

May 28, 2023: Pentecost

ASCENSION SUNDAY: THE RISEN LORD JESUS IS LIFTED UP TO HEAVEN.
PENTECOST SUNDAY: THE SPIRIT OF JESUS DESCENDS UPON EARTH.
WHERE IS JESUS NOW?

Jesus is lifted up through the clouds forty days after rising from the dead. The disciples do not understand what is going on. They can no longer see Jesus, their beloved Master. WHERE HAS HE GONE? They will be able to gain some understanding when they receive the HOLY SPIRIT at PENTECOST.

The Eleven followed Jesus every day for three years till HIS Passion and Death on the Cross. They found the empty Tomb and had no idea where the Body of Jesus had gone. They are amazed to see the Risen Lord. The Lord Jesus leaves them again This time it seems forever. Once again, they do not know where He has gone.

We feel the same way today. Sometimes our hearts are filled with the Love of Jesus. Sometimes we feel abandoned, like orphans without any parents. WHERE ARE YOU JESUS? WAY-J? I have kept asking many of you: WHERE IS JESUS NOW? Some of you did not understand my French pronunciation of WAYJ. But everyone got it when I spoke slower: WAY-J, and I explained J stands for JESUS. WAY stand stands for: Where Are You? Where ARE YOU JESUS?

At Pentecost, Jesus's "SPIRIT" Descends upon the Eleven. They are totally transformed. They were uneducated fishermen like Peter. Now FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT! They can perform some of Jesus' miracles. They speak in different tongues, languages very different from their native tongue Aramaic. They are also able to cure the sick. More importantly, they can BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST who dies for our sins, conquers death once for all, opens Heaven for us, and gives us NEW LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE.

While on earth Jesus, both MAN and GOD, made everything possible. He made the blind see, the lame walk. He healed the sick. He cured the lepers. He chased the evil spirits from the possessed. He changed the water into wine. He fed 5,000 hungry men with five loaves and two fish. He comforted those at the margin of society. CAN JESUS STILL PERFORM ALL THESE MIRACLES TODAY? YES! JESUS CAN DO everything for us TODAY. His CHURCH, the BODY OF CHRIST, is ALIVE TODAY. When we are part of the Church through Baptism, we become ONE IN CHRIST. We receive the HOLY SPIRIT through Baptism and Confirmation. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Every day we can ask Jesus to come into our hearts. Every day, we can ask the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His Love, and to guide us.

Let us pray together the ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, 'Speak Lord for Your servant heareth.' Amen.

One in Christ,
Father Alain



***We are asked to pray for:**

Josephina Knapp
Angelo Sparacino
Maria de La Rosa
George Gallagher
D'Vaughn Webster

Lynette Washington
David Mesler
Ken Housewright
Laura Flaim
Zita Walker

Titus Thomas
Andre Walker
Janina Sidorska
Reign T. Young
Anna Caracciolo
Ebehhitale Basil Ahabue

Theodore Veanco Hall

Names will remain for three months or until healed



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, May 27,

9:00 AM: Ralph & Sarah Dixon (+)

5 :00 PM: Bobbie Cooke (+)

Sunday, May 28,

8:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners

10:00AM: Librada Enriquez

Penaranda (+)

11:30 AM: Sarah Dixon (+)

7:00 PM: Moussi Family

Monday, May 29,

9:00AM: Jose & Anna Maria &

Mark Gonzales (+)

Tuesday, May 30,

9:00AM: Judy Tomasky (+)

Wednesday, May 31,

9:00 AM: Deborah Storey

7:00PM: Mother Teodora + (MCST)

Thursday, June 1,

9:00 AM: Cyrille & Juste family (+)

Friday, June 2,

9:00: AM: Malik & Patricia Diarra

7:00: PM: Souls in Purgatory

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF ISAAC SAGASTUME



At the 2023 Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, Isaac Sagastume will join 12 others on their journey to the Priesthood. Cardinal Gregory will serve as principal celebrant and homilist for this Mass on Saturday, **June 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM** at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C.

He will preach his first Mass as a Deacon here on **Sunday, June 11th, at the 10 AM Mass**. A reception will be at 11 AM to allow participants at the 11:30 AM Mass to join us.

Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email office@alhoc.org.

Mass Readings for June 4 2023

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

***First Reading**

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

***Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

***Gospel**

John 3:16-18

www.usccb.org





Priests in Concert

Thursday, June 15 at 5 PM in the Father Martin Hall

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON JUAN PABLO

Saturday, June 17 at 10 am

Our very own Deacon Juan Pablo Noboa will be ordained a Priest by Cardinal Wilton Gregory at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on **Saturday June 17 at 10 am.**

Sunday, June 18th at 11:30 am

Father Juan Pablo will celebrate his first Mass with us. A reception will follow Mass in the Father Martin Hall. Everyone is invited.

If you are interested in helping set up this joyful event, please call the office.



Vacation Bible School June 26th - June 30th 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Get ready for an out of this world
summer experience for the
whole family!



**Dinner will
be provided!**



**Participants (ages 4-11)
Youth Volunteers
(ages 12-17)
Adult Volunteers (18+)**

For questions, contact Emily
Vara at emilyv@olhoc.org

\$30 per participant <https://www.olhoc.com/vbs23reg>

Pentecost



Holy Trinity Sunday/Blessing of High School and College Graduates

11:30 Mass on June 4

Next Sunday, June 4th will be the day we honor “The class of 2023”, High School and College graduates. Please attend the 11:30 Mass we would love to acknowledge their accomplishments.

Friday, June 16, 6 pm until 1 am

Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the “Holy Hour for those to be ordained priests” **June 16, from 6 pm until 1 am.**

Unite with parishes throughout The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the ordination of six future priests on Saturday, June 17. This year’s ordinandi are

For the priesthood—

Dcn. Martin Joseph Begley

Dcn. Taylor Gregory Colwell

Dcn. John Francis Lado

Dcn. Juan Pablo Noboa

Dcn. Pablo Andres Villa Jaramillo

Dcn. Vincent Tinh Vu

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Mt 9:37–38

Outreach News

Our next Outreach meeting will be June 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall. All are welcome!

The next Shepherds Table will be June, 2023. The collection of nonperishable foods for “Sharing Sunday” continues in the Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank, Women’s Shelter, and, Children’s Aid. Thank you all!

NEED STUFF?



Any and everyone is welcome to come look at the items we have in the back of the Father Martin Hall June 5-10. Please take whatever you can use before it is disposed of on June 10.