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Seven Things to Know and Share About Pentecost

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The original day of Pentecost saw dramatic events that are important to the life of the Church.

But where did the feast of Pentecost come from? How can we understand what happened on it? And what does it mean for us today?

Here are 8 things to know and share about it:

1. What does the name “Pentecost” mean?

It comes from the Greek word for “fiftieth” (pentecoste). The reason is that Pentecost is the fiftieth day (Greek, pentecoste hemera) after Easter Sunday (on the Christian calendar). This name came into use in the late Old Testament period and was inherited by the authors of the New Testament.

2. What else is this feast known as?

In the Old Testament, it is referred to by several names:

The feast of weeks
The feast of harvest
The day of first-fruits

Today in Jewish circles it is known as Shavu`ot (Hebrew, “weeks”).

It goes by various names in different languages.

In England (and English), it has also been known as “Whitsunday” (White Sunday). This name is presumably derived from the white baptismal garments of those recently baptized.

3. What kind of feast was Pentecost in the Old Testament?

It was a harvest festival, signifying the end of the grain harvest.

Deuteronomy 16 states: You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you first put the sickle to the standing grain.

Then you shall keep the feast of weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God [Dt. 16:9-11a].

4. What does Pentecost represent in the New Testament?

It represents the fulfillment of Christ's promise from the end of Luke's Gospel:

“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high” [Lk. 24:46-49].

This “clothing with power” comes with the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

5. How is the Holy Spirit symbolized in the events of the day of Pentecost?

Acts 2 records:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This contains two notable symbols of the Holy Spirit and his activity: the elements of wind and fire.

Wind is a basic symbol of the Holy Spirit, as the Greek word for "Spirit" (Pneuma) also means "wind" and "breath."

Although the term used for "wind" in this passage is *pnoe* (a term related to *pneuma*), the reader is meant to understand the connection between the mighty wind and the Holy Spirit.

Concerning the symbol of fire, the Catechism notes:

While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions.

The prayer of the prophet Elijah, who "arose like fire" and whose "word burned like a torch," brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel.

This event was a "figure" of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes "before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah," proclaims Christ as the one who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Jesus will say of the Spirit: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!"

In the form of tongues "as of fire," the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions. "Do not quench the Spirit" [CCC 696].

6. Is there a connection between the "tongues" of fire and the speaking in other "tongues" in this passage?

Yes. In both cases, the Greek word for "tongues" is the same (*glossai*), and the reader is meant to understand the connection.

The word "tongue" is used to signify both an individual flame and an individual language.

The "tongues as of fire" (i.e., individual flames) are distributed to and rest on the disciples, thus empowering them to miraculously speak in "other tongues" (i.e., languages).

This is a result of the action of the Holy Spirit, signified by fire.

7. What does the feast of Pentecost mean to us?

As one of the most important solemnities on the Church's calendar, it has a rich depth of meaning, but here is how Pope Benedict summarized it in 2012:

This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room (cf. Acts 2:1-11).

Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit, breaking into history, defeats aridity, opens hearts to hope, stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbour.



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Mass Schedule

Public Masses have resumed, but with dispensation if you are unable to attend.

They will still be live-streamed.

Week of

June 1st, 2020

Tuesday - 7:00 PM

Wednesday - 12:10 PM

Thursday - 9:00 AM

Friday - 9:00 AM

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:30 AM OLOC;
10:45 AM Epiphany

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays - 6:15 to 7:00 PM
(No confessions on Fridays anymore)

Saturdays - 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Sundays (Alexander) - Before Mass

Live Rosary on Zoom!

We will have Live Rosary on Zoom on Friday, June 5th! Click [here](#)

for the link to the Zoom meeting. We will have an event created on Facebook, so watch for it!

If you have a prayer request we can pray for during this time, please email wcepiphany@gmail.com!



Offertory

Donations this past week:
Watford City - \$1,864.62

We have established online e-giving for our parish! You can go to our website at wcepiphany.com and online giving can be accessed on the home page, or under the Resources tab > Parish E-Giving.

There will be offertory baskets at each entrance of the church in which you can place your donations during the weekend Masses.

Thank you for your generosity!



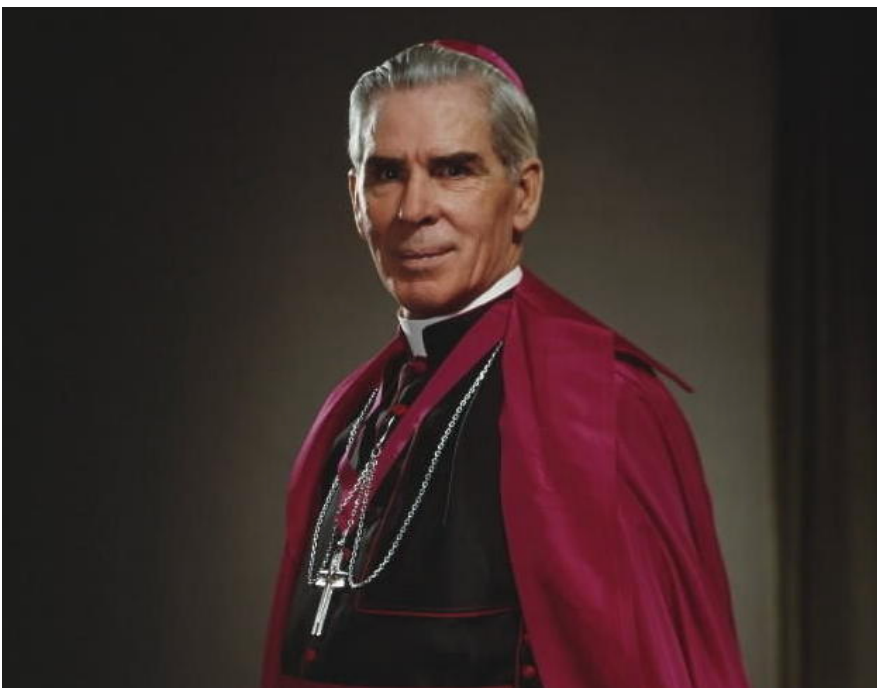
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Rice Bowls

If you still haven't turned in your rice bowls, you can place them in the collection baskets during weekend Masses at either entrance. Thank you for your generosity!



"Christ can only have one body, therefore there cannot be many Churches. Any church founded this morning or yesterday afternoon or even one hundred years ago is too remote from Pentecost to be Christ's body."

VENERABLE FULTON J. SHEEN

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It is not too late to join our Bible Study!

Please join us for the online study of St. Paul Center's "Genesis to Jesus", where we will learn:

- What is the Bible?
- Where does it come from?
- What is its purpose?
- How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible?
- What story does it tell?

Please click [here](#) to join our Facebook group "[Epiphany Catholic Bible Study](#)", and to get the details!

You will be able to view past lessons. We have so far watched the videos for Lessons 1-5, and will be viewing and discussing Lesson 6 this week, Thursday, June 4th at 7:30 PM!

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday from 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM. All are welcome to come and pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! If you'd like to become a scheduled adorer, or a substitute, please contact Stephanie Ray at 813-415-8486.



Faith Formation Workbooks

Parents of Faith Formation students, if you haven't yet picked up your child(ren)'s Faith Formation workbook, they are located in the parish hall!



Garden crosses are available!

They are available at the main entrance daily; this weekend, they will be located at both entrances! Thank you to Matt Schettler for making these for us!

Epiphany on the Web

SOCIAL MEDIA AND VARIOUS SITES ONLINE WHERE YOU CAN FIND US!

WE WILL BE LIVE-STREAMING HOLY MASS

this weekend from our Facebook page at

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