Happy Pentecost!

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.”
(1 Cor. 12)

The scripture for Pentecost is rich with images of the Spirit and of the wisdom, which the Spirit provides. We hear about a noise coming from the sky like a strong driving wind; tongues of fire descending; people speaking in different tongues; the disciples locking themselves away in fear; Jesus standing in their midst; Jesus breathing on them; and, the reception of the Holy Spirit.

However, the passage that speaks to me the most is the one provided above in the subtitle, which we heard in the second reading from today’s Mass. For in my years of pastoral ministry it is this passage that gives me comfort and at the same time challenges me. By ministering to children, youth, adults, families planning a funeral, couples getting married, young families preparing their child for baptism, adults interested in joining the Catholic Church, and our weekend celebrations of the Eucharist—I have come to know (through the Spirit) that in our diversity as children of God we are one – one in Jesus Christ.

“As the 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 are baptized into one body.” (1 Cor. 12)

By Tony Millette
**PARISH LIFE**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Tuesdays after May 29th.

We will begin Adoration again on Tuesdays from 12:00 Noon-3:00pm in September.

**Do you know anyone seeking Baptism for their child?**

If you have a child that you would like to have baptized over the next two months, the required parent classes will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room of the school building. The second class will be held June 6th at 7:00pm in the conference room of the school. Please contact the Parish Office at 925-254-2426 for more information or if you would like to register.

**Prayer For The Coming of the Spirit of Pentecost**

_Spirit of God, Lord and Giver of Life, Moving between us and around us, like wind or water or fire; breathe into us your freshness that we may awake; cleanse our vision that we may see more clearly; kindle our senses that we may feel more sharply; and give us the courage to live as you would have us live, through Christ our Lord. Amen!*

**OUTREACH**

**Weekly Food Collection**

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School (fruit cups, crackers, granola bars, juice, water, chips, Cup-O-Noodles, macaroni and cheese, sugar, rice, beans, cereal, and cooking oil)

3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry (canned meats like Vienna sausage, chicken, and tuna, cereal, canned vegetables, and canned fruit)

All items can be put in the barrel in the Narthex.

**Welcome to our new Administrative Assistant!**

Mirna Wong has joined our staff as Administrative Assistant, and is currently training in the Parish Office in these last few weeks before Linda Zunino retires on June 1.

Stop by the office sometime to meet her and give her a big welcome!

**We Say Goodbye!**

We bid farewell to Sr. Theresa Lan Do, LHC, director of Faith Formation. She will leave us on June 1st. Sister will be moving to St. Mary Goretti Church in San Jose. Sr. Mary Margaret Phan, LHC will be returning to the parish as her successor.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 21**
8am: Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 22**
8am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, May 23**
8am: Kurt Friese (d)

**Thursday, May 24**
8am: Mary Arnold (d)

**Friday, May 25**
8am: Jack Leutza (d)

**Saturday, May 26**
5pm (Vigil): Michael Patrick Rogers (d)

**Sunday, May 27**
8:30am: Stephen O'Brien (d)
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5pm: Roger Tumbaga (d)

_L - Living; D - Deceased_  
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office at x301
AROUND THE DIOCESE

Sunday Afternoon Recitals
St. Mary's Cathedral
St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St (at Geary), San Francisco will present two recitals during May and open to the public. Unless otherwise indicated, a free-will offering will be requested at the door. Ample free parking.

May 20, 4:00pm: Spring Concert
"For the Beauty of the Earth," performed by the St. Mary's Cathedral Choir School under the direction of Christoph Tietze.
Program to include music from the California Missions.

May 27, 4:00pm: Jeanette Wilkin Tietze, Piano. Works by Schumann and Beethoven.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Appeal
We are called by Pope Francis “to go the margins” and help our brothers and sisters, near and far. Every year, we are invited by our Church’s charitable arm, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, to “make all things possible” for those on the margins. Please give generously to this appeal on May 19th and 20th. For more information, contact Stephan Pippen, Development Manager at spippen@cccb.org or 510-508-1063.

Men’s Cursillo
A Men’s Cursillo is scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Holy Redeemer Center, 8945 Golf Links Rd in Oakland. This three day retreat focuses on recognizing Christ’s action in our lives and the lives of others. Fee of $150 includes meals and accommodations. Information, contact Jackie Palacios, 510.332.3573, jackiepalacios@yahoo.com.

ALL ARE SENT
Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God’s promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul’s letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Enroll in Faith Direct before the summer
Support Santa Maria—even when you’re on vacation!

May can be a busy month. Are you booking travel for Memorial Day? Gearing up for summer vacation?
Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach Santa Maria when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and securely enroll using our parish code CA891—or fill a paper enrollment form in the Parish Office if you’d prefer to enroll by mail.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

If you have any questions, please contact Megan in the Parish Office by phone at 925-254-2426 x308 or by email at megan@smparish.org.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!
We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive regular communication via both email and regular mail. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, and we will mail you a Parish Registration Form!
**Pastoral Team**

Reverend George Mockel  
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Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen  
Priest in Residence

Reverend Michael Amabisco, OP  
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**Prayer Intentions**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  
Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-  
Taylor, Harlon Berg, Cara Bradbury,  
Maria Carmen, Delores Codde,  
Lorna Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora  
Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam  
Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget  
Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Brian  
Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly,  
Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol  
Koupus, Kevin Madsen, Rose Mary  
McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce,  
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark  
Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, and Bob  
Singer.

*For the Deceased*

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**Treasure**

May 13, 2018 Actual

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**Upcoming Collections:**

06/03/18  Faith Formation  
07/01/18  Faith Formation

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**Week-At-A-Glance**

Wednesday, May 23  
Middle School Youth Ministry  
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

Saturday, 26  
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)  
Minister of the Word Practice  
(9:00am, Church)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

**Reflecting on the Gospel**

Liturgy of the Hours:  
Of the Solemnity  

Jesus comes to be with the disciples  
and to give them the gift of the Holy  
Spirit. The disciples receive the Spirit  
and the ability to forgive sins. Now it  
is the disciples’ role, and our own, to  
continue this mission by forgiving  
individual sins, for the same Spirit has  
given to us. Forgiveness is not  
limited to sacramental confession. As  
Christians, we are to forgive. It is a  
hallmark of our identity, given to us  
by Jesus himself.

Living Liturgy, Pentecost Sunday  
2018

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**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**

Dave Fulton after the 8:30am Mass  
Nick & Larissa Kosla after the  
10:30am Mass  

Thank you for your generosity!
PENTECOST REFLECTION

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. What is the Lord calling you to do to continue to perpetuate the growth of the Church in your life today?

HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET:

When you get home, look up the Gospel, jot down your thoughts. Take some time to ponder deeper or personal meanings in the passage you are reading. To wrap it up, spend some time in prayer asking God to help you live out what you learned reading His Word!

SUMMARY:

What does this passage say?

INTERPRETATION:

What does this passage mean?

APPLICATION:

How does this apply to my life?

PRAYER:

How do you need God's help to live this out?

YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT ON MY PATH. PS 119:105

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

JOHN 20:19-23