

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:

May 22-23, 2021

Since the April 28<sup>th</sup> lifting the requirement of face-masks in public and inside the church, I've seen many people "breathe a sigh of relief" – literally! Though it is not required in our church services anymore, we are still encouraged to follow safe practices and social distancing on our own. Thank y'all for your cooperation.

As of last week, **Father Aurelio "D" Luzon** left to return to the Philippines. I am officially without an associate priest until 01 July 2021. Father Sovi and some retired priests will help me out in the meantime with the masses.

After few weeks of announcing it in the church, in our bulletin and social media accounts, y'all by now know the **VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT** that we are participating with all the churches in the diocese called **"Parish Communication Update Project"** (a.k.a. as "Census2021"). This project hopes to update our database of listed parishioners. Whether you live within our territorial boundaries or are registered parishioners, we ask that you respond to this Project for the good our church parish. **We need your help!** Last weekend we asked you to bring in your completed Reply Form. If you forgot to bring your completed Reply Form last weekend, you can still drop it off in the Collection Baskets together with your gift to our church this weekend OR you can drop it off in our Mailbox located in brick column in front of the Church Office, OR mail it to our office. Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

This weekend is the Solemnity of the Pentecost or the official Birthday of the Church! At the giving of the Pentecost after the Ascension of the Lord, the rag-tag group of apostles and followers, including those who have become disciples of Jesus, the Nazorean, BECAME the "CHURCH" that Jesus Christ founded. Looking back on the three years that Jesus spent in public ministry, the founding, coming together and birth of our Church was not an easy one – just look at the characters and personalities that He chose, called and invited! Even still, Jesus CHOSE them, CALLED THEM BY NAME, and INVITED them to be His friends. The Pentecost (the giving of the Holy Spirit, the Consoler, the

Paraclete) was a moment and experience that changed the apostles and disciples from being afraid to having peace, from speaking on their own to speaking of God's own, from living alone and apart to living for God with all others.

But Jesus did not stop by just choosing us, calling us or inviting us to follow Him; He also sent us to continue the work He had begun. The Church is composed of all those that God chose to be His own, called to preach the Good News (by word and examples), and invited to participate in the life-giving gifts of God. Each person that belong to our Church (Holy Roman Catholic Church of the Latin Rite) by baptism and profession of faith, those that are here present, and even those who are away, were chosen, called and invited by God. Different though we all are, we are One Body in Christ (as St. Paul said in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading), where the "*manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.*"

Each and every one of us received a gift (talents, blessings, ability, skills, knowledge, experiences, wisdom, etc.) from the Holy Spirit, and each gift is meant to glorify God and contribute in the building up of His kingdom. No one can claim that they have no gift/s to offer or they will sin against the Holy Spirit. Whatever it is that God gave you, God wants and needs them back!

The question is "what did the Holy Spirit gave you?" Do you know?

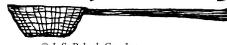
Knowing our God-given gifts is our quest in the faith. Using our God-given gifts is our purpose in life. If you still do not know your gifts (no matter how big or small they are), go and discover them soon before your time's up, and then RESPOND to God's call.

God needs your gifts. Our faith community need your gifts. The Church need your gifts.

*Father Vic+*

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- Kevin Branley & Nicole Dominique (3)*
- Hunter Ponville & Courtney Amedee (1)*
- Joshua Arceneaux & Alexa Badgerow (1)*
- Ryan Duplantis & Shelby Simoneaux (1)*

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This Weekend**

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**Parish  
Communication  
Project Update** –

**Parish Communication  
Update Project**

Last weekend we asked every family to complete their communication Update Card at Mass. If you have not had the opportunity to return y our family card, please complete and return your Communication Update Card as soon as possible to the church office, at Mass or through our parish website. Please help us to serve you and your family in the best way possible!



Our goal is 100% participation!



Your participation is vitally important to the parish and most appreciated!!  
**Thank you & God Bless!**

The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:



**Charles Michael, III**  
Child of Charles II & Jessica Tiblier

**Genevieve Rose**  
Child of Alfred & Sarah Fournet

**Sara Jane**  
Child of Ryan & Brookes Borne

**Baylor Robert**  
Child of Jacob & Tiffany Bourgeois

**Clara Marie**  
Child of Christopher & Ann-Marie Castille

**Prayer to St. Joseph during the  
YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH  
(08 December 2020-08 December 2021)**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen*