

Pentecost Sunday

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Greek word for Pentecost (Pentekoste) means "fiftieth" and in early Christianity it referred to the entire Fifty Days of Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish Festival of Weeks, the 50-day celebration following Passover. It is this festival that was being observed when the disciples came out of the upper room speaking in tongues, yet able to be understood by all. It's the reason so many "devout Jews from every nation under heaven" happened to be staying in Jerusalem in the first place. Traditionally, this event is considered as being a "reversal" of the confusion of tongues that occurred with the building of the Tower of Babel. (Genesis 11: 1-9) In fact, this story is one of the Scripture readings provided for the Vigil Mass of Pentecost. With the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, people's ability to communicate with one another was once again possible!

This weekend, the beautiful Pentecost Sequence will be proclaimed at Mass with music and gestures. What is a "Sequence?" A Sequence is a piece of liturgical poetry that is read or sung as part of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass on some feast days. A Sequence expands on and explains the meaning of the celebration. During the Middle Ages myriads of Sequences were added to the liturgy.

Here is a list of the Sequences with their Latin names. (Among composers and musicians, the Latin names are probably better recognized than the English titles.)

- Easter: "Victimae Paschali Laudes"
- Pentecost: "Veni Sancte Spiritus" (not to be confused with the chant, "Veni Creator Spiritus", which is equally beloved)
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: ("Corpus Christi") "Lauda Sion" (This is an extremely long Sequence and optional. This being so, even when it is used, usually only the very famous middle section is heard: "Ecce Panis Angelorum.")
- Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15): "Stabat Mater Dolorosa"

Fr. Matt & Chris Lundin

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S GIFTS! To those of you who faithfully and consistently share your gifts with all of us in the Sunday collection, our heartfelt gratitude. To those who have yet to make a commitment to financially supporting our parish, we ask for your prayerful consideration. We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the "first fruits" of the "treasure" you have received.



Our Weekly Offering

May 12 Goal: \$11,000 * Actual: \$10,447.52



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Norman Swope, Robert Kerrigan Sr., William McInerny, Fr. Thierry Geris, Gary Goodahl, Carl Bunje, Jane Fitzgerald, Shui Yin Chiu, Pat O'Riordan, Danielle Parks, Consuelo Hernandez, Rosy De Padua, Albert Beltran

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — George Kimm, Carol Lilledahl, John Braun, Aniela Bozynski, Bill Todd, Alan Djornedoe, Milagros Fontanilla Antonio, Julie Lewis, Lee Sault, Robert E. Park

Pray For Lists guidelines: • Have permission from the person to be listed. • Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names. • Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed. • Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or fongmt@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 19:

8:45 am STA. . . . Adolph Canelo †
10:30 am OLR . . . Anthony Palomo (sp. int.)
6:00 pm OLR . . . Edward Webb †
Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30 am OLR . . . John Jaskien †
12:15 pm STA . . . Delsie Aranha †
Readings: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

7:15 am STA. . . . Patricia Toomey †
Readings: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 am OLR . . . Children of Clare Thomas (sp. int.)
Readings: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mk 10:38-45

Thursday, May 23:

8:30 am OLR . . . Rachel Martinez (sp. int.)
Readings: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday, May 24:

8:30 am OLR . . . Frank Abel †
Readings: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, May 25: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm SAG . . . Bertha Gretz †
Readings: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

The Most Holy Trinity — May 19, 2013

St. Albert the Great
Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Stanley
Sun 9:00 am Fr. Valenton
Sun 11:00 am Fr. Hernandez

St. Thomas Aquinas
Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester
Sun 8:45 am Fr. Miller
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Stanley
Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Gammad
Sun 10:30 am Fr. Valenton

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday
7:45 am Hispanic Eucharist Ministers Meeting (ISP)
9:15 am Rel. Ed. (ISP)
10:15 am Rel. Ed. (SESS)
6:00 pm BBQ (OLRH)

Monday, May 20: Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am TM Book Club (TH)
7:00 pm Latin Class (TH)

Tuesday, May 21:
7:00 pm Hispanic Board Meeting (PC)
7:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group (OLR)
7:30 pm Human Concerns (OLRH)

Wednesday, May 22:
9:30 am Bldg. & Maint. (PC)
1:30 pm Deanery Meeting (OLRH)
4:00 pm Liturgy Reading (TH)
4:00 pm STAY Core Team (DC)

Thursday, May 23:
6:30 pm Centering Prayer (DC)

Friday, May 24:
7:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult (OLRH)

Saturday, May 25:
8:15 am Environment Team (OLR)
10:30 am Baptism Class (PC)

LIFE TEEN

Sunday evening, May 19, the Feast of Pentecost, will be the final Life Teen Sunday evening Mass for this school year. We will take a break for the summer, and allow our families to attend one of the other eight (!) Masses in the parish each weekend! This special youth-oriented mass will commence again in mid-August.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, May 27th Pastoral Center Closed. Daily Mass schedule remains unchanged.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Beginning at 6 pm on June 1 through 9 am on June 2, there will be an all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Albert the Great Church. It would be a wonderful time of grace if you could spend at least one hour with our Lord on this great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES THANKS YOU

Thank you for the pledges and contributions to support the social ministry of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. It is not too late to mail your envelope or to donate online at www.catholiccharitiesscc.org. Together, with each one of us doing what we can, we will get through these times. Every donation makes a difference! Be part of the solution to cut poverty.

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, when the Spirit of God manifested in the lives of the apostles. The same Spirit that touched the disciples also transforms us, strengthening us to be bold, be Catholic, and be virtuous.

You may have received as you came into church today a little white paper dove with the name of one of the FRUITS of the Holy Spirit, or a little red flame with one of the GIFTS of the Spirit on it.

The dove is a reminder of what St. Paul says about the spiritual fruits, "If we live by the Spirit let us also be guided by the Spirit". He says each day that the Spirit of Jesus truly lives in our hearts we are being transformed, resulting in manifesting what Paul calls THE FRUITS - LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. The flames are symbols of the GIFTS of the Spirit--WISDOM, INSIGHT, KNOWLEDGE, COUNSEL, FORTITUDE, PIETY AND FEAR OF THE LORD. The seven gifts are among the chief expressions of the Spirit's presence, activity and power.

The scriptural source for the GIFTS is found in the writings of the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-5. All seven GIFTS of the Holy Spirit are the Baptismal heritage of all Christians. We are called as Christians to acknowledge them and reflect on them. Place your dove or flame where you will see it during the coming year-to remind you to pray that God will increase the FRUITS and GIFTS within you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY

The goal of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person to person basis and to offer spiritual services. A key strength of the Society is in the personalized delivery of help. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. St. Vincent de Paul has thousands of volunteers all over the world, including Holy Family Parish. Your generosity will assist our own local conference of St. Vincent de Paul to help our neighbors in need. Envelopes are provided in the pews.

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PARISH IMAGES AVAILABLE

Images of our recent parish events have just been added. Thousands of them are on our parish website link: <http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/PALOALTOPHOTO/SpecialR1>

PARISH LAYETTE DRIVE

The St. Thomas Aquinas Confirmation class is conducting a Layette Drive for the Parish's Layette Ministry. The Layette Ministry is a long running program based out of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. The ministry reaches out to new mothers in need of assistance by giving them a gift package containing essentials for their newborn baby.

To donate to the Layette Ministry, look for the cribs in the foyer at Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Albert the Great and the basket at St. Thomas Aquinas. Then choose one of the 2 options:

- 1) Take a Layette Package list and purchase one or more of the items on the list. Place purchased items inside the crib/basket at any site.
- 2) Don't want to shop? We welcome monetary donations. Please make checks out to St. Thomas Aquinas and write "Layette Ministry" in the memo. Place your donations in the container/envelope in the crib/basket marked "Donations"

Whatever option you choose, we thank you for your donation and support of the Layette Ministry. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

1) We are traveling to Arizona with 8 teens and 3 chaperones this summer for a week at Life Teens Catholic Summer Camp July 6-13. Anyone who would be willing to let us borrow their 12 passenger can please contact Alley at Lifeteen.stay@gmail.com Your payment: we will pray a rosary for you on our way to camp and wash the van when we return it.

2) Our core team of volunteers is looking to borrow a vacation home somewhere away from the Bay Area for a weekend to plan our upcoming year. Anyone who would be willing to allow us to borrow their space please email alley at Lifeteen.stay@gmail.com Your payment: we will pray a rosary for you while in retreat and clean the home top to bottom before we return.