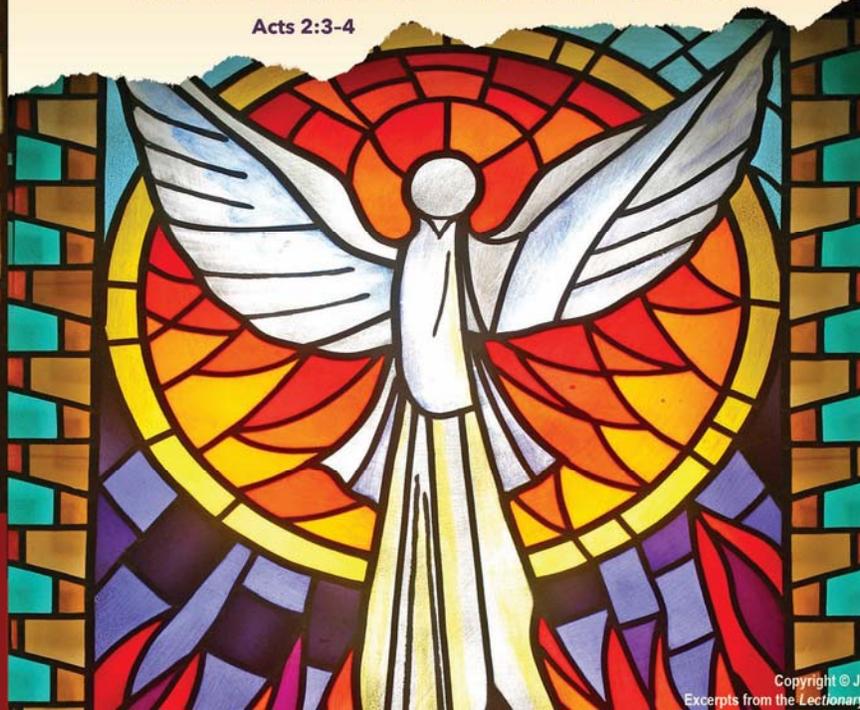


Pentecost SUNDAY

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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St. Bridget Catholic Church

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30 & 10:30 am

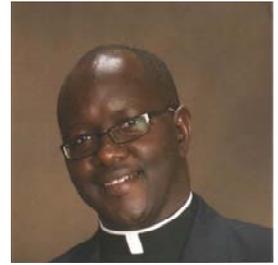
Confession: Saturday 3:00-3:50 pm

Sunday 7:30- 8:25 am & 10:00-10:25 am

All who attend Mass must wear face masks, use sanitizer on entering the Church and practice social distancing.

Dear Family of God at St Bridget,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. This took place in the Upper Room where they had been locked up both in prayer but also in fear and sadness. In fear, because of the Jews who had crucified Jesus (fear of suffering and death), and in sadness because Jesus had ascended into heaven and was no longer with them. However, all the fear and sadness would soon end with the coming of the Holy Spirit. As a result of the coming of the Holy Spirit, they left the Upper Room empowered and set out courageously to preach the gospel (Good News) to the whole world.



Pentecost, the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit is therefore a celebration of the birthday of the Church. It was the coming of the Holy Spirit that launched the Church. As a result, two thousand years later, today the Catholic Church founded at Pentecost has over one billion members in most parts of the world. There are however, some parts and corners of the world that are still hungry for the gospel and so the mission continues.

The Church sprung up from that Upper Room, with a handful of spirit filled people. At that time, the Church had no property, no buildings, no money... Today, Church buildings and institutions are all over the world and they stand as a manifestation of the God who revealed Himself to us through Christ Jesus and continues to do so.

In 1998 I visited the German city of Cologne and was amazed by the breathtaking Catholic Cathedral there. When I saw it I could not believe that it was built by human beings hundreds of years ago when there was no technology as we have today. It was and still is mind blowing. It is one of those structures that seems to be a direct creation of God. As I rode on the train back to Maastricht (Holland) where I was studying at the time, I couldn't get over the experience of that monstrous structure in honor of God.

In reality, that monstrous building and indeed many other such buildings around the world, including our own here in Schriever are the work of God through His Holy Spirit. Last Sunday, as we celebrated the ascension of the Lord the first reading had an insight to this reality. Jesus said to His disciples; ***"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"***.

Jesus said, **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses. The word for **power** in the Greek translation is ***dunamis***. It is from the same word that the word dynamite is derived. In other words, the power of the Holy Spirit is like dynamite and that is indeed what happened at the Upper Room. Dynamite was let loose and hundreds of years down the road, we can see the fruits both in peoples lives and in the silent buildings and structures that witness and manifest Jesus.

My dear brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit achieves this through the variety of gifts implanted in each of the believers. The Cathedral in Cologne, just like our own Church here in Schriever is a product of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in several individuals working together. The same Holy Spirit was bestowed upon us and is indeed at work in each one of us to the extent that we open our lives and allow the Spirit of God to work in us. The Spirit provided the apostles with the energy, the courage, the love and the passion to get on with the task of spreading the gospel and wants to do the same for us.

Let us therefore open our hearts and our lives to the Holy Spirit. Let us recognize and use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon each one of us. Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts, re-ignite in them the fire of your love and renew the face of the earth.

God bless you.
Fr. Simon Peter

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPRIT

The Gift of Tongues

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the gift of tongues. This gift is many times misunderstood, misused and abused. The best explanation I have ever found of this gift is given by a Jesuit priest Fr Fio Mascarenhas, SJ and it is presented here bellow. Thanks, Fr Simon Peter

The gift of tongues

This gift is of three varieties:

- i. One kind of tongues is miraculous, involving the speaking of a real language by someone who does not know the language, e.g. in Acts 2:6-11. This kind is extremely rare and is meant to serve as a sign for unbelievers (1 Cor.14:22).
- ii. Another kind of tongues is meant to convey a message for the believers; however, the tongue is unintelligible in itself (the words spoken are not in a language known to anyone), hence it must be rendered intelligible by another charismatic gift, that of “interpretation of tongues” (cf. 1 Cor. 14:13,26,27).
- iii. The final kind is actually *prayer*, and is the most common kind found in the CCR. It has two characteristics: it must be vocalized (it is not meant to be silent prayer), and it is unintelligible in itself (rational concepts are not used); yet scripture assures us it is prayer, since it is directed to god, is understood by God, and is inspired by God’s Spirit to help believers pray when “we do not know how to pray as we ought” (1 Cor.14:2; Rom.8:26f)

St. Paul encourages Christians to pray both unintelligently with tongues, and intelligently with the mind (1 Cor.14:14). To correctly understand Paul’s seemingly contradictory advice in 1 Cor.14 about using or not using tongues, one must see which kind he is referring to, whether the second or third kind above.

As we have seen, in the vast majority of cases, praying or singing in tongues is not speaking in some real but unknown language but producing language- like speech under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, most commonly for the purpose of praying to God. The value of this gift lies in fleeing the depth of the human spirit to express vocally and audibly what it cannot find words to express in conceptual language. Prayer in tongues has been called prayer ‘of the heart’ rather than of the mind, it is ‘pre-conceptual’ prayer.

What the Charismatic Renewal knows as ‘singing in tongues’ is similar to what Christian tradition calls ‘jubilation’. St. Paul encourages the practice of singing in tongues (1 Cor.14:15) and St. Augustine and other Fathers of the Church write about a kind of spontaneous congregational singing which they call ‘jubilation’. Augustine’s description of the latter tallies perfectly with the wordless and spontaneous singing in which charismatic groups often express their praise of God.

The interpretation of tongues does not require the ‘translation’ of messages spoken in tongues, as if the speaker in tongues had used a foreign language, and now someone else must render it into the vernacular. Rather, the speaking in tongues is meant to alert the group to expect a message from God, and the interpreter then speaks out what is essentially a ‘prophesy’, which serves as the ‘interpretation’ of the message.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.



The Sanctuary Light memory of:

May 31-June 6

Wilfred "Biggy" Hebert, Marie "Anna Mae" Hebert & Tim Hebert by the Hebert family
May 7-13
Tristan Ables by Ma Maw and family

DA=Death Anniv.
B= Birthday
WA=Wedding Anniv.

May 30 4:00 pm
Ernest Mabile by family
Wilfred "Biggy" Hebert, Marie "Anna Mae" Hebert & Tim Hebert by the Hebert family
May 31 8:30 am
Alicia Weimer by Cindy Poiencot
May 31 10:30 am
Alicia Weimer by Cindy Poiencot
May 3 8 am
William A. Fanguy (DA) by Margaret and Burnelle Landry
May 5 8 am
Billy and Therese Gaubert (WA) by Deacon Lloyd and Faie Duplantis
May 6 4:00 pm
Emily Albert (B) by Donna Waguespack & family
May 7 8:30 am
Robert Domangue by Ed and Elaine Richard
Jimmy Coupel by Diana and family
Jerry Breaux (DA) by Ronnie & Betty Thomas and family
Herman Hebert (B) by Family
May 7 10:30 am
Parishioners of St. Bridget

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Catholic Social Teaching: Global Solidarity

Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, even though they may be different from us. That means those neighbors who live next door and those who live on the other side of the planet. Jesus reminds us that we are all part of God's great family.

Today, as we celebrate the power of the Spirit in the church, the scriptures remind us that the Spirit is a social Spirit – a Spirit that leads us to solidarity with each other, the whole world, and all its people. The Spirit does more than make individuals feel good or different. The Spirit breaks down barriers between peoples. The Spirit changes behavior and moves us into community. The Spirit calls us into action. The coming of the Spirit transforms the Christian community.

Fear is replaced by courage. Peace is proclaimed. The power to forgive sins is present.

Those who were afraid now speak up boldly. Thousands hear the message in their own language.

The coming of the Spirit is reflected in our social values. In a world of racism and fear of immigrants, the Spirit speaks to people of every nation under heaven.

In a world of fear, doubt and confusion, the Spirit inspires people to open the doors and speak out especially about issues of justice and peace. In a world of selfishness, competition, and control, the Spirit gives out gifts that are shared for the benefit of all especially those who are poor or in need. In a world of economic problems, the Spirit reminds us that the things of the world are meant to be shared by all and are to be used for the common good.

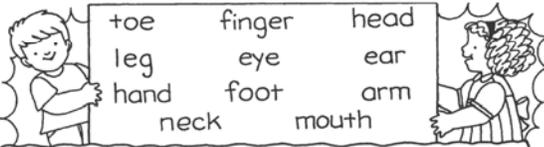
In a world where the environment is abused and overused, the Spirit calls to reform how we live and to use the earth with care and love. The gifts of the Spirit are for liberation. The Spirit is an inclusive spirit who desires to set everyone free. Maybe the greatest manifestation of the spirit is when people have the grace to identify with the needs and struggles of the world, to listen to those who are poor or oppressed, and to speak up for justice.

---Education for Justice Lectionary Reflections Fr. John Bucki, S.J.

**God is good ...
All the time ...**

God's Word for Children

All of our body parts are important to us.
We are all important parts of the Body of Christ
(see Corinthians 12:12-13).
See how fast you can find and circle the names of these body parts.
Look up, down, across, and diagonally.



toe	finger	head
leg	eye	ear
hand	foot	arm
neck	mouth	

a w a r s x n t l
k r k g m h m k e
l m m t o e o z g
b c r r t a u b a
n q h a n d t f j
e y e e i o h r v
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Pentecost

It's fun to receive a gift on a holiday or for your birthday.
The Holy Spirit gives us different spiritual gifts.
Score one point for every new word you make
using the letters in the word **spiritual**.
One is already done for you.

Spiritual

salt _____



Glory Be

As you say the following prayer, think of the impact of the words.

Glory be
To the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen



GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Pentecost Sunday Year A

Jesus appeared to the disciples, despite the locked doors, and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

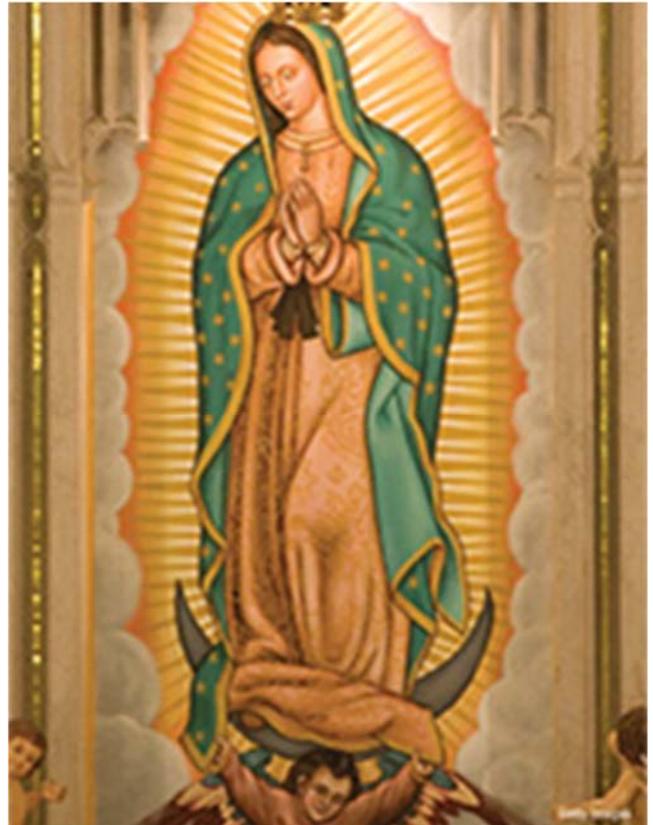
Directions: Draw a picture of Jesus appearing to the disciples on Pentecost

Prayer Line

If you or someone needs to be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801. In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Susan Arceneaux, Heidi Ardoin, Jacob Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Judith Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Rosemary Besson, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Pat Billiot, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Cody Bourgeois, Emile "Jay" Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Troy & Joan Bourgeois, Wade Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Beau Brassette, Dustin Brassette, Mark Brassette, Emma Del Broussard, Richard Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Bessie Chiasson, Randy Chiasson, Brad Clement, Bryce Comeaux, Jay & Tiffany Conner, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Alan Dunbar, Linda Ekiss, Avery "Brother" and Sonja Fonseca, Darin Fonz, Robin Ford, Marie Fournier, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Bryan Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Elaine Chauvin Hebert, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Mona Lambert, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Tim Long, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Bethany Moore, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Eric Olivieri, Robert Oncale, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Kip Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Gladys Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, Brenda Sonier, Deacon Ryan Stawaizz, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Pierre & Mary Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Toups, Joyce Toups, Ricky Turner, Suzanne Usey, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Wanda Wawrose, Anna Wooten. *Please notify the office when name can be removed.*

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Patroness of the Americas

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



PENTECOST

Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire, God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.

—William Blake

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding and practice that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

(As you follow the Mass on facebook, this is the prayer to pray at the time for Holy Communion)

I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen *By St Alphonsus Liguori*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;

Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Youth News

The Youth Mentors, Teachers, Helpers, and Staff are praying for the youth and families of our parish. We know that these unprecedented times may cause fear, doubt, and uncertainty for youth, parents, and families. We are here for you. Please feel free to contact Miss Bernadette at any time.

Daily prayer as a family can be a wonderful learning experience as well as a great way to grow closer to God and family.

Please visit the St. Bridget website (www.stbridget-htdiocese.org) for activity pages and prayers for young people and families. Pray every day!

Please keep our First Communion and Confirmation Candidates in your prayers. Please keep all seniors in your prayers. We congratulate all high school and college seniors. We look forward to working with you as young adults and wish you well in your future endeavors.

Due to the pandemic, we are cancelling Vacation Bible School 2020. We will post activities to the website every Wednesday beginning June 3rd. These Christian activities will help children and youth follow Jesus on 'Worship Wednesdays'. The current plan is for 3 or 4 levels of activities: 1) Preschool - 2nd grade; 2) 3rd - 5th grade 3) 6th - 8th grade and 4) High School and Beyond. Feel free to download and share any and all levels.

Families are encouraged to join Father Simon Peter, Father Darius, and Davis each evening at 6:00pm as they live stream the praying of the Rosary. This is a beautiful way to pray as a family. Youth who have attended Steubenville on the Bayou in the past should enjoy this prayerful time with their families.

Parents of younger children are encouraged to re-play the live streams of the Mass and stop the feed where needed to 'talk and teach' what is going on in the Mass.

God Bless each of you. Stay safe. Remember to 'keep the main thing the main thing'.

*Love one another
As I have loved you*