

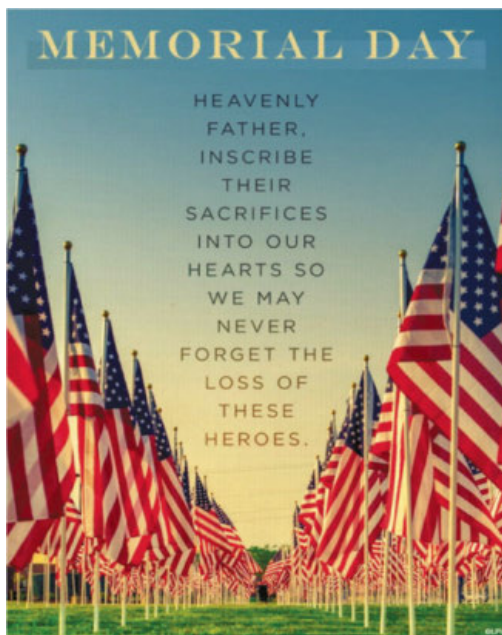


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May 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY



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**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.
We will be back on Tuesday, May 30.**

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles were able to speak “of the mighty acts of God” in many different languages. This speaks of God’s desire for all believers to be united. *How could you promote unity among those who believe?*

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of the many different individual gifts of the Spirit that are intended to benefit the larger community. *What is the gift you bring to your family or community of friends?*

Gospel:

With the power of the Holy Spirit, the resurrected Jesus instructs the disciples with this calling: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” *How strong is your sense of vocation?*

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TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11;
Psalm 104;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,
12-13;
John 20:19-23

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Our Easter celebration reaches its grand finale today as we celebrate the glorious feast of Pentecost. Today, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our individual lives.

Throughout our readings today, we see that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way - and that we are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us. What a stunning privilege and awesome responsibility. We must rely constantly on the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the gifts, talents and blessings we have been given so that we can fulfill the specific mission to which we have been called.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, recalls the dramatic moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles just as Christ had promised. “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.” They “began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

Notice how personal and individual is this outpouring of the Spirit. The Spirit filled the entire house where they were gathered, yet also came to each one of them separately, as individuals (the tongues of fire parted and rested on each one of them). The Spirit empowered each of them in a unique way (they began to speak in different tongues). This personalized way of “gifting” the apostles allowed them each to reach different people, sharing with them the “mighty acts of God.”

This is the same way the Holy Spirit operates today. He gives each of us a unique combination of gifts, and empowers each of us to speak in different “tongues” so that, together, every person can be offered the saving message of the Gospel in a way that is meaningful to them. (Have you ever been amazed at how some can be so creative and energetic with the little ones in the nursery or the teens in the youth group? And others so compassionate with our elderly or infirm parishioners? It is because the Holy Spirit has made us fluent in different “tongues.”)

Our second reading, from the letter to the Corinthians, illustrates the beautiful way the Spirit weaves together His personal gifts to each us for the good of all. “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Embracing the stewardship way of life means that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the unique gifts He has given to each of us, to accomplish the particular mission entrusted to us.

Jesus gives us this mission in our Gospel passage from John. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We are called to be Christ’s hands and feet to all those He places in our path. But we must not let this responsibility overwhelm us. Jesus Himself tells us so. Actually, He tells us twice in this passage: “Peace be with you.”

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

PENTECOST SUNDAY			
Sun	5/28	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23	
Mon	5/29	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Eighth Week in Ordinary Time; Memorial Day Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34	
Tue	5/30	World Day of Prayer for Vocations to Religious Life Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31	
Wed	5/31	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56	
Thu	6/1	St. Justin, Martyr Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52	
Fri	6/2	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26	
Sat	6/3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33	
Sun	6/4	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; (Ps) Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	5/29	8:30 am	Patrick Stone & Carrie Benjamin (wedding anniversary)
Tue	5/30	8:30 am	Lilian Syching, Lilibeth Syching, Conrado Tan
Wed	5/31	8:30 am	Roma Gruzdis †
Thu	6/1	8:30 am	Terry Harper †
Fri	6/2	8:30 am	Sean Honohan †
Sat	6/3	8:30 am	Liz Coffey †
		5:00 pm	Theodor Hendig †
		9:00 am	Christine Destro †
Sun	6/4	11:00 am	Georgina Dao Nguyen Conry †
		5:00 pm	Luise Picariello †

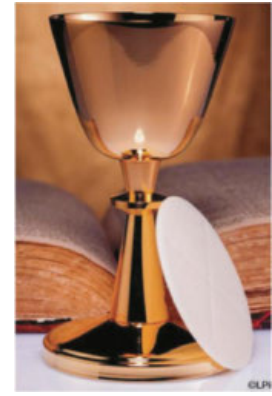
OUR FASCINATING FAITH : PENTECOST

Today the Church remembers the moment when the very breath of God rushed from the mouth of the risen Jesus, filling the disciples with the Holy Spirit. Today's readings bring us to the culmination of the great fifty-day celebration of Easter with images of strong driving winds and tongues of fire. We cry out to God in today's psalm, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" During these fifty days, we have baptized, confirmed, and shared the Eucharist with the newly initiated. We have spent these days savoring the meaning of the sacramental life. In these sacramental moments, the Church is reborn. In this moment of Pentecost, we are reborn. We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we, like the disciples, can be sent forth to be Christ for the world. Let us be open and vulnerable to the driving winds and tongues of flame that can signal a new Pentecost. Let God's word once again bring us the power to renew the face of the earth.

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace to speak in the tongues of many nations. When we engage with those who do not believe, who disagree with us, are we speaking the right language? We have to use the words they are able to understand - not just the words we want to say.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: JUNE FOR THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE



FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Cor 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our potential for Stewards. By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:

Chuck Blalock; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon; Ederlina Nacion

For those who have recently died:

Lorrene Giansiracusa; Terry Harper; Bishop Patrick McGrath; Betsy Doyle; Donald McNeil; Sara Babarczy; Robert Hapgood Cowden; Maurice Abela; Tom Franceschi

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK: MAY 21-28

HOPE FOR THE EARTH. Watch an original YouTube Movie "The Letter" to mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. "The Letter" tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.

Watch the movie at theletterfilm.org/watch/



St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary's! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please see us on the parish website under at stmarvslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

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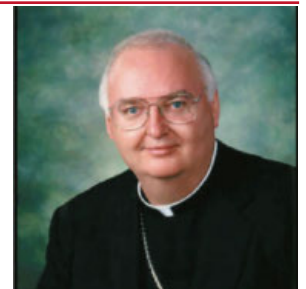
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Rev. Seth Kupo – from parochial vicar of Saint Catherine of Alexandria in Morgan Hill to parochial vicar of **Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Los Gatos**

Rev. Gabriel Lee – from parochial vicar of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Los Gatos to parochial vicar of **Saint Joseph of Cupertino in Cupertino**

Let us pray for all our priests with new assignments, for the current community that they are serving, and the new community that they have been assigned to.

The full list is available at dsj.org/new-clergy-assignments2023/

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before there was water, there was fire. Once in a while, a volcano hints at the sizzling magma upon which the whole human enterprise floats. Over eons, the surface cooled off a bit, and rain sizzled down for thousands of centuries, filling the oceans and sculpting the earth. We Christians can catch God's glory in a shimmering pool of water, but we can also capture God's burning desire to fan the tiny flames of our baptismal candles into something that will make a difference. In Sicily to this day, there is a custom of scattering rose petals down from the ceiling of church on the heads of the faithful, an effective reminder of the "tongues of flame" descending on the apostles, and a sign that the Holy Spirit still is poured out on the baptized. It is not merely a quaint custom, but a fairly potent sign of what baptism does. An interesting sidebar: if you have traced the Epiphany blessing on your doorway in chalk, Pentecost is the day to erase it. From now on, no need to rely on the "wise men" - you are alive in the Spirit!

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SAINT OF THE WEEK VEN. FR. PATRICK PEYTON



Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton was born in Ireland near the Ox Mountains on January 9, 1909, to a devout Catholic family with nine children who prayed the rosary together every single day.

He immigrated to Scranton, PA in 1928 when Patrick was 19 years old. He was ordained on June 15, 1941, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the

University of Notre Dame, along with his brother Thomas, as priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Due to his life-long dedication to the Holy Mother and the rosary, he became known as "The Rosary Priest." He coined the now popular phrases - "The family that prays together stays together" as well as "A world at prayer is a world at peace."

Father Patrick Peyton died peacefully in 1992 at age 83 while holding a rosary in his hands. Pope Francis declared that Father Patrick Peyton lived a life of heroic virtue on December 18, 2017, and gave him the title of venerable.

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WHY DOES THE CHURCH HAVE DIFFERENT LITURGICAL CYCLES?

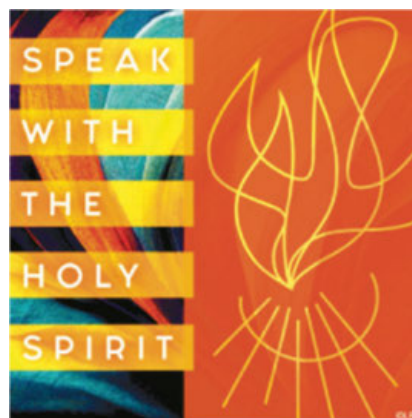


While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the *Lectionary* that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI.

To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm

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