

**The Holy Spirit's Love**

**Strengthens Us**

In the First Reading, we find Pentecost occurred on a great Jewish pilgrimage festival, which explains why there was such a large crowd of Jews present from *every nation* of the world. This foreshadows the Gospel eventually spreading to all nations. The *strong wind* recalls the Lord's Spirit hovering over the waters on the first day of creation. Pentecost is a *new creation* in which God's people are made into His Church, *Christ's Mystical Body*. • The Responsorial Psalm is a hymn of praise to God for sending out His Spirit to re-create the world. After we had sinned and damaged creation, He came to earth in the flesh, teaching us and loving us to death on the cross. After that, He sent forth His Spirit again to *renew* the earth, making us a *new creation*, no longer subject to the destructive effects of sin. This renewal is not complete, for we live in the *dawning* of God's kingdom, not its fulfillment. We have already received the Holy Spirit, God's down payment on the glory that awaits us. Like all living creatures, we cannot survive if God withholds His breath. Similarly, if He withholds His Spirit, we will spiritually suffocate. If we trust in Jesus and find our strength in Him, we will have nothing to fear, for He gives His Spirit to those who ask for It in His name. This life He gives is so profoundly powerful that even death cannot conquer it. • In the Second Reading, St. Paul attempts to correct the Corinthians' arrogance by teaching them that the gifts of the Spirit are given for the common good, not for personal profit. Each one's gifts complement the other's. We need each other to be complete. To the Romans, St. Paul explains, it is God's Spirit that gives us the strength to say "no" to evil. God is a loving Father, so much so that He tells us to call Him "daddy" (Abba). His Love gives us the courage and strength to live according to the Spirit. It is difficult to say "no" to temptation, but if we base our strength on God's love for us, then we can let go of the things that harm us. • In the Gospel, Jesus breathes on the disciples to impart the Holy Spirit to them, much the way God breathed His Spirit into Adam to bring him to life. Here, Jesus breathes His Holy Spirit into the disciples and they have new life in Him. The Spirit is

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God's love so filled with mercy that it brings us pardon. • May we always live according to the Holy Spirit, not presuming God's mercy and knowing all sin is

forgivable.

**Prayer of the Week**

Father of light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds. Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without your Spirit we could never raise our voice in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**The Significance of Pentecost**

Pentecost proves that Jesus kept his word. The Holy Spirit whom he promised to send had indeed come. • The rich symbolism of the Pentecost event evokes the power and promises of God. For example, *fire* recalls the holy presence of God at the time of covenant at Mt. Sinai when Yahweh appeared to Moses in a fiery bush. *Tongues* evoke the story of tower of Babel when the pride of the people led to division and confusion. In contrast, the work of the Spirit poured out on the people brings unity, understanding, and insight. • The *wind* evokes the presence of the Spirit of God hovering over the dark, chaotic waters at the time of creation. In the first creation account, the Spirit is linked with God's word which brings light, order, and life into existence. In the second creation account, God breathes life into Adam after making him from clay. This "breath of life" is God's gift to us, God's spirit in us that enables us to live and to communicate with and to love God. • The Pentecost images inform us that with the coming of the Holy Spirit, God completes all the covenants made with humanity. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Jesus and his Father, is a Spirit of love. The Spirit is a Spirit of unity who creates the disciples into a community, the Church. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit, a *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning advocate, counselor, defender. • This Spirit inaugurates a new age, the age of the Church, uniting Jesus' followers into a family of love.

**In Our Prayers**

**Daily Mass Intentions**

**June 9 - June 16**

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Don & Anita Cerqui (+)
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Deacon Bill Riehl (+)
<b>Mon</b>	9:00am	John Silveira (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	Matt Prentice (+)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	Jerry Valerio (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	Terence McCartan (+)
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Maxine Vanacore (+)
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Int...Adrian, Angela & Alexandre Simoes
	5:30pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Terence McCartan (+)
	9:30am	Aaron Sanchez (+)
	11:00am	Int...Colette Moore

**In Memoriam**

**Richard "Dick" Cutting • May 30 2019**

**Gerry McGhee • May 30, 2019**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Thomas Wolfanger, Robin Aurelius, Elliot Sevier, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Rouzbeh Daylami, Howard Huston, Mark Zane, Richard Honey, Dale Wooldridge, Donald Anderson, Nancy McGarry, Rita Doherty, Patrick Valenzuela, Cheryl Halm Lincoln, Michael Fletcher, Grayson Kemp, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Marie Schumacher, Ralph Goodall, Josephine Haddock, G.R. Gurley, Darren Stewart, Marge Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Barbara Cramer, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Ammon, Mary Terese Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

**"Second Sunday" Social: Today!**

Join us today, after the 11:00 am Mass (around noon) for our monthly Sacred Heart "Second Sunday" Social in the Parish Hall. "Second Sunday" is offered each month as a way to help build parish community. All parishioners, and their families/children, are welcome, regardless of the Mass they attend. Walk over to the Parish Hall for coffee and donuts along with fun and fellowship.

**Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

Easter 2020 will be on April 12! Will you be ready? Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic? Call RCIA director Rita Spillane at 916-452-4830 to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic or renewing the practice of your Catholic faith.

**2019-2020 Faith Formation Registration**

Children attending a non-Catholic school in grades Kindergarten through 8th grades have been signed up for the Parish's Faith Formation Program. In case you did not previously register, registration forms and other program information are available in the vestibule. • Starting Tuesday, September 3, classes will be held from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm every Tuesday at Sacred Heart Parish School, 856 39th Street. • The fees for classes are as follows: \$75 for one child and \$100 for two or more children. There are additional per child fees for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. • If you have any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact Tila Madrigal, Religious Education Coordinator, at 916-947-2683 or by email at tilamadrigal@gmail.com.

**School's Out for Summer**

The School concluded the 2018-2019 academic year on May 31. The students of Sacred Heart Parish School thank all parishioners for their ongoing prayers and support. We pray that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer break. We will return to school on August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store**

Cleaning out your closet or that of your children? Then consider donating your items to the Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. A SVdP collection truck will be available at our neighboring parish St Mary's this weekend, Saturday from 4 pm to 6:30 pm and Sunday from 8 am to 1 pm. Please bring gently used clothing, household items and furniture to St Mary's church parking lot located at 1333 58th Street. Unfortunately, we cannot take computer or other electronic equipment. Your donated items will be someone else's treasures. • If you cannot make the drop off hours please bring your items directly to the St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located at 2275 Watt Ave. in Sacramento. Questions about donations please call Emilia Jankowski at 916-927-1667.

**Farmers Market at Mercy General Hospital**

There is a new Farmers Market in the neighborhood. Every Friday, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, Mercy General Hospital sponsors a farmers market in the parking lot in front of the J Street entrance. Shoppers can purchase organic fruits and veggies, fresh baked bread, organic cheese, homemade salsa, tamales and more. This is an initiative of Mercy Hospital as a community service to support healthy food production and the farmers who grow it. Support your local farmers and enjoy organic, fresh produce!

**Meetings & Events**

**Parish Ministry Participants**

Our parish is fortunate to have so many people give of their time in parish ministries. Whether you are a Eucharistic Minister, a lector, an altar server, an usher, a singer, a minister to the homebound, an altar society member, a religious education teacher, and other contributors, your participation helps knit our community together. Thank you so much for your being generous in time and spirit. • If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer in one of these ministries, please see Msgr. Walton, or call the Parish Office and leave a message.

**Altar Society News**

• Our thanks to Suzanne Pyne for beautifying the Blessed Sacrament Altar with flowers during June.  
• Changes are coming for our fundraiser at the Fall Festival. We will neither have our White Elephant Sale nor our raffle. Our new endeavor will be a bake sale and craft show. Interested crafters may contact Tila Madrigal at 916-947-2683 or tilamadrigal@gmail.com for more information.

**Email and Texting Scam on the Rise**

The Diocese has received multiple reports from parishioners receiving scam emails from an imposter who creates an email address using the pastor's name and then sends a phony email asking for money in the form of gift cards. The scam has recently evolved and parishioners are now receiving text messages from the imposter/scammer using the pastor's name and a local telephone number. A pastor or clergy member will never ask for gift cards electronically via email or text message. • If you would like more information on how to protect yourself on the internet, go to the SANS website and subscribe to the OUCH! Monthly Newsletters. • If you believe you are a victim of an internet crime (no matter what the dollar value), go to the following website to file a report with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center. For more information, go to their website at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>.

**Goodbye and Hello!**

As we say a fond farewell to Mrs. Paquette and Mrs. Mosbrucker, we warmly welcome three new teachers to Sacred Heart Parish School. Our new Kindergarten teacher is from the state of Florida and where she earned her bachelor's degree and her credential, welcome Christina Iglesias. Our second grade teacher is returning to us after teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at a different Catholic school, welcome home Alex Ballew. Our new fifth grade teacher is a recent graduate of the UC Davis credential program, and is thrilled to join us, welcome Sophia Bouzos. (Mrs. Reilly, our fifth grade teacher on maternity leave, has decided to be a stay-at-home Mom. She will be greatly missed!)

**Automatic Church Giving**

Most banks and credit unions provide their customers with the service of paying many of their recurring bills automatically, e.g. utilities, communication services, etc. Many parishioners may not realize that this service is also a convenient way to make their regular donation to the church. Several parishioners, who are using this banking service, have been very pleased with it. We encourage parishioners to consider using this manner of giving. • Please use your envelope number as the account number when setting up your payments. This will enable the Parish to credit your donations more easily.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful**

**and kindle in them the fire of your love.**