# ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON - MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY†

MAY 28, 2023

### "TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"







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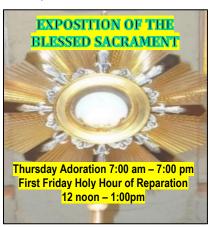
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### **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

Mon-Tue	7:00 pm
Wed- Fri	
Thurs - Adoration	
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	



### **USHERS & HOSPITALITY**

Michael Selexman.....713.966.9397 LITURGY COMMITTEE

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### **SACRISTY & ACOLYTES**

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### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please call the parish office for appointment with the Pastor. Preparation classes are required for parents and Godparents.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Mass

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor or any of our Deacons at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. If remarrying and in other special cases, one year before intended wedding date.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Anyone who is scheduled for surgery for a serious illness; anyone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should be anointed as soon as possible (preferably before going to the hospital). Contact the Parish priest for anointing.

#### **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Please contact the parish office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

> Sign up to receive text and email messages from the parish.

**Text the word SPNH to 84576** or visit flocknote.com/spnhou

# SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

### SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:1-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor.12:3b-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23

### MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1:12-14 Gospel: John 19:25-34

### **TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023**

1st Reading: Sirach 35:1-12 Gospel: Mark 10:28-31

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023 FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

1st Reading: Sirach 42:15-25 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

1st Reading: Sirach 44:1, 9-13 Gospel: Mark 11:11-26

### **SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2023**

1<sup>ST</sup> Reading: Sirach 51:12cd-20 Gospel: Mark 11:27-33

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WEEKEND ATTENDEES
SATURDAY - 21
SUNDAY - 82
TOTAL = 103



Fifty days ago, we began this Easter season with the Easter Vigil Mass, when on the eve of Easter Sunday we were given our first opportunity to celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave. We recall that now as we gather for this Mass of the Pentecost Vigil, our first opportunity to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people of God. May the power of the Holy Spirit continually renew our hearts and our world.

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### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

**SATURDAY MAY 27, 2023** 

FRANCIS M. JOHNSON, III (RIP) - Rest in heavenly peace – by Lance Johnson

WILLIAM (BUTCH) MURRAY (RIP) – by Barbara Murray

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

HENRY BOURGERE (RIP) – by Jeanette Bourgere

GEORGE J. BABINEAUX (RIP) -by Ruby Babineaux

**GERALDINE IJEZIE** – God's divine healing and protection for her family

RUTH THOMAS DORIVAL – God's guidance and protection during surgery – by Magdalene Thomas

> This weekend's 2nd Collection: SPN Bazaar Jar



LORD, WE LIFT UP PETITIONS OF HEALING FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS. ESPECIALLY:

Magdalene Alimaji, Clarissa Battley, Monique Brightmon, Rose Broussard, Annette Chavis, Carrol Chilo, Leola Collins, Freddie Conley, Caffery Eli, William Gardiner, Enolia Guillory, Joseph Guillory, Karlin Good, Laura Huntsberry, Robert Gibson, Brianna Groves, Jane Johnson, Granda & Peter Jolivette, Iona Jones. Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Laws, Geraldine Milson, Pauline Minkins, Lillie Morris, Mary Beatrice Pickering, Krunslete Posey, Ricky Premeaux, Winzell Roberts, Jr., Jaquetta Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Monica Rochon, Merrick Sam, Sr., Campsey Thomas, Mary Ann Thomas, Johnny & Patricia Williams, Johnny Williams Jr., Reginald Jackson. Delores Mitchell, Dorothy Spencer, Richard Robles, Desria Pradia, Dorothy Lee, Alveraize Saizan

One may request Mass Intentions by visiting the parish office from 9 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Wednesday or Sunday from 9:00 am – 12 pm. <u>ALL</u> requests must be in writing.

# FROM FR. CHRIS ALIMAJI'S DESK Reflections on Our Pentecost Experiences 2023

Celebrating first century Christian Pentecost (cf. Acts 2:1-11), we are also celebrating our corporate and individual experiences of the Pentecost. The early Church had several manifestations of the Holy Spirit, who is always present in the Church and within us as individual members of the Church. We are baptized in the Trinity of God and at our Confirmation we are prayed over to be filled with the Holy Spirit and his gifts and fruits (cf. 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Gal. 5:22-23). We are spiritually equipped to become witnesses to Christ, both in faith formation sessions and in Church worship. For some of us the spiritual outpouring could become manifest after baptism. For many others we "fan into flame" (2 Tim. 1:6) their gifts through works of faith and prayers, example at "baptism in the Spirit" as we do in the Charismatic Movement.

In preparing for another Pentecost in our lives this year, we are participating in nine days Novena to the Holy Spirit. This was designed to awaken our human spirits. It has prepared us for a new Pentecost in our lives or a form of "baptism in the Spirit". In the past some people achieved it through a form of spiritual experience, directed retreat, contemplation, or a trance. participating in Pentecost Novena we have exposed ourselves to deep contact with the Holy Spirit free of charge. In doing so, we apply it as Retreat for our First Communion and Confirmation candidates. Well done parishioners, "good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:23).

When the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples (cf. Acts 2:1-11), they received power through which they witnessed for Christ in their daily lives among the nations. The Spirit of Christ makes our divisions cease and unity is achieved. This is the opposite of the divisions at Babel (Gen. 11:1-9). Our prayers are for more spiritual gifts to enable us involve ourselves more fully in Church ministries, while spreading love in the world, (cf. 1 Cor. 13:1-13). As present-day Christians we are continuing the "Acts of the Apostles" and would require a new Pentecost experience so as to pray, .......

discern, teach, serve, and evangelize the nations of today's world, in a renewed spiritual awareness, urgency and vigor. This is what the past week has prepared us for. In the Gospel the Lord breathed the Spirit on the disciples (cf. John 20:19-23). He promised us the Spirit of truth, to guide us in all truth (cf. John 16:13-15; John 15:26-27). The Spirit will convict the world of "sin and righteousness and condemnation", (John 16:8-11). As Christians, are we comfortable with truth? Do prejudices lead us to judge and condemn the innocent? Do we in conscience refuse to admit the evil of sin? Some of us vehemently refuse to participate in these ordinary spiritual exercises that help us come in contact with the Holy Spirit and us. The sign of our repentance will also include our individual sacramental confessions for spiritual purity and absolution.

Christians want full awareness of the presence and actions of the Holy Spirit in their lives, in Community worship and individually. The reason why we would value our ministries in the Church is because we understand the role of the Spirit in relation to our talents and spiritual gifts. Not to take the necessary steps is to deny ourselves golden opportunities. Individually, we know why we refuse. Now that we have gone through the events of the seven weeks of the Easter Season, and immersed ourselves in spiritual exercises over the past nine days, let us match out to action as Disciples of Christ in our today's world, exercising the use of our spiritual gifts, beginning from our natural families and Church family. May the Holy Spirit be our supreme guide!

# SENIOR FRIENDS

Senior Friends monthly meeting will resume September 10, 2023. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. In the meantime feel free to join us every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for senior aerobics and Mass at noon in the Chapel.

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# LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP & TRAINING

June 3, 9:00 AM - 1 PM

Speaker will also come from the Chancery. Leaders of all Ministries & Organizations are necessarily the audience. Councilors are the principal audience.

### **PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2023 in observance on Memorial Day

### **INSTALLATION OF COUNCILORS**

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 followed by group photographs after Mass. Combined Council meeting follows in the Library.

# **NEW FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The following are new Finance Council members:

- 1. Sharyn R. Winborn
- 2. Bridget Guidry

The full members of the Council are on the Notice Board.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

All young people in the parish (SPN) are requested to please attend Mass next Sunday, and be present at the Youth Meeting for very important issues. All young adults are requested to please attend that meeting, if you consider yourself a youth & young adult of SPN – ages 18-39 are welcome. Points Archdiocesan Youth Conference, Young Adult Ministry, Leadership Team.

### **BAZAAR/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

The Bazaar/Fundraising Committee will sponsor a Dinner on July 11, 2023, to continue to raise funds for our church. We will serve Pork Chops over rice, black-eyed peas, and corn Bread for \$15.00. Please continue to support us by purchasing dinner or donating by writing a check to SPN and putting Bazaar Dinner on the memo line. Thanking you in advance.

Bazaar/Fundraising Committee.

### **CHURCH DOORS DONORS**

Those who donated for Church doors are requested to please send us your written inscriptions. You can give it to Ms. Runda Bailey or Fr. Chris-Mary.

Thank you very much

# **WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS**

Welcome to all visitors and intending members. Please raise your hand if you are a visitor. To register, call or come by the parish office or see one of the ushers in the back pews of the Sanctuary for envelopes. "When we act in accord with the Spirit, we show our kinship with Jesus, "for whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). Resisting temptation is not easy, for the serpent is a formidable foe, but when we do we progress toward the reward of "an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

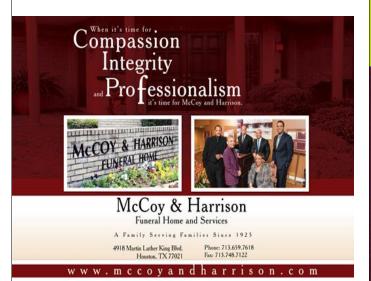
(2 Corinthians 4:17).

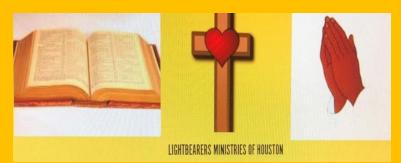
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**Our Programs / Monthly Workshops** 

- Empowered Health Consciousness opioid crises
- 2. Resilience and Thriving- coping with stress
- 3. CDC recognition curriculum Prevent T2 Weekly Meetings
- 4. Mindfulness Meditation/ Music/ Relaxation
- 5. Yoga/ guided imagery





**MISSION:** To create and implement activities to help everyone let their light shine and get closer to Jesus, the light of the world. Spiritual direction with individuals, couples and families. Family and Friends Events and Family Prayer. **For more information call:** 

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