



Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020



ATTENTION

**All scheduled masses and events are cancelled due to the ban.
As a Parish Family we pray for all who are affected by COVID-19.
The Church & Rectory will remain closed until further notice.**

**If you had a mass scheduled or offered the Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Candle for a loved one,
for this week or the upcoming weeks, please call the rectory to reschedule to a later date.
We apologize for the inconvenience.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PENTECOST "Lord send us your Spirit and renew the face of the earth" (Psalm 104)

It is after 50 days of the Glorious Resurrection of Christ are fulfilled that the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. Without a doubt, as I have repeated many times because of the coronavirus, this Easter season has been different from those we had previously experienced. However, for that reason it has not been less full of texts that refer to the God of Life who is able to overcome even suffering and death. Today the Church proclaims the glory of the Lord because God the Father has resurrected his only begotten Son Jesus Christ and has sent us His Spirit to dwell in us forever. May God grant that this liturgy encourages us to manifest the gifts received for the benefit of the community with the energy, creativity, attitudes and actions that make it clear to the world that his Spirit lives in us.

Luke in the Acts of the Apostles and John in his Gospel each narrate in their own way the coming of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Despite the multiple differences, the two narrations coincide in the transformation that the disciples experienced with this power that comes from high. Today it is us who are presented with the opportunity to allow ourselves to be transformed by the same Spirit. We are given the opportunity to open our hearts. Today more than ever we are allowed to dream of a new world that is possible. Every believer is called to be transformed and manifests the gifts of the Holy Spirit that makes us fighters for life.

According to one of the Pentecost accounts, this portent occurs after Christ's Ascension into heaven. The account of the Acts of the Apostles tells us that the *disciples saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them*. Pentecost is also associated with strong winds or light breezes. The gift of tongues or the silence of the apostles are the fruit of Pentecost. All these actions with which the sacred writers want to try to put into words the spiritual and transformative experience of the Spirit are only indications that more than a specific or anecdotal event, it refers rather to a process. Therefore, beyond the particular action of the Spirit in our lives, we have to encourage ourselves to make visible to others the good action of the same Spirit that will always be for the benefit of the community.

Let us always remember that the fruits of the Spirit are joy and peace. The peace that the Risen Jesus leaves us is capable of calming agitated hearts, a remedy to fix broken family relationships and make conflicts resolve. With the Poverello of Assisi let us say: ***Come Holy Spirit and make us instruments of your peace.***

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

"The Holy Spirit gathers the distant, unites the distant, brings back the dispersed. Mix different tones in a single harmony, because he sees above all the good." (Pope Francis)

Weekly Remembrances

**Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle**



~ For the safety & well being of
the People of our Parish Community
~ † For all the lives lost to
~ the COVID-19 Virus



SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

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Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13

June 7: The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9
Psalm / Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
2 Corinthians 13:11-13



PRAYER TO THE BLESSED TRINITY

The Father is my hope. The Son is my refuge. The Holy Spirit is my protector. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; let us bless and exalt God above all for ever! Almighty and everlasting God, to whom we owe the grace of professing the true faith, grant that while acknowledging the glory of the eternal Trinity and adoring its unity, we may through your majestic power be confirmed in this faith and defended against all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH YOUR PARISH THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Fr. Hernán and Fr. Marc and Fr Luis Mario are offering virtual Masses and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament through our Facebook page.

Connect and follow us to see these transmissions in your homes. Search "olmcsi" and send a friend request.

Masses on Sundays; 10:00 am (English); 11:30 am (Spanish)

Masses from Monday to Friday; 12:00 pm (Spanish); Thursdays 11am (English)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 7:00 pm (Spanish)

LIVE-STREAMING MASS & PARISH SUPPORT - As we continue to stay at home and practice social distancing, we offer opportunities for prayer and worship through our live-stream. You can watch the live-stream on our Facebook page and follow the schedule above. Needless to say, the parish will be facing financial setbacks in the days ahead. Your weekly contributions are essential for the good of the parish. Your sacrificial giving is of great importance with meeting the cost of maintaining our parish. **Please Support Our Parish:** As we are all forced to make unprecedented adjustments to address the coronavirus crisis. Our church remains open for critical/essential needs but can only do so with your support. You may log onto the parish website to view the bulletin, see any new developments, review any CCD information and to register for OnLine Giving at www.olmcsi.org. From my heart, thank you for everything you do for us at OLMC-SB-SMA Parish. May Jesus bless and protect our whole parish, and all our relatives and friends.

REGISTER for ONLINE GIVING - WeShare allows parishes to receive online gifts and give their parishioners a safe and easy way to do so. You are able to set up recurring donations and manage your online giving accounts. If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Customer service number 1-800-950-9952 or weshare@4lpi.com.

- Visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: olmcsi.org)
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
- Setup your donation or payment.
- If you wish you may choose Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

THANK YOU! We are short for words to thank you enough for your good heart. We pray for you earnestly from the bottom of our heart that you and your family be blessed in every way with good health, peace and prosperity. May the good Lord keep us all in the palm of His hands and make His face shine upon us.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION - It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

ACT OF SPRITUAL 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 in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into 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.

CHURCH REOPENING, Step by Step; The Archdiocese of New York has announced a Five Phase Program for church reopening. Currently we are in Phase One. No timeline has been announced as to how long Phase One will last or at what exact point the other phases will come into effect. We remain alert to Archdiocesan authority, ready to follow its FAITH FORWARD program every step of the way back. THE FIVE PHASES OF THE SOON - **PHASE ONE** which is in effect right now, is opening the churches for private prayer and confessions. **PHASE TWO** which will commence at a later date, will be the resumption of small religious services (baptisms and marriages, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) all under the ten-person limit. **PHASE THREE** will be distribution of Holy Communion without Mass during the week. **PHASE FOUR** will be limited weekday Masses and funeral Masses. **PHASE FIVE** will be Sunday Mass with