

# Parish Bulletin for Our Lady of Perpetual Help And St Jude's

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**acts 2:1-11; psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; first corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13;  
john 20:19-23**

## Supernatural Dandelions

Before Pentecost, the followers of Jesus could fit inside one room. Today, Christians are found in every corner of the globe. There is no natural explanation for this, because on a merely natural level, Christianity has relatively little to offer.

Jesus promised that his followers will have to take up their crosses every day; will be persecuted, as he was; will have to strictly govern their natural impulses for money, sexual pleasure, power, and self-indulgence; will have to actively serve and be generous to their neighbors; will have to love and forgive their enemies.

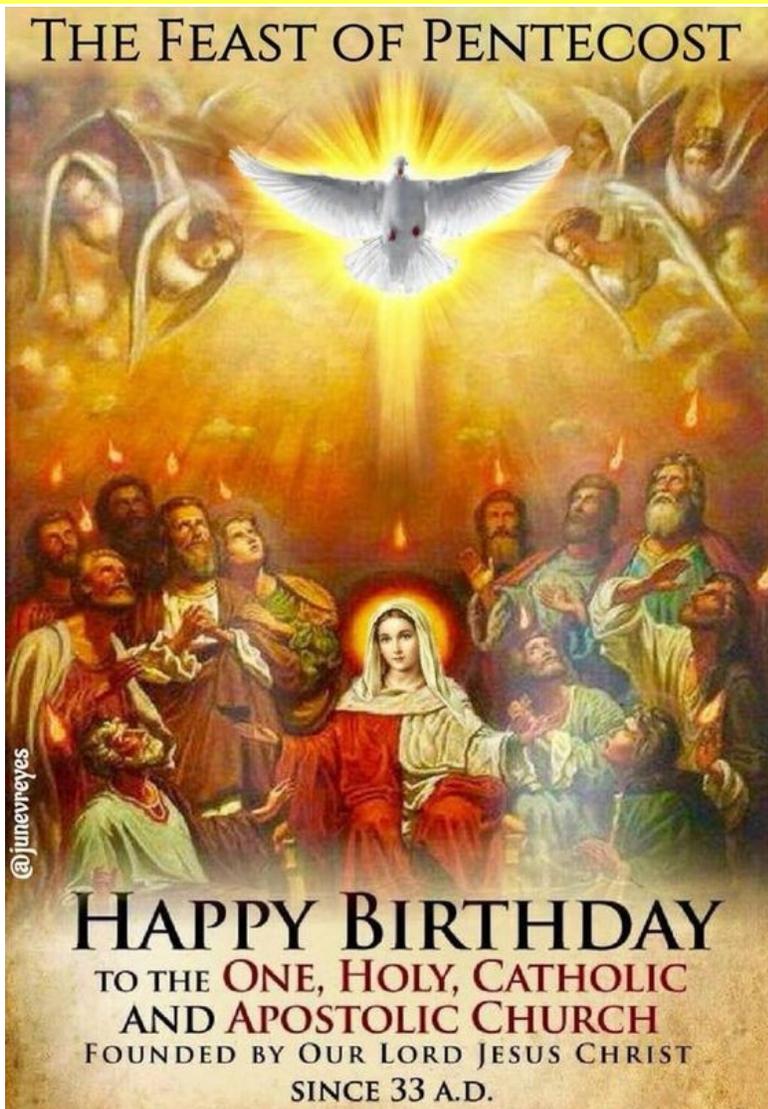
Following Christ means following a narrow and steep path through life on earth. So how is it possible that Christianity has more followers than any other religion in the world? Because it is comes from God himself.

When the Holy Spirit came down upon the Church at Pentecost, the Apostles didn't receive a clever, man-made philosophy; they received the real seed of divine life. That life grew in their souls, and produced fruit, and that fruit in turn carried the divine life to other souls, who welcomed it, nourished it, and produced more fruit.

Our faith is not a new philosophy; it is a new life! And we are meant to pass it on to others until it fills every human heart, family, and society.

In 1620, when the Mayflower left Europe and crossed the Atlantic Ocean, there were no dandelions in America. But immigrants who had long used them for their valuable medicinal properties, and in salads, soups, and teas, brought them along to the New World, together with other imported plants. (This was before the modern era of golf-course-perfect front lawns.) By 1671, according to eye-witnesses, dandelions were everywhere.

On Pentecost, God sent a handful of dandelions from heaven to earth and planted them in the hearts of Christians. And ever since then, the flames of Christ's grace keep blossoming everywhere, tirelessly announcing the springtime of redemption that is gradually thawing the long, dark winter brought on by original sin.



Why did the Israelites wander 40 years in the desert? Even then the men would not stop and ask for directions.

Joe Garagiola, the commencement speaker at St. Louis University, passes on this advice to the graduates from his old friend Yogi Berra: "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

Former Education Secretary William Bennett attended a modern wedding where the bride and groom pledged, in their wedding vows to remain together "as long as love shall last." "I sent paper plates as my wedding gift," Bennett said.

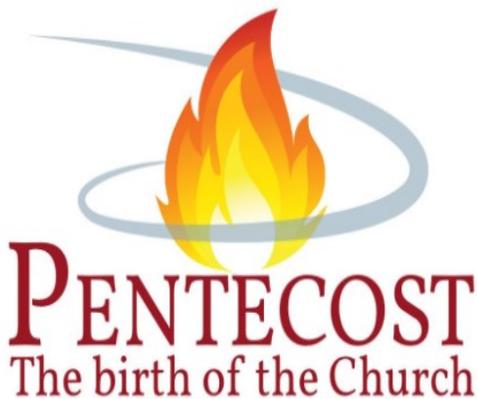
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### *future events*

July 7—SJ Parish Council  
July 9—OLPH Parish Council  
Oct 6—SJ Parish Council  
Oct 8—OLPH Parish Council  
Aug 1—Hysten-Morgan Wedding SJ  
Aug 15—Confirmation and First  
Eucharist at St Jude's  
Jan 12 2021—SJ Parish Council  
Jan 14 2021—OLPH Parish Council



### mass intentions

#### may 2020

30 OLPH +Kate Adam by K/M Knutson  
31 OLPH Mass for the people  
SJ +Arlene Storbakken -Memorial Mass

#### JUNE 2020

02 OLPH +Dorothy Rakoczy by Mary Adams  
03 SJ +Donna Weber by her family  
04 OLPH +Francis Fetter by F/S Argenziano  
05 SJ +Avis Majkrzak by R/S Schumacher  
06 SJ +Millie Leddige by Jim Weber  
07 SJ Mass for the people  
OLPH +Millie Leddige by A/M Vonesh  
09 OLPH + Francis Fetter  
10 SJ +Margaret Meagher by her husband  
11 OLPH + Arnie & Pat Krile by F/S Argenziano  
12 SJ +Jim Griggs by his wife  
13 OLPH +Millie Leddige by Walt Majkrzak  
14 SJ Mass for the people  
OLPH +Carla Sletten by K/V Krogstad

The Holy Spirit works quietly, but effectively.

Like the life of a vine, which constantly but silently carries nutrients to every branch, invisibly producing luscious, visible fruit, the Holy Spirit is always gently inspiring us to follow Christ more closely, so that we can experience a truly abundant life. But unlike vines, this process doesn't happen automatically. It depends partly on our free choice. That's why Jesus says in the Gospel, "Whoever loves me will keep my word."

We don't obey the Holy Spirit's inspirations like robots; we obey out of love, because we know that Christ will never lead us astray, and because we want to stay close to him. That is our part, to obey God's will. St John Gualbert heard the Holy Spirit's voice as he was about to execute his enemy, but he freely chose to obey that voice; each musician in the orchestra has the score in front of him, but he must consciously choose to play those notes.

Since the Holy Spirit typically works quietly, we have to pay close attention. We have to make a point of listening to him, of consulting him when we have decisions to make or doubts to resolve.

He guides us from within, the way magnetism guides a compass. But unless we frequently look to see where that compass is pointing, we will never reach the destination we long for.

In today's Mass, when he renews his commitment to guide us, let's renew our commitment to pay attention - not in order to experience spiritual fireworks, but in order to feed the fire of God's love in our hearts, whose light and heat we all need so much.

A bus driver went to a church for the first time and sat in the first row. After the sermon, the pastor went to the man and asked him why he sat in the front row alone. "Well," the driver said, "Just sat up here to see what you did to make everyone move to the back."



#### **MEMORIAL DAY: MAY 20, 2020**

*To maintain the dignity and beauty of your Catholic cemetery and to better serve all families who entrust their beloved to our care, Our Lady of Perpetual Help has the following guidelines: **Memorial may be placed on gravesites for a period extending ten days before Memorial Day to ten day after. Memorial left on the gravesites after June 15<sup>th</sup> will be removed to allow for equipment operation in maintaining the cemetery.***

Offertory 2020-05-24 OLPH—\$ Online—\$ / St Jude—\$ Online—\$878.74