May Bulletin

A New Beginning

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 5:15pm — Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00am (Bilingual)
Parish Office: Monday — Thursday 10:00 am to Noon; 1:00 to 4:00 pm — Friday 9:30 am to Noon

Which of the following is/are true about Pentecost?

A. The word comes from the Greek root Πεντηκοστή meaning “fifty”
B. Pentecost is celebrated on the Sunday falling fifty days after Easter
C. Pentecost was the occasion of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles
D. The Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire over the heads of the Apostles
E. Pentecost is considered by many as the “Birthday of the Church”
F. The first Mass said at the Holy Family Parish was said on Pentecost Sunday in 1994; hence it is our birthday
G. All of the above are true!
Welcome to May at Holy Family Parish

The month dedicated to Mary, The Mother of our Lord and Savior, to the rosary, and to mothers everywhere.

Fr. Fred’s Friendly Feature

My dear brothers and sisters, I write once again to thank you all for your participation in the Easter festivities. I would like to thank the choir and the music directors for their wonderful and extraordinary performance in this year's Easter celebration. My heart was full of joy, I also want to thank Arlene and John Collins and their team for the altar and Church decorations and I must not forget all of our wonderful volunteers at the Parish. May God Bless you all. I should like to continue to ask parishioners to volunteer their time to the parish as a sign of support and service. To my dear parishioners, please, consider increasing your contribution to show your support for the parish and also to steer the cause of building our new Church. The "Brown Envelopes" and the "One Foot at a Time" paticipation is very encouraging. Please show your generous support by grabbing an envelope or purchase one more square foot for wonderful certificates to show that you are part of building the Holy Family Church here in American Canyon. The Couples for Christ Music Concert is coming in May and I am encouraging you all to try to purchase a ticket to attend this event. It is all geared toward the Church Construction Fund. The "Hoedown" event in June also has tickets for sale. Please, honor those events with your presence to empower us to start building our Church. There is not much I can say other than: I LOVE YOU ALL. Please, let us all follow the Lord's command. "Love one another as I have loved you." Blessings and Peace to all. Reverend Father Fred Kutubebi Parish Administrator

Sunday Scripture Readings

April 30-May 1, 2016
First - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29: Circumcision and salvation
Psalm - 67: O God, let all nations praise you
Second - Revelation 22:12-20: John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem
Gospel - John 14:23-29: The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, will teach us everything

May 7-8, 2016 (Ascension Celebrated)
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First - Acts 1:1-11: Witnesses to the ends of the earth
Psalm - 47: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy
Second - Ephesians 1:17-23: Jesus is seated at the right hand of God in the heavens
Gospel - Luke 24:46-53: Jesus taken up to heaven

May 14-15, 2016 (Pentecost Sunday)
First - Acts 2:1-11: Apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin to speak in tongues
Psalm - 104: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth
Second - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13: In one Spirit we are baptized into one body
Gospel - John 20:19-23: Jesus sends the disciples on their mission to forgive sins through the Holy Spirit

May 21-22, 2016 (Feast of the Most Holy Trinity)
First - Proverbs 14:18-20: Melchizedek, king & priest, brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram
Psalm - 110: You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek
Second - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26: Institution of the Eucharist as recorded by Paul
Gospel - Luke 9:11-17: Jesus speaks of the Kingdom and feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish

Special May Feast Days

May 5th - Ascension Thursday (celebrated on the weekend of May 7th/8th)
May 13th - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - Special
8:00am Mass with a procession of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima
May 15th - Pentecost Sunday (Our Birthday!)
May 22nd - Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
May 29th - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after
11:00am Mass until 4:00pm. Vespers at 4:00pm followed by Benediction
May 31st - Visitation of the Blessed Mary to Elizabeth

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Upcoming Events

May 1st - First Communion practice at 2:30pm for all receiving First Communion this year.
May 5th - Ascension Thursday
May 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th - First Communion at all Masses. Special extra First Communion Mass on May 7th at 11:00am. See your teacher for specific dates and times.
May 8th - Mother’s Day
May 12th - Lector training and updating workshop 7:30pm at church
May 14th - An Enchanted Night of Music - a “fun” raiser in the Gym at 7:00pm benefits our Construction Fund. See next column for more information.
May 19th - Eucharistic Ministers training and updating workshop 7:30pm at church
June 3rd & 4th - Garage Sale to benefit our Relay for Life Team. Save the dates.
June 12th - 9:00am Mass to honor our graduates.
June 18th - “Hoe Down” Dinner-Dance. See below for more information.
June 19th - Fathers’ Day weekend.

Rel. Ed. Registration

Returning students’ registration for next fall’s classes begins this month; stay tuned for specific dates. Registration for new students will be held later in summer.

Holy Family Hoedown

On June 18th Holy Family will become a Wild West town! Inside and outside activities. Gaming events, old west entertainment, raffles, music, etc. Get out your western garb and cowboy boots and get ready to enjoy chuck wagon food and dance the Texas two-step. Fun for all, but watch out for the sheriff!

4:00-7:00 kids’ entertainment and games in the park-ing lot. Western dinner in the parish hall at 6:00pm. Dancing until 11:00pm. Music by DJ Exodus.

Ticket inquiries to Sheila Turgo (707-315-1626) or to Bannie Lee (707-643-5194) or available after Masses.

Enchanted Music Night

This special concert is coming up soon. Sponsored by Couples for Christ-FFL, it will feature the musical talents of Sonny Ignacio, Lulu DeGuzman, Ashley Cortes, Annalisa Quilala and Aubrey Trujillo.

Saturday, May 14th, 7:00pm, at the American Canyon Community Center (Gym), in support of our construction fund. Tickets are still available by calling (510) 520-0151 or at the door the day of the event. Donations are still welcome; please call (415) 297-5314. Refreshments will be sold at the event.

Pray for Our Sick

Leo Abcede, Nicholas Aernas, Rosalina Alba, Isaias Baptista, Lita Bautista, Joan Bennett, Jack & Janet Birkholz, Ronen Blanquera, Valerie Blanquera, Sheila Borja, Josephina Botello, Enrique Campos, Milena Cancilla, Virgilieta Castillo, Tony Castor, Fe Celones, Richard Corona, José & Esther Corpuz, Charito Dela Cueva, Tess Dumalag, Toni Durante, Violeta Escay, Vilma Fahey, Zachery Fahey, Douglas Fong, Aurora Guiriba, Tess Guison, Elmo Irish, Mary Jacobs, Gene Lacson, Geraldo Laguna, Betty Lorenz, Rosalyn Mendoza, Elma Mercado, Antonio Neria, Azucena Neria, Ildefonso Neria, Jaime Neria, Dorothy Pendergest, Leah Pertirria, Candy Peterson, Earline Poirer, Arrel Ruiz, Pacita Sarabia, Carmen Scott, Tom Scott, Kathleen Silva, Ann Simmons, Sylvia Sistena, Sam Soccoro, Jesselee Inacay Superticioso, Edwin Tichangco, Pacita Villaluz, Tony & Vilma Wakin, Brenda Wheeler, Chet Wilkerson, Cheryl Zimmerman. To add a loved one to our prayer list, please e-mail to: holyfamily.amcan@gmail.com

Pray for the Men and Women Serving Our Country

Don Appel, Jorden Appel, Jenny Bartlett, Joseph Bloom-See, Brandon Bridges, George Buenvijae, Scott Harris (recently promoted to sergeant!), Jared Holmes, Jeremy Holmes, Josh Holmes, Chris Hurst, Jen James, Angela O’Brien, Chad Oliver, Christopher Oliver, Andrew Mariano, Christopher Paradeza, Jennifer Phillips Plante, Alex Rubang Jr., Sebastian Zablan. To add a friend or loved one to our military service list, please call Carol Harris at 310-4792 or e-mail to her at: crhar@aol.com

Want to accept a challenge?

Expand your ministry presence here at Holy Family. Consider becoming a lector (reader) or Eucharistic Minister (EM) to help serve communion at Mass or to visit and serve our shut-ins. Set aside the training workshops and...
Ascension Thursday

The Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:3) tells of the 40 days following His Resurrection that Jesus further proclaimed about the Kingdom of God. After 40 days, Jesus blessed the apostles, told them to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He was then lifted up before their eyes and taken up to heaven.

Read the simple Ascension stories in
Luke 24:50-51; Mark 16:19; and Acts 1:9

Why 40?

The number “40” is oft used in scripture to represent a period of testing or judgment. It is the length of time necessary to accomplish God's plan in dealing with humankind. Remember these “40” events?

Forty days that Moses spent on Mount Sinai
Forty years of wandering by the Israelites in the desert
Forty days of rain on Noah and the ark
Forty days that Jonah spent admonishing Nineveh to repent
Forty days Jesus spent praying in the desert
And we have just recently finished forty days of Lent and now await the feast of the Ascension forty days after the Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

Pentecost

The Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-11) tells the story of the apostles who gathered in celebration of Pentecost (taken from the Greek word pentekoste meaning fiftieth), 50 days after the Passover. Jesus had previously told the apostles (John 16:7-13) that an advocate of Paraclete (the Spirit of Truth) was to be sent to them, and such was the case. The Holy Spirit appeared to the apostles as tongues of fire over their heads and all gathered heard a divine wind blow through the house where they were assembled.

Upon receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter preached to the crowds and 3000 were baptized. This is considered the beginning of the Church, as the other apostles also went out among the people and began spreading the message of Jesus without fear, having been emboldened by the Gifts of the Spirit (wisdom, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, understanding, wonder of the Lord and piety).

Elsewhere in scripture, the Holy Spirit is similarly experienced as a divine wind and fire often indicates the presence of God (as in the burning bush on Mount Sinai or the fiery cloud over the Red Sea). Red vestments worn on Pentecost Sunday symbolize joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation is a normal outcropping from Pentecost. It completes the unity of the Sacraments of Initiation (along with Baptism and Holy Communion). Some of our Holy Family members received this sacrament on April 10th. They witnessed Jesus in their own lives and were given grace and the spiritual strength of the Holy Spirit similar to the same spiritual gifts afforded the apostles at Pentecost (courage, wisdom, piety, right judgment, wonder and awe, etc.).

The signs of the sacrament as bestowed by Bishop Vasa last month were: anointing with oil on each candidate’s forehead, laying on of hands (“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit”) and the sign of peace.

Holy Trinity

An element of our faith is the belief in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit. This is considered a mystery of the Church. God has a single, divine nature that cannot be separated. The three distinct Persons of God within the single essence, while being a challenge to us to comprehend, helps us to understand who God is and how we can relate to God.

The word Trinity comes from the Latin trinitas meaning triad or threefold. We celebrate Holy Trinity Weekend on May 21st and 22nd.

First Communion

It is appropriate that the Church celebrates the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) during the month of May (May 28th/29th) and that Holy Family celebrates with our younger members their First Holy Communion on the weekends of May 7th/8th and 14th/15th.

One of the exciting elements of our Catholic faith is our belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist - another name for Communion. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek roots eu (well) and charis (favor). We are grateful and thankful and well-favored in our being able to receive the true body and blood of Jesus into ourselves.

At each Mass we attend, we witness the memorial of the Last Supper of Jesus with his apostles. As we remembered on Holy Thursday and continue to acknowledge during each Mass we participate in, Jesus instituted this sacrament by leaving us with his real presence (“This is My Body . . . This is My Blood”).

Let us celebrate with our young members by attending those upcoming First Communion Masses, praying with them, receiving the Eucharist with them and congratulating them.
Daily Scripture Readings for May

May 2 - Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 15:26 – 16:4
May 3 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-5; John 14:6-14
May 4 - Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14; John 16:12-15
May 6 - Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-7
John 16:20-23
May 7 - Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10; John 16:23-28
May 9 - Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-7; John 16:29-33
May 14 - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-8; John 15:9-17
May 16 - James 3:13-18; Psalm 19:8-10; Mark 9:14-29
May 17 - James 4:1-10; Psalm 55:7-11, 23; Mark 9:30-37
May 18 - James 4:13-17; Psalm 49:2-3, 6-11; Mark 9:38-40
May 19 - James 5:1-6; Psalm 49:14-20; Mark 9:41-50
May 20 - James 5:9-12; Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mark 10:1-12
May 21 - James 5:13-20; Psalm 141:1-3, 8; Mark 10:13-16
May 23 - 1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10;
Mark 10:17-27
May 24 - 1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98:1-4; Mark 10:28-32
May 25 - 1 Peter 1:18-25; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Mark 10:32-45
May 26 - 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Psalm 100:2-5; Mark 10:46-52
May 27 - 1 Peter 4:7-13; Psalm 96:10-13; Mark 11:11-26
May 28 - Jude 17:20-25; Psalm 63:2-6; Mark 11:27-33
May 30 - 2 Peter 1:2-7, Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16; Mark 12:1-2
May 31 - Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4-6; Like 1:39-56

Envelopes/Collections Report

Thank you for your generosity (3/20-4/24/2016):
Regular Collection = $21,592.00
Construction Fund (blue envelopes) = $5,491.00
Brown Envelope Donations = $311.00
One Foot at a Time = $1,225.00
May 14 Concert Ticket Sales = $8,670
Holy Land Special Collection = $914.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection = $1038.00

Please support Holy Family by shopping online at >>> smile.amazon.com

Volunteer Opportunity

Due to the generosity of those who attended our Len-ten Meager Meals programs, $344 was sent as a do-nation from Holy Family to the Wildlife Rescue Center of Napa County. This rehabilitation center for wildlife is looking for volunteers during the summer to help with their feeding and rehab programs. They are located on Silverado Trail near Yountville. If you are interested in helping out, you can contact Autumn at 707-685-5411 or sbcadmin@napawildliferescue.org

More info at: http://www.napawildliferescue.org
Recognition Ball Awards

Congratulations to our parishioners who received organizational awards at the recent American Canyon Recognition Ball: Romeo Blanquera (Holy Family parish award), Frank Lee (Men’s Club award), Carol Strausborger (Women’s Club award) and Chris Eagle (Friends of American Canyon Library award). Also receiving certificates of appreciation were: Fran Lemos, Nelia Medeiros, Jodi Andino, Justin Andino, Ralph Andino, Patti Kelly, Alex Nabrynski, Lucy Datiles, Shanda Neumeier, Kevin Kain, Eva
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