



Pentecost
Jean Restout II (1732)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

On June 5th, the eve of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, *Corpus Christi*, the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will be lifted and left in place only for those who believe themselves to be vulnerable. This is good news especially after a very long and difficult year, and on many levels.

Difficult for me, on a personal note, has been the effect this past year has had on many people's faith, as I have had to come to terms with the fact that some people have drifted from the Church and many may not ever return. I do not know.

Before He left this world Jesus Christ prayed to the Father saying, *I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth (Jn 17:15-17)*. St. Paul would continue along this vein when he said, *but our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself (Philippians 3:20-21)*

The interior drama that we must all face and deal with on a daily basis is this tension between our being in this world and not of it, and our spirit's upward yearning for something more, a happiness and a joy that truly lasts. We know that there is more and we truly desire it, but the unhappy reality is that at the end of the day we find that we have been weighed down and drawn towards the world and earthly things by the many and frequent demands of the flesh. *Miserable man that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body?* St. Paul complained as he wrote to the Church in Rome (Romans 7:24). A saint and an Apostle!

Knowing our weakness and the constant demands of the flesh that draw us downward to the things of the world, our Lord instituted and gave us the greatest gift and help that He could give, the very gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist. And this is where our faith needs to be squarely centered, and nowhere else.

This past year we have seen faith at work, and we also have seen the effects of fear, and everything in between; not to mention what could be considered to be an unprecedented furthering of the division in the world and within the Church. But let's not get too bogged down in the details of these things. More to the point, if anything has become clear during this past

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Pentecost Sunday

23 May 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am

Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

No weekday Masses this week! Fr. Kevin will be on retreat.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Wisdom

Understanding

Counsel

Fortitude

Knowledge

Piety

Fear of God

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year it has been that the world and its works has been fundamentally changed, and is still changing. And that will never change. But there is something else that never changes, the changeless Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever, present in the Blessed Sacrament, so humbled in order to be our Holy Communion so that He might abide in us and we in Him in all of the daily affairs of this constantly turning world. To be our Rock.

I could not even begin to imagine what life would be like in this world without faith, without the consolation of receiving my Creator and my Redeemer in the Holy Eucharist. How is it even possible to happy in this life without the Eucharist, not to mention the only Medicine that prevents us from going mad with the madness of this world?

Peace,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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 E L T R H E X M K Y S A P N A
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PENTECOST	FILLED	HEAR	HOUSE	WIND
HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK

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Saint Bede the Venerable

May 25



I was no longer the center of my life and therefore I could see God in everything.

Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will.

*Christ is the Morning Star,
 who, when the night of this world is past,
 gives to his saints the promise of the light of life,
 and opens everlasting day.*

He alone loves the Creator perfectly who manifests a pure love for his neighbor.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 22nd

Vigil of Pentecost

Deceased Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday, May 23rd

Pentecost Sunday

Sick & Shut-Ins / Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, May 25th—No Mass

St. Bede the Venerable

St. Gregory VII

St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

Wednesday, May 26th—No Mass

St. Philip Neri

Thursday, May 27th—No Mass

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Friday, May 28th—No Mass

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kevin Normandeau, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Joe Wolfekuhle, John Miller.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for May

The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney



Pentecost

Antiphon:

*The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.*

Collect:

*O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

Readings:

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

731 *On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had
come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of
the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine
person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in
abundance.*



Pentecost Sequence (*Veni Sancte Spiritus*)

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height.
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come, with treasures which endure;
Come, thou Light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, Light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill.

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew,
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend.

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.
Amen. Alleluia.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Knitting Group

Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Julie Hille at 715-882-2716 for more information. All are welcome!



Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. Items may be left in a bin at the entrance of the church.



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name *Fr. Kevin Christofferson*.

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$155,442 of \$170,000 (91%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$41,632 of \$44,500 (94%)



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