

From the Pastor's Office

Pentecost

Things pop up in scripture from time to time and they make me think. I read the Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter. Jesus said, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing His works." I am afraid of committing heresy. We talk about Jesus working in us. I am the mouth, the hands, the feet of Jesus. God works in us that way as well. In fact God works in and through Jesus. Jesus is the mouth, hands and feet of God. Hmmm? The work of the Church is God breathing His life through the Church. This is how God is active in the Church. Beginning with Jesus as our kind of role model God becomes active working through us, the Church. At Pentecost God blew His divine breath through the Apostles. They saw flames of fire. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. The breath of God was moving through that house. That breath compelled them out into the streets and they started preaching and they have not stopped preaching ever since. In St. Catherine's every breath we take, every breath we make God is watching over us. God is actively moving through our community. God is working through the priests. God preaches His word through the mouths of our priests. God is working through our catechists. God is working through our Community Ministries. God is serving us the coffee. God is working everywhere and we are his instruments. We are God's tools. We offer God our mouths, our words, our hands, our feet. We drive God in our cars to the people in need. We drive God to the cemetery to mourn the dead. God is alive and active in our Church in all and every kind of way. I don't need to worry about whether I am saying the right thing or doing the right thing. I am just the instrument of God. The work of God is done by God alone. I facilitate God just by showing up. "God, I am ready to do your work. I have showed up. Let's go."



With love,
Fr. Pat