



## St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

### Reflections with Fr. Mark

*May 31, 2020*



Dear Parishioners,

Veni Creator Spiritus or Come, Holy Spirit is the “golden sequence” of prayer that precedes the Gospel today for the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, the Greek word for “fifty,” originally began as a celebration in thanksgiving for the first fruits when winter grains and vegetables were harvested and enjoyed. In the same way, Jesus Christ is the “first fruit” of those who have died even as His Resurrection heralds our own at the end of time. Until that time, we are gifted and empowered with the hope and promise found in the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

We continue our journey of hope knowing that the Spirit transforms our anxieties and hopelessness into empowerment and action. The Spirit unifies us as the Body of Christ as we continue to be open to transformation in ourselves and others. The Spirit makes it possible to do the will of Christ in serving one another through forgiving, reconciliation and extending God’s loving care toward others. The daily crosses that seem so daunting when walking alone become possible through the unity of the Body of Christ working together to accomplish all in the name of Christ.

Today, we would have celebrated with our bishop the sacrament of Confirmation. Obviously, this did not occur. Our First Communion and Confirmations will take place sometime in the future. But, let us continue to pray for our young people who seek Christ in their lives, and may they be inspired by our faith and NOT condemned by it or oppressed by our teaching of it. Faith is a journey and so we accompany those seeking by walking not ahead nor behind; but we walk by becoming the living example for others to be taught by. We do not brag by our actions nor draw attention to ourselves but to point to Christ. In so doing, we become less, and HE becomes more, and the lesson is conveyed that it is not about us...it is about HIM.

May the Holy Spirit continue to lead us who are humble enough to hear “his voice” and continue the journey by always pointing in His direction.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Blessings,*

*Fr. Mark*

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[www.stluketemplecity.org](http://www.stluketemplecity.org), and sent through our e-communications. The services will remain posted so you may view at your convenience.

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