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Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

June 12, 2022

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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. Acts 2:2-4

Do you think there was really a “noise like a strong driving wind” at this first outpouring of the Holy Spirit? And do you think there really were “tongues as of fire” that came and rested on everyone? Well, there most likely was! Why else would have it been recorded that way in the Scriptures?

These physical manifestations of the coming of the Holy Spirit were made present for numerous reasons. One reason was so that these first recipients of the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit would have concretely understood that something amazing was happening. By seeing and hearing these physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit they were more properly disposed to understand that God was doing something awesome. And then, upon seeing and hearing these manifestations, they were touched by the Holy Spirit, consumed, filled and set on fire. They suddenly discovered within themselves the promise Jesus made and they finally began to understand. Pentecost changed their lives!

We most likely have not seen and heard these physical manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but we should rely upon the witness of those in the Scriptures to allow ourselves to arrive at a deep and transforming faith that the Holy Spirit is real and wants to enter our lives in the same way. God wants to set our hearts on fire with His love, strength and grace so as to effectively live lives that effect change in the world. Pentecost is not only about us becoming holy, it's also about us being given all we need to go forth and bring the holiness of God to all those we encounter. Pentecost enables us to be powerful instruments of the transforming grace of God. And there is no doubt that the world around us needs this grace.

As we celebrate Pentecost it would be helpful to ponder the primary effects of the Holy Spirit in a prayerful way. Below are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These Gifts are the primary effects of Pentecost for each and every one of us. Use them as an examination of your life and let God show you where you need to grow more deeply in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, send forth Your Spirit in my life and set me on fire with the Gifts of Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, I invite You to take possession of my soul. Come Holy Spirit, come and transform my life. Holy Spirit, I trust in You.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fear of the Lord: With this gift the Christian becomes keenly aware of anything that may hurt his/her relationship with God. There is a holy “fear” of hurting this relationship and grace is given to avoid these things at all cost.

Wisdom: With this gift the Christian is given a special grace to “ponder divine realities” in his/her speculative reason. We are able to see the big picture and know how best to be an instrument of peace and harmony in our world.

Understanding: This is the ability to have a supernatural assurance of the matters of faith. Life makes sense. We can make sense of the deeper parts of revelation, make sense of suffering and understand those things that tempt us to doubt. With this gift we come to see how everything in life can work for good in accordance with God's plan.

Knowledge: With this gift the Christian knows, more in the practical intellect, what God's will is in this or that situation. We know how to live, how to discern God's will and what decision to make in our daily life. It also enables us to learn from our past mistakes.

Counsel: With this gift the Christian sees him/herself as a link in a chain which makes up the entire Church. God uses each one of us to help and support one another on our journey. We know what to say and how to act so as to do our part to build up one another.

Fortitude: Simply put, it is a firmness of mind and spirit to do good and avoid evil. It's a sort of Christian courage. The Gospel will call all of us to a radical life of love. Fortitude gives us the strength we need to follow through.

Piety: This gift enables us to first reverence and love God, but also to see the dignity of one another and reverence each other as children of God.

St. John's Offering

May 29, 2022

Offering amounts will be included in next week's bulletin

Please add names of church members and their family members to the sick list in the foyer of the church so that we may pray for you. We will update the list weekly and remove names from the list monthly. If a name should remain on the list indefinitely, please notify Celeste Sheehy.

Sick List

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies.

We ask that you restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worries. Give them your peace and comfort.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Don McKelvain
Hilde Ouellette
Mike Wardlaw

Sonja Hemstreet Gaines
Jessie Hithe

Announcements

We will have **pastries and coffee available in Sophie Hall after Mass** every Sunday. Please stop by and visit for a few minutes.

On the **first Saturday of every month**, we will have **Adoration** from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **followed by Mass** at 4:00 pm.

St. John's family wishes to **congratulate Steven Longacre**, son of Greg and Candice Guerra on his high school graduation!

June 6, 2022 – Men's Holy Hour is at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church sponsored by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. Adoration and prayer followed by refreshments.

June 12, 2022 - Pro-Life Waco's monthly luncheon/meeting is at the parish hall of St. Mary's Church in Waco. An Italian buffet will be served throughout the noon hour—adults \$5. Free for children. The program hour begins at 12:45 PM featuring the testimony of Stephanie Lee. Stephanie is a member of St. Mary of the Assumption, West and resides in West, TX. The title of her message (and her life) is "Walk By Faith, Not By Sight". The inspiring Stephanie Lee has been blind from birth. For further information and a free pro-life yard sign, contact John Pisciotta at prolifewaco@gmail.com or 254-644-0407.

July 30, 2022 - Together is the theme of the 1st ever **RED-C Catholic Radio Family Retreat in Central Texas**. The retreat takes place on Saturday, July 30 at the St. Louis Catholic Church Activity Center in Waco. Activities include Mass, Adoration, Confession, lunch, dinner, drinks and snacks for everyone in attendance. There will be three great speakers for the adults, as well as childcare and programs for children of all ages. Early registration is only \$30 per family. To register or for more information go to redcradio.org/retreat or call Deacon Robin Waters at 254-749-4937.

We will have a **Souvenir Book for the church's 70th anniversary**. Please help us collect ads and patrons. Inside and Back Cover \$175; full page \$150; 1/2 page \$75; 1/4 page \$45; Business card \$25; Patron \$10. Teaberta Black and David Gradel will accept money for the ads and patron list.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of St. John's**, please fill out the membership card located at the back of the church. St. John's would like to welcome our new members and our guests. We are so very glad to have you with us.

Contact Carolyn Brown or Gwendolyn Stewart either while at church or email at saintjohn1312@yahoo.com **if you are aware of a church member who is ill, hospitalized, or homebound**.

If you have **items for the bulletin**, please submit them to Celeste Sheehy at stjohn1312@yahoo.com. Please submit all items by 5:00 pm on Thursday to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.