

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Happy Resurrection! Happy Birthday, Church! Grace and peace be with you. We come together on this the final day of the official celebration of Easter. It is Pentecost Sunday! Psalm 118:24 our Resurrection anthem; “This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Gives us our opportunity and our mission.

“The fifty days from the Sunday of Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday’. [St. Athanasius, *Epistula festals*] ...”

Here at the Church of the Transfiguration, for the last fifty days we have used a popular Tom Joyner axiom to embody our opportunity and our mission. We have been “partying with a purpose.” Our opportunity comes about because of the Promise Keeper, being true to His Word! The Empty Tomb gives us another chance to receive the divine twins of Grace and Mercy that will assist us in fulfilling our mission to be the “Neo-apostles.”

Our Church has for fifty days seen Christ in a myriad of ways. He is made manifest in the Word, the community (faith-family) that gathers in His name, and in His most perfect way in His Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity in His Eucharistic presence. Easter Vigil and Resurrection Sunday we witnessed two young children receive the First Sacrament of Initiation. One woman (Ms. Peggy) came into full communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. On May 6, we joined with Holy Name of Jesus Church for the celebration of the Sacrament and one of our teens (Cori) received a special dose of the Holy Ghost. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament gives us as adults a share of divine Grace . Also a call to disseminate it as we are now called to witness to the Spirit and all the gifts. Last Sunday on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we had eleven, (divine 9 live here) children receive their First Holy Communion. A special day for them and for all of us to witness to the fact that; “There is Power in the Blood!” Both Masses the “future saints” attending went back to their own First Communions’. Our “eleven aimin’ for heaven” reminded us all of our special moments and the call to bring others to this and other instants where God meets His people to strengthen their resolve.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. We “party with a purpose” to lift up and share the Good News! Many people have put on festive colors to celebrate the Super-sized dose of the Holy Ghost falling fresh on the early Apostles. This day highlights the beginnings of the Church and her universality.

Easter season officially ends with evening prayer tonight. Because of the effects of the hallowed grave, we can boldly proclaim that; “It ain’t over!” Every time we come together on this or any spiritual mountain top experience in the context of Sunday Mass the institutional Church calls it, “a little Easter!” With the knowledge of this gift comes great responsibility. We must keep the party going! Church of the Transfiguration, we must continue to proclaim the Good News that God came to transform Tragedy into Triumph. Awesome news because of the infusion of this Spirit in this season especially this day of the Holy Spirit, we know it ain’t over! We, the Neo-apostles are called to go out to all the world and tell of the Good News. If we do this, we will take full advantage of the opportunity that God gives us. Also we will fulfill the mission Christ gave to us most recently last Sunday at the Ascension.

Happy Birthday! Church! Let’s keep the party going!

Always in Christ,
Rev. Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Tenci Bowden, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Kathleen Charles, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Kelli Louie, Vylfred Manor, Cheryl Santa Marina, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Clara Radcliff, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, Peggy Wilson and Michele Yerima.

Transfiguration Media Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to join our Media Ministry to assist with our live-streaming. Please contact the church office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

Stewardship

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God’s plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

Weekly Offering for May 16, 2021

\$4,841.00 Tithe and Offering



Memorial Day Holiday

The church office will be closed on Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.

Did you know?

Monitoring your children on YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular sites for children, and anyone can upload and share videos about anything. YouTube can showcase creativity and foster learning and connection for children, but it is also home to a variety of dangerous and inappropriate content. It is the user’s responsibility to filter the content he or she sees, and often, children don’t have the ability or knowledge to filter their viewing before it’s too late. Talk to your children about what they want to watch, and what they are and are not allowed to do while on YouTube.

For more information, visit <https://www.catholicnh.org/assets/Documents/Child-Safety/Articles-Parents/YouTube.pdf>

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Confirmation Student:

Cori Chapman

First Holy Communion Students:

Bryanna Bedolla

Emmie Caicedo

Chole Conway

Antonio Gonzalez

Trisa Mundy

Aiden Hughes

Carter Jones

Enedina Mendieta

Evan Serebyakon

Kiera Tureaud

Evangeline Serebyakon

Thank you to our Catechists:

Judge Yvette Roland, Mr. David Thomas, and Mrs. Terrye Thomas