May 19, 2024 PENTECOST SUNDAY



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Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

John 15:26

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are **Live Streamed** on our website

stmaryslg .org/live- stream-mass

DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Office Conference Room)

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11;

Psalm 104;

Galatians 5:16-25;

Sequence:

Veni, Sancte Spiritus;

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

First Reading:

We hear how the Holy Spirit allowed the mighty acts of God to be heard by people of all languages in every nation. Where do you see God at work in the world or in your workplace?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged believers in Galatia to be guided by the fruit of the Spirit (joy, peace, self-control) rather than by the works of the flesh (immorality, lust, idolatry) in order to inherit the kingdom of

God. How might you practice the fruits of the Spirit this week?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples he would send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to guide them and offer them divine gifts. What guidance are you seeking from the Lord?

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, meaning "fifty," is the day that the Holy Spirit descended on Mary and the apostles in the form of tongues of fire fifty days after Easter. We also celebrate this day as the birthday of the Church, for shortly after this event, St. Peter preached his first homily.

We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.

The Holy Spirit is just as alive and willing to work here and now in our day-to-day moments as back at our first Pentecost. It is our call as Christian disciples to be attentive and open to these workings. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God is in us and always around us - yet, we must call upon His name, seek His guidance and become aware of His presence in our lives.

Our First Reading bears witness to the first Pentecost. During this encounter with the Holy Spirit, the apostles and Mary felt a driving wind, there were tongues of fire on the heads of each of them and the Spirit allowed them to speak in different tongues proclaiming acts of God.

Our tongues of fire might be a profound conversation with a friend, something that you needed to hear in that exact moment; or a pushed-back deadline at work when you were swamped; or a moment of strength to speak the truth when you typically shy away; or even a closed door to an opportunity for something much, much greater. These are movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday moments.

The more we take time to recognize them, the more we become aware of them. So, at the close of each day, try examining how the day went. Search for the moments where you witnessed the Holy Spirit working in your daily life and the life of your family and friends.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us of our unique role as Christian stewards as he says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord... To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Each one of us has been given unique gifts from the Holy Spirit. No two stewards are the same. Some of us might be confident in those gifts and some of us might not know what they are just yet. When we discover them and use them for God's work, they are multiplied beyond what we could have imagined. It is our job to look inward and pray, "Come Holy Spirit, reveal my gifts to me so that I may use them for Your glory."

And when we live a life attentive to the Spirit's workings and gifts, we can better live out Jesus' call in our Gospel today, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As disciples of Christ, we are sent out to gather more disciples. If we are constantly striving to be in tune with the Holy Spirit, God will do the rest by showing us the way.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. Let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives and let us ask for the grace to know our gifts and talents so that we can put them to good use.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK						
Sun	5/19	PENTECOST SUNDAY Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11; Ez 37:1-14; Ps107:2-9; Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15				
ORDINARY TIME						
Mon	5/20	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1b-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34				
Tues	5/21	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11, 23; Mk 9:30-37				
Wed	5/22	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40				
Thu	5/23	Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50				
Fri	5/24	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12				
Sat	5/25	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16				
Sun	5/26	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20				
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			Mass Intentions	
Mon	5/20	8:30 am	Kelly Coffey (healing)	
Tues	5/21	8:30 am	Christopher Sachwitz (special intention)	
Wed	5/22	8:30 am	Hao Pham †	
Thu	5/23	8:30 am	Pierre Mailloux †	
Fri	5/24	8:30 am	Gloria Palmisano †	
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Sat 5/25		5:00 pm	Robert Hainey †	
Sun 5/	5/26	9:00 am	Marcial Laplace (special intention)	
		11:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †	
		5:00 pm	Maximilian Tam (birthday)	

May 2, 2024

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Dear Parishioners of St. Mary Parish, IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL. The Knights of Columbus members of

Bishop O'Dowd Council #3474 wish to thank the St. Mary Parish Community for your gracious support of the pancake breakfast served in Howley Hall on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Serving 110 parishioners through our two morning Masses at a moderate \$10/person cost, your generosity resulted in a donation of \$1,014 to our event partners, St. Vincent de Paul of St. Mary Parish and Italian Catholic Federation Los Gatos #184. It is through a collaborative effort of our three Parish support groups that brought the camaraderie and fellowship of the day.

It is always a privilege for each volunteer to dedicate our energy and talent in helping the six parishes supported by our council. Know that the Knights of Bishop O'Dowd Council received more through your community generosity during this event than we gave through our volunteer effort to make sure the day was a success for the St. Mary Parish community.

> Sincere thanks, Victor LoBue, Jr., Bishop O'Dowd Council #3474 The Knights of Columbus, St. Mary members



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

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

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Pope Francis' Universal **PRAYER INTENTION: MAY**

For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY **SPIRIT**

Come, Holy Spirit! Enlighten us! Embolden us! Inflame us! Stir our hearts anew! You have called us to live and minister in this time, in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction! Amen.

FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of **PRAYER**

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

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto

For those who have recently died:

Mary Andrusky; Reed Kappen; Margaret Castellese; Patricia Malysz; Doris Sanford; Cecily Bradley; Romano Buonaccorsi; Rich McCarthy; Marie Antonowicz

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.

Stewardship of TALENT



May 25 & 26

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9AM Sunday: Parish Choir

11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

Parish choirs are on summer break from June - September. Cantors and small ensembles usually sing during the summer months.

STEWARDSHIP Underwriting **OPPORTUNITIES**

Stewardship of Treasure

- ◆ Church HVAC Project
- ♦ Other Buildings & Grounds Projects include replacing HVACs in **Hofmann**, replacing the polycarbonate coverings for the church stained glass windows, replacing the water heaters in the kitchen and admin building.

For more info about these projects, please contact Fr. Greg or Sharon.



active conference at St Mary!

We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office Conference Room.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE! Our Goal for May is \$75,000.00

Your weekly offerings enable us to meet our monthly obligations and continue to support the many parish programs at St. Mary. Thank you for your faithful support.

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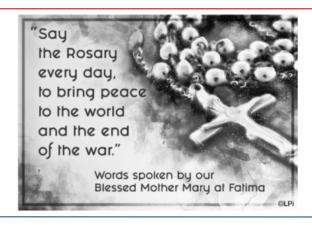
OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1, 2023 to May 5 2024
Budget	\$ 682,180.00
Actual	\$ 676,234.00
Difference	- \$ 5,946.00

2nd OFFERING: May 18 & 19 CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Please join us in this time of giving. We hope you will prayerfully consider what you will contribute to this important work in our communities. Gifts of all sizes from individuals and families make a real impact to help our neighbors in our Diocese. With your support and parish partnerships, we are changing lives for good – one family at a time. Thank you for your generosity! For information please visit CCSCC.org/annualappeal or call (408) 325-5250.

To Make an Online Gift, please visit: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stmaryslg



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

PENTECOST: The Holy Spirit at Work in the World

The feast of Pentecost is an annual reminder that the Creed we profess is not for the timid. It's not a part-time deal, a Sunday morning interlude, something we try to get around to when we're not so busy. Pentecost also reminds us, with mighty wind and terrifying flame, that as Christian stewards we must be all in to acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and be open to the Spirit's direction and power.

Throughout the history of Christianity we can see evidence of how the Holy Spirit continuously breaks out afresh in our Church and world. The Holy Spirit has awakened Christians from their complacency, led them into new frontiers of celebration, sacramentality and evangelization. The working of the Spirit continues to make forgiveness possible and transforms our lives. We believe that God's Holy Spirit has been poured out as a principle of unity to bring to completion the divine plan of salvation for everyone. Good stewards know that they must cooperate and not resist the work of the Spirit. Saint Paul tells us that there are characteristics by which we can recognize the Holy Spirit at work within each of us. These characteristics are called the fruits of the Spirit and they are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22). These fruits are made manifest through our attitudes and actions in Church, among our neighbors, in the marketplace, the public square and in our use of social media.

In his first Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul also writes that no one can believe in Jesus Christ without the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3). No one can even live as a disciple of the Lord without the Holy Spirit. No one can pray without him. We are convinced that when someone speaks or thinks well of another, the Holy Spirit is at work. When people do not think first of themselves but treat others as sisters and brothers, when they do not give up hope in God's promises for humanity and the world, God's Spirit is at work. Stewards know that the Spirit inspires trust, confidence and the energy not to be satisfied with what one has already Continued from previous page The Holy Spirit gives us the wisdom to follow the Gospel and put the Eucharist into action every single day.

The working of the Holy Spirit, though, does not restrict or oblige people to do what they do not accept. God has given us the freedom to follow Jesus or not to follow him. Of course, the Holy Spirit will not be denied, but works most effectively through us when we are committed to the Gospel. If we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit we discover, often to our surprise, capabilities in ourselves of which we could hardly imagine. This in turn allows us to inspire others.

In a world where there is so much conflict, divisiveness and polarization, even among Christians, good stewards have confidence that in the end, the Holy Spirit is going to win. The Feast of Pentecost is a feast celebrating stewardship, for it is a reminder for us to be ever vigilant to listen for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and allow ourselves to be guided by that wisdom as we seek to do the will of the Father whose plan will be fulfilled.

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PRAYERS FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost is an important time for prayer and for listening to how God calls and commissions us, as he did the disciples.

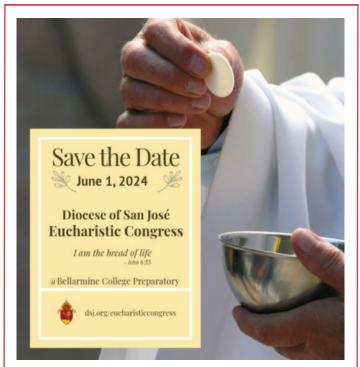
In his 2021 Pentecost homily, Pope Francis implored people to "open your hearts to the Holy Spirit."

Holy Spirit prayers are popular during Pentecost, and can be as simple as repeating "Come, Holy Spirit" quietly in your head whenever time allows during the day.

Also, consider the following short prayers:

- "Heavenly Father, on this Pentecost day, let me feel the Holy Spirit wash over me, guiding me in Your ways and helping me to hear Your call."
- "May the Holy Spirit strengthen me, protect me, encourage me and guide me today and all days."
- "God, quiet my heart and head so I can be mindful of the gift of the Holy Spirit in my life. In the voices of others, may I discern Your voice. In the actions of others, may I recognize Your love. In moments of stress, may I feel the peace that Your spirit brings. Amen."

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Attending the Congress is free. An optional box lunch is available for a \$15 donation for those who do not wish to bring their own lunch.



2ND GRADE LEADING SCHOOL MASS: HONORING MOTHERS

Our 2nd graders took the lead in a beautiful Mass, celebrating their First Communion and honoring Mother's Day. Every mom received a flower and a blessing from the community.





5TH GRADE STATE FAIR

Traveling through the USA without leaving the classroom! Our 5th graders went all out with their presentations and state-themed food. Check out the highlights of their hard work!





AROUND THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Youth Retreat – DYR Registrations are on HOLD. Please email DYR@dsj.org to place your youth's name on the Waiting List! For the first time in 5 years we are at or near capacity. We are reviewing registrations in detail to determine how many open spots are available. To be placed on the waiting list or to inquire on retreat details email DYR@dsj.org.

Vocations Soccer Cup Sunday, June 23, 2024: Watch your favorite priest, seminarians and sisters play for the Goal! The printed and online admission tickets and raffle tickets are now available for purchase. Each ticket is \$10 each/\$50 for 6 tickets. Children under 9 yrs old are free to attend. Visit dsj.org/soccercup to purchase your online admission ticket. Registration to play is also available.

Quo Vadis: Calling all young Catholic men (ages 13-17) who is seeking to deepen their faith and see what God's call in their lives, June 28-29. The Quo Vadis overnight retreat offer guidance and time in prayer, as well as classic camp activities like sports, hiking and great food. You will have the chance to meet and hang out with priests, college men and diocesan seminarians, who serve as group leaders and help run the retreat. To register or for more info:

dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/quo-vadis/



Walk in the footsteps of St Junipero Serra along the beautiful California Coast and be forever transformed through a unique encounter with God, others, and self! The Camino will go from Mission Santa Clara to the tomb of St Junipero Serra at Mission Carmel for the celebration of his feast day.

The Camino consists almost entirely of pedestrian trails through redwood forests and along the Pacific Coast, with the exception of a couple small roads. It includes Los Gatos Creek Trail, Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Monterey Bay Beaches, and the Monterey Peninsula Trail.

Camino Serra is not for the faint of heart! We will be backpacking the entire way and sleeping on parish hall floors. For those who prefer, you may find your own accommodations. For more info, to register and for hotel suggestions for each night visit www.caminoserra.com/

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