

**Mass Intentions for Week of May 122 2021–May 30, 2021
+(RIP) H-Health**

Saturday, May 22, 2021-5 pm Mass +**Tom DiBiase**

Sunday, May 23, 2021-9 am English Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, May 23, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **No Intention**

Monday, May 24, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, May 25, 2021-6 pm Mass **No Intention**

Wednesday, May 26, 2021-6 pm Mass +**Toni Quedding**

Thursday, May 27, 2021-9 am Mass **No Intention**

Friday, May 28, 2021-9 am Mass **No Intention**

Saturday, May 29, 2021-5 pm Mass +**Ed Morris**

Sunday, May 30, 2021-9 am English Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, May 30, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **No Intention**

Dear Padre,

Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

The eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13–14; 2:1–13). This is the final time Mary’s name appears in the New Testament. In Luke’s Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. “Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body” (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. “Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church,” wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22–23).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020



Calendar

Monday

MAY 24

*Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church*

Gn 3:9–15, 20
or Acts 1:12–14

Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

MAY 25

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12

Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17

Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

MAY 27

Weekday

Sir 42:15–25

Mk 10:46–52

Friday

MAY 28

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9–13

Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

MAY 29

Weekday

Sir 51:12cd–20

Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32–34, 39–40

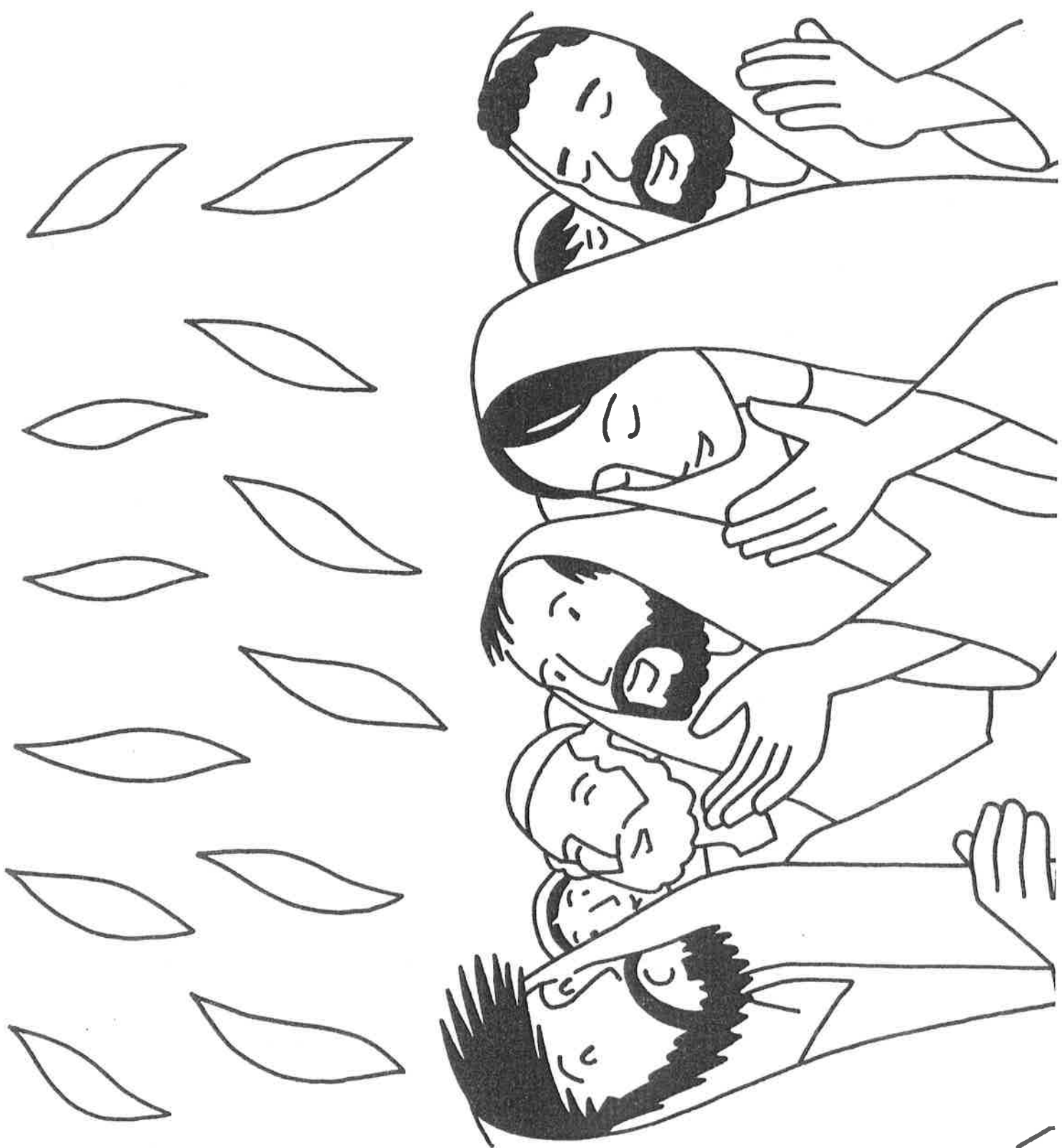
Rom 8:14–17

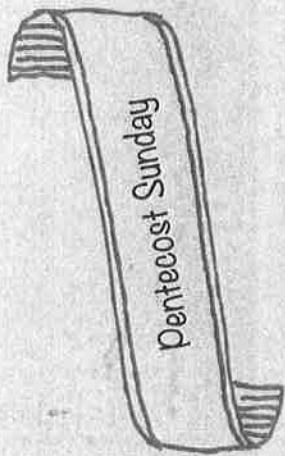
Mt 28:16–20

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MAY 23, 2021

In Jerusalem, the friends of Jesus were gathered in a house with Mary. Suddenly they heard the sound of a furious wind and saw something like flames descend upon them. It was the Holy Spirit whom Jesus had promised, and whom God had sent.

Based on John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



**This week, Jesus, I will try
to keep my mood positive and happy.
Thank you for giving me your strength.**