



Pentecost

Jean Restout II (1692-1768)

PAPAL MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

Vatican Basilica

Sunday, 27 May 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters...

This morning I would like to reflect on an essential aspect of the Mystery of Pentecost which has preserved its full importance in our time. Pentecost is the feast of union, comprehension and human communion. We can all see that in our world, although we are increasingly close to one another with the development of the means of communication and geographical distances seem to be disappearing, understanding and communion between people is both superficial and problematic.

Imbalances endure that frequently lead to conflict; dialogue between the generations is heavy-going and at times antagonism prevails; we witness daily events in which it seems people are becoming more aggressive and more belligerent; understanding each other seems too demanding so they prefer to remain closed in on themselves, in their own interests. Can we truly find and live in this situation the unity we need?

The narrative of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles, which we heard in the First Reading (cf. Acts 2:1-11), contains against the background of one of the great frescoes we find at the beginning of the Old Testament: the ancient history of the construction of the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9). But what is Babel? It is the description of a kingdom in which men had concentrated so much power that they thought they no longer needed to rely on a distant God and that they were powerful enough to be able to build a way to heaven by themselves in order to open its gates and usurp God's place.

However, at this very moment something strange and unusual happens. While the men are working together to build the tower they suddenly realize that they are building against each other. While endeavouring to be like God, they even risk no longer being human because they have lost a fundamental element of being human: the ability to agree, to understand each other and to work together.

This biblical account contains a perennial truth; we can see it in history and in our world too. The progress of science and technology have enabled us to dominate the forces of nature, to manipulate the elements and to reproduce living beings, almost to the point of manufacturing the very human being. In this situation praying to God seems obsolete or pointless, because we ourselves can construct and achieve whatever we like.

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Pentecost
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This week's office hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm; Friday 8-10 am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

Wednesday at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:00 am

Friday at 9:00 am

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third Saturday** of each month at 4:00 pm.

Sunday Summertime Hospitality

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend at Immaculate Conception!

Each Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass on the front porch of the church (weather permitting), Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Join us for food and friendship!



Parish Picnic Sunday, June 22nd at Boettcher Park After the 11:00 Mass

Find us at the largest pavilion for food and fun!

A bouncy house and snow cones will be provided for family entertainment!

A funeral Mass for

Craig Matelich

will be offered on Friday, June 13th at 11:00 am at Immaculate Conception. A luncheon will follow in the parish hall.



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Yet we do not realize that we are reliving the same experience as Babel. It is true, we have increased the possibility of communication, of obtaining information, of transmitting news, but can we say that our ability to understand each other has increased? Or, perhaps, paradoxically, do we understand each other less and less? Doesn't a sense of mutual mistrust, suspicion and fear seem to be creeping in among human beings even to the point of making one individual dangerous to another? Let us therefore return to our initial question: can unity and harmony really exist? How?

We find the answer in Sacred Scripture: unity can only exist as a gift of God's Spirit who will give us a new heart and a new language, a new ability to communicate. And this is what happened at Pentecost. On that morning, 50 days after Easter, a mighty wind blew through Jerusalem and the flame of the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples gathered together. It settled on each one of them and kindled within them the divine fire, a fire of love capable of transforming them. Their fear evaporated, they felt their hearts filled with new strength, their tongues were loosened and they began to speak freely in such a way that everyone could understand the announcement that Jesus Christ had died and was risen. At Pentecost, where there had been division and alienation, unity and understanding were born.

However, let us look at today's Gospel in which Jesus says: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (Jn 16:13). Here, in speaking of the Holy Spirit, Jesus explains to us what the Church is and how she should live in order to be herself, to be the place of unity and communion in Truth; he tells us that behaving as Christians means no longer being shut into our own "I" but rather being open to all things: it means inwardly welcoming the whole Church within ourselves or, even better, inwardly letting her receive us. Therefore when I speak, think and act as a Christian I do not do so by closing myself into myself, but I always do so in all things and starting with all things: thus the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of unity and of truth, may continue to resonate in our human hearts and minds and spur people to meet and to welcome each other.

Precisely because the Spirit acts in this way, he ushers us into the whole truth, which is Jesus, and guides us to look at it more deeply and to understand it. We do not grow in knowledge by locking ourselves into own ego but only in an attitude of profound inner humility do we become capable of listening and sharing in the "we" of the Church. And in this way it becomes clearer why Babel is Babel and Pentecost is Pentecost. Wherever people want to set themselves up as God they cannot but set themselves against each other. Instead, wherever they place themselves in the Lord's truth they are open to the action of his Spirit who sustains and unites them.

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Humbly asking for your prayers

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, Kathy Collicot, Rod Clairmont, Barbara White, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Doug Morigeau, Diane Monahan.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for June

That the world might grow in compassion: Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith.

If you wish to consecrate (or re-consecrate) yourself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the 33 day preparation begins on June 13th for consecration day of July 16th, the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



July 16
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Find books to help you in your preparation in the parish office!

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions
Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

Sunday, June 8th Pentecost
 Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish

Friday, June 13th
 TBD

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, June 7th Vigil of Pentecost
 Repose of the Soul of Teri Hughes, rb Pat Hughes

Sunday, June 8th Pentecost
 Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, June 11th
 Repose of the Soul of Craig Matelich, rb Judy & Bill Humphrie



A note regarding Mass intentions:

Mass Intentions

Now that we are in our summertime Mass schedule, public Masses will be offered during the week only on Wednesdays. We are still accepting Mass intention requests for other days of the week, celebrated privately in Father's chapel. Please specify in your Mass request if you have a preference for a public Mass (or no preference).



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The comparison of Babel with Pentecost is re-echoed once again in the Second Reading where the Apostle says: "Walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh" (Gal 5:16). St Paul explains to us that our personal life is marked by an inner conflict, a rupture between the impulses that come from the flesh and those that come from the Spirit; and we cannot follow them all. Indeed, we cannot be both selfish and generous, follow the tendency to dominate others and at the same time feel the joy of disinterested service. We always have to choose which impulse to follow and we can do so authentically only with the help of the Spirit of Christ.

St Paul — as we have heard — lists the works of the flesh. They are the sins of selfishness and violence, enmity, discord, jealousy and disagreement; they are thoughts and actions that do not let us live in a truly human and Christian way, in love. This direction leads to the loss of one's own life. The Holy Spirit on the contrary leads us to the heights of God, so that we may already experience on this earth the seed of divine life which exists within us. St Paul says in fact: "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..." (Gal 5:22).

And let us note that the Apostle uses the plural to describe the works of the flesh that cause us to lose our humanity, whereas he uses the singular to define the Spirit's action, he speaks of "fruit", just as the scattering abroad at Babel is contrasted with the unity of Pentecost.

Dear friends, we must live in accordance with the Spirit of unity and truth and this is why we should pray that the Spirit illuminate and guide us so that we may overcome our fascination with following our own truths and receive the truth of Christ, passed on in the Church. Luke's account of Pentecost tells us that before ascending into heaven Jesus asked the Apostles to stay together to prepare themselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And they assembled in prayer with Mary in the Upper Room to await the promised event (cf. Acts 1:14). Gathered with Mary, as at her birth, today too the Church prays: "*Veni Sancte Spiritus!* — Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!". Amen.



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ROSARY GROUP

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Fridays at 9:00 am



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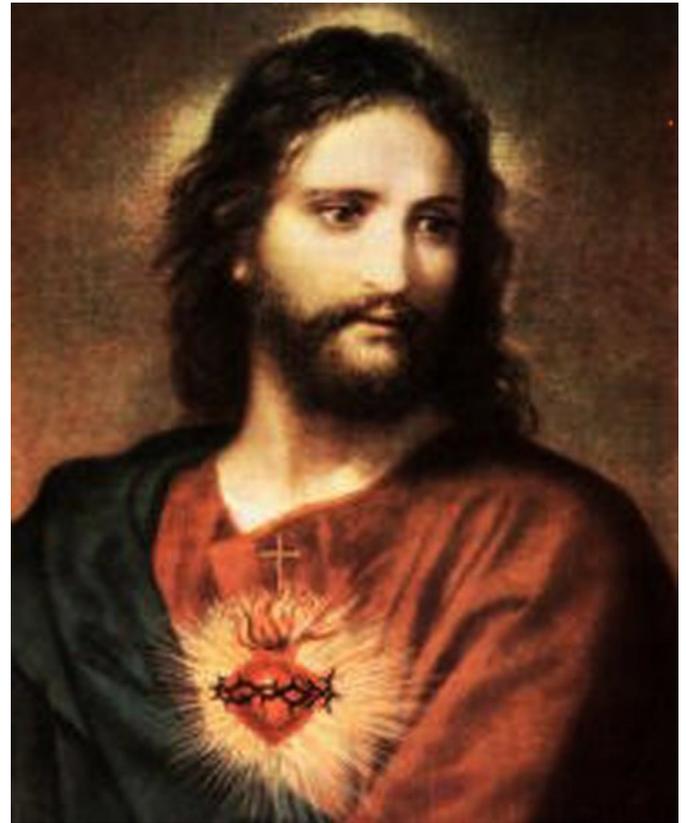
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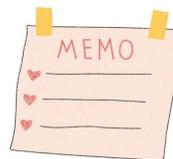
All homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

June

The month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Notice to our summer parishioners!



Please register with the parish office so we can better keep in contact with you.

This information is also valuable for our annual parish count, which is used by the parish and the diocese to track statistics.

And if you are new to the parish, please register with the parish office. Thank you!

Food Pantry Necessities—Polson

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the Food Pantry basket at the entrance of the church.

The Food Pantry also utilizes plastic grocery bags!

In **Ronan** a bin is again available for collecting food items. Please talk to Fr. Brooks for more information and how you might help with this effort.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus



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 \$24,543 of \$29,700 (83%)
Sacred Heart:
 \$7,825 of \$9,100 (86%)

Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
 \$150,159 of \$193,773 (77%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
 \$40,898 of \$48,393 (85%)

I.C. Building Fund Progress:
 \$1,367 of \$12,000 (11%)
S.H. Building Fund Progress:
 \$1,830 of \$5,000 (37%)

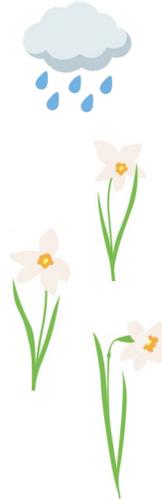
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All parish communications are now through Evangelus! If you have accidentally opted out of text messages, you may text "Unstop" to **1-866-498-2036 (Immaculate Conception)** or **1-866-953-1870 (Sacred Heart)**. If you have not yet opted in for messages and would like to, please text "YES" to the appropriate number above.



Consider adding these numbers to your phone contacts so you always know when you are receiving a message from the parish!

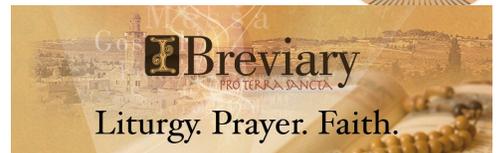


Questions about the **Because He First Loved Us** Campaign?

Not receiving your remit envelopes? Need to change your credit card number? Want to know your pledge balance?

Contact the Foundation! We are happy to help!
 Call (406)389-7050 or
 email foundation@dohmt.org.

Thank you for your continued support and this beautiful sacrifice to our Lord.



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 Received: TBA Jan 2025