

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 31, 2020**

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
— Acts 2:3

**THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT**

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

**MASS INTENTIONS ARE:**

Sat. May 30, 4:30 p.m.	Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Anne Montgomery, and for the living: Special Intention and Lee Roy Shelton
Sun., May 31, 7:30 a.m.	Margaret Mary Mulé, Carol Pieri and Russell Viering, Sylvia Callihan and for the living: Catherine Atkins and Audrey Maracich
Sun., May 31, 9:15 a.m.	Parishioners
Sun., May 31, 11:00 a.m.	Paul Lobre Jr.
Mon., Apr. 01, 8:00 a.m.	Ann Gilbert (L)
Tues., Apr. 02	NO MASS
Wed., Apr. 03, 8:00 a.m.	Sr. Claire Mulé D.C.
Thurs., Apr. 04, 8:00a.m.	Florine Brown
Fri., Apr. 05, 8:00 a.m.	Lois Henry (L)

**PRAYER LIST**

James Michael Cole, Dot Willie, Scott St. Romaine, Freddie Addotto, Fred Kopfler, Louise Cashmere, Florence Hoffman, Nita Addotto, Joseph Hadad, Richard Atkins , Roy M. Piazza, Ruthi Olson, Pam Addotto

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Envelopes	\$ 2,114.00
Loose	\$ 1,334.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 80.00
E-giving	\$ 85.00

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or watch a [demo short video here](#).

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF:**

***Frank Borough***

**CANDLES WILL BURN IN HONOR OF:**

Sanctuary: Jon and Kathy Craig (L)

Blessed Mother: Lee Pierre Sr.

St. Joseph: Gary Joseph Treuil

St. Ann: Mary Anne Treuil (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

## RICE BOWL

**Now that we are returning to Mass, we will start accepting the Rice Bowl Collection. You may place your Rice Bowl donations in the container marked for Rice Bowl.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Your 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Committee would like to announce that with the current government mandates, of no large gatherings, due to the seriousness of the Coronavirus, we will not kick off our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities as planned this June. The original concept called for a one-year celebration with different events throughout. That is still the basic plan, but we are not starting until June of 2021, closing out the celebration in June of 2022. There will be more to come once we see how fast our country can get this virus under control. We thank you for your patience and look forward to the day we can celebrate as a Parish without fear of this pandemic.

## FOOD BANK

**The Northshore Food Bank is back distributing food to the needy. Due to Covid-19 there is a greater need than ever. Bring non-perishable food items to any Mass in Church or Jonathan Hall. The Knights of Columbus will continue to transport items to the Covington Food Bank.**

Please join the Knights of Columbus in praying the rosary this Sunday following the 7:30 a.m. Mass in Jonathan Hall.

## PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

### LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord and Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. (His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)

### AMEN

**FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>.** A book, near the door at the back of Church, is available to write your intentions for Masses on Father's Day. Place your fathers, grandfathers, brothers and uncle's names and anyone who you wish to remember on this special day in the intention book. They will be remembered for the month of June. Thank you for your continued support of the Altar Society in its efforts to make the Church a beautiful place to worship.

Under the new Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program, families of children who normally receive free or reduced-price meals at school may get financial assistance to replace those meals. All Louisiana public school and many non-public school facilities have been closed since March 16 because of the pandemic. \$285 per child make up for cost of breakfast, lunch. Call Sr. Maryann at 504-473-2113 for information to apply. The deadline is June 8.

## **SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS (martyred 1886-87) June 3**

"Master of Pages," reputedly the handsomest man in all Uganda, Charles Lwanga, lay catechist, courageously led about forty teenage boys, Catholics and Anglicans, on a forty-mile forced march to martyrdom for their common Christian faith. Teaching each other the hymns of their different churches, they strengthened one another for the ordeal ahead. King Mwanga, himself barely twenty, had ordered them executed for being "those who pray." But these royal pages were the king's male harem, who, now Christians, refused what pious accounts demurely describe as his "unreasonable demands." Some were clubbed to death, most burned alive; the youngest, thirteen-year old Saint Kizito, whom Charles had often shielded from the King's lust; the most tragic, Saint Mbaga, whose father was his executioner! In 1964, Paul VI canonized the young Catholics and praised their Anglican companions, recalling the heroism of early Christianity's African martyrs, which we modern Christians of far less faith never expected to see repeated. Forty years after the pope's words, what does our faith cost us? Heroism aside, how generous is our response?

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