

Homily: Pentecost Sunday May 23 2021

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Spirit.

Whatever happens in my life ,-- whatever roads I travel ,-- the Holy Spirit is present as my conscience,-- my repentance ,-- as a way back ,-- as my inner moral compass,-- as my urge to pray,-- as my desire to forgive ,-- as my concern for someone who has experienced tragedy ,--as my outrage against injustice,-- as my direction for my future.--

Center

The Holy Spirit is present in me as catalogued by St Paul in today's second reading. --- When I try to understand others ,--- when I try to unite rather than divide,---when I show courage-- in not only proclaiming-- but living the Gospel ,--- when I open my heart in prayer ,--- when I make wise choices in my life,--- when I am faithful to my vows and promises , --- when

I appreciate the majesty of God's presence in me, --- these are powerful everyday gifts to me from God so often overlooked by me because I am looking in all the wrong places.

I can do without Fourth of July fireworks but I cannot do without sunlight .I can achieve great holiness without the extraordinary gifts;-- I cannot do so without the ordinary gifts. I can live without miracles; I cannot live without grace from God.

That is why Scripture compares the Holy spirit to Air –Water --- Light. ---what is needed for my life .

Today we all celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to all of us the Church, -- including me.-- Pentecost is not just about a single supernatural spiritual explosion on an afternoon in Jerusalem long ago. It is about the life of me as a Christian.--- Deep inside of me from my Baptism and Confirmation burns a flame, -- a gift promised me by Jesus as the fulfillment of His Easter, -- the Holy Spirit. This gift to me by God of the Holy Spirit means several things to me.

It means that God is not remote in my life.—The Holy Spirit is within me.” In my heart He takes up HIS REST”. — God is close to me. It means that whatever happens in my life, there is within me the Holy Spirit almost as “a holy enzyme “that can always renew the youth of my soul,-- whatever the age of my body . It means that He who is within me is greater than he who is in our world. The Spirit of God is greater than the spirit of the world.

CONCLUSION

The Holy Spirit shows His power not primarily in events that are fantastic but in lives that are faithful.-- The Holy Spirit is my personal link to what counts in my life,-- my link to doing what is right in my life ,-- my personal link to God.

The Holy Spirit is Christ's Easter gift to His Church and to help me in my life.

AMEN.