Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Envía tu Espíritu, Señor, y renueva la faz de la tierra.
UPDATES ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS
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ACTUALIZACIONES SOBRE LOS SACRAMENTOS

Las Misas para los catecúmenos RCIC y RCIA, así como para los que reciben la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión, se celebrarán a las 7:00 pm los Martes, Miércoles y Jueves. Las Misas diarias regulares en esas fechas serán canceladas.

A cada candidato para el / los sacramento (s) se le permitirán 4 asistentes (generalmente padres y padrinos). Solo habrá 4 candidatos por misa. Cada familia DEBE inscribirse para reservar sus asientos. Estas restricciones pueden cambiar si se aumenta el número de asistentes por misa (actualmente en un total de 25 personas).

Masses for the RCIC & RCIA catechumens as well as those receiving Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. The regular daily Masses on those dates will be cancelled. Each candidate for the sacrament(s) will be allowed 4 attendees (usually parents & godparents). There will be only 4 candidates per Mass. Each family MUST sign-up to reserve their seats. These restrictions may change if the number of attendees per Mass is raised (currently at 25 people total.)

- May 26, 27, 28: RCIC & RCIA Catechumens
- June dates: Confirmation candidates
- July & August dates: First Communion students

PRAYER REQUESTS:
- For Ralph Lovelace, Debby Nearman’s father
- For the health of all our fellow parishioners during this pandemic
- For those who are out of work, that they will be able to return to work soon
- For our graduating seniors, that they will be able to celebrate their accomplishments

Prayer requests can be submitted through the parish website (www.stpatrickindependence.org) or by calling Chris Block at 503-623-2864.

BULLETIN DELIVERY OPTION

If you know someone who is unable to come to church but would like a copy of the bulletin, just send your request to: info4parish@gmail.com.

Include the person’s name & email address and a copy will be sent to them via email.

THANK YOU to our Collection Counters!

There’s a small, dedicated group of women who meet weekly to count the collection (envelopes & cash). They rarely miss a week and provide accurate information to our bookkeeper, Zen, so she can make sure all the parish’s accounts balance.

Your continued generosity during this challenging time is greatly appreciated.

¡GRACIAS a nuestros Mostradores de Colección!

Hay un grupo pequeño y dedicado de mujeres que se reúnen semanalmente para contar la colección (sobres y efectivo). Raramente se pierden una semana y brindan información precisa a nuestra contadora, Zen, para que pueda asegurarse de que todas las cuentas de la parroquia se equilibren.

Su generosidad continua durante este tiempo desafiante es muy apreciada.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

- May 31: Vitalis
- June 1: Leo Tanaka
- June 2: Eugene
- June 3: Hilary
- June 4: Breaca
- June 5: Boniface
- June 6: Norbert

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

“And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Let the Holy Spirit infuse your marriage with increased trust and intimacy by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on June 12-13, in Powell Butte, OR. To apply for YOUR WWME Weekend or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

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Pentecost’s roots are imbedded in the ancient Jewish religion where it is a feast that sanctifies and imprints a significant relationship with God. This relationship was filial in nature and sealed through repeated covenants between Him and His elect. The Covenantal relationship guaranteed the “Chosen People” with certain irrevocable rights. The Divine Father promised to protect and provide for His children and bestow upon them all the necessities for a joyful and prosperous life – land, rain, sun, bountiful harvests, peace and security. In return, they would acknowledge Him as the one and only true God and keep His laws as dictated in the Torah. The Elect willingly promised to keep the Covenant and work for the greater glory of their God. This covenantal agreement was one of action. An action where the people would acknowledge their dependency by dedicating and offering their best to the Father in appreciation.

In Jewish tradition, Pentecost was known also as the Feast of the Weeks, Shavuot. It took place fifty days after the second day of Passover and commemorated the giving of the Torah, God’s law, on Mt. Sinai. In ancient times, the wheat harvest would be collected and its first fruits offered to God during the festival. The willful obligation to recognize God’s interaction with His creation was ingrained in the Hebrew mind. Without God, nothing would exist. The world’s total dependency upon God was unquestionable. It naturally followed, then, that it was the duty of God’s children to collect and dedicate a portion of the fruits of their labor in thanksgiving. Their success was a result of both party’s labor – God’s and man’s. Thus, it is not surprising that God sent the Advocate to the first Christians during this time.

Immediately before His ascension, Jesus transferred His mission and authority to His disciples by telling them to spread the His Gospel and to baptize all nations. To carry out His orders, Christ promised an Advocate who would actively engage all and transform these formerly fragile and weak personages into “New Christs” empowered with the same authority and power He received from the Father. This empowerment and resulting transformation would be capable of transforming the world. Jesus’ newly refined law, love God and love your neighbor, would be the New Torah and bring forth new fruits to be dedicated to God. These “new fruits” would be the members of His Church, God’s Covenantal Family, who would continue the process of sanctifying the World with the “Good News”.

Today’s solemnity is our call to action in order to fulfill the mission entrusted to us in our baptism. Like the apostles, we can rely upon the Lord’s promise to be with us. His empowerment allows us to forgive our neighbor, establish His Peace and bring the old world into His newly established kingdom. This same empowerment is also a mandate to action. It is a mandate that allows us to work with Him in a great cosmic transformation through the Holy Spirit. This evangelization is the fruits that we can offer to our Father in Heaven. Just as the ancient Jews were blessed according to their deeds, so, too, we are called to our own special Shavuot that will bring us to our reward of eternal life.

**Deacon Rob**

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**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually in my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

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**UN ACTO DE COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL**

*Mi amado Jesús, creo que Tú estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo sobre todas las cosas, y deseo recibirte en mi alma. Ya que no puedo, en esta momento, recibirte sacramentalmente, ven, al menos, espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si Tú estuvieras ya ahí y me uno a Ti. Nunca me permitas estar esparcido de Ti.*