

CONFIRMATION READINGS – Bishop James Francis Checchio

First Reading

Acts 2:1-6, 14, 22b, 32-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

All were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,

they were all in one place together.

And suddenly there came from the sky

a noise like a strong driving wind,

and it filled the entire house in which they were.

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,

which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit

and began to speak in different tongues,

as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven
staying in Jerusalem.

At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,

but they were confused

because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice,

and proclaimed to them:

“You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem.

Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.

“You who are children of Israel, hear these words.

Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God

with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,

which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

God raised this Jesus;

of this we are all witnesses.

Exalted at the right hand of God,

he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father

and poured it forth, as you both see and hear.”

(Brief pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34. R. see v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

the earth is full of your creatures;

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;

I will be glad in the Lord.

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish

and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:4-13

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

But one and the same Spirit produces all these gifts, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.

To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;
to another, the expression of knowledge according to the
same Spirit;
to another, faith by the same Spirit;
to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;
to another, mighty deeds;
to another, prophecy;
to another, discernment of spirits;
to another, varieties of tongues;
to another, interpretation of tongues.

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body,
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

(Brief pause)

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Jn 14:23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
yet the word you hear is not mine
but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you.

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you.”

(Brief pause)

The Gospel of the Lord.