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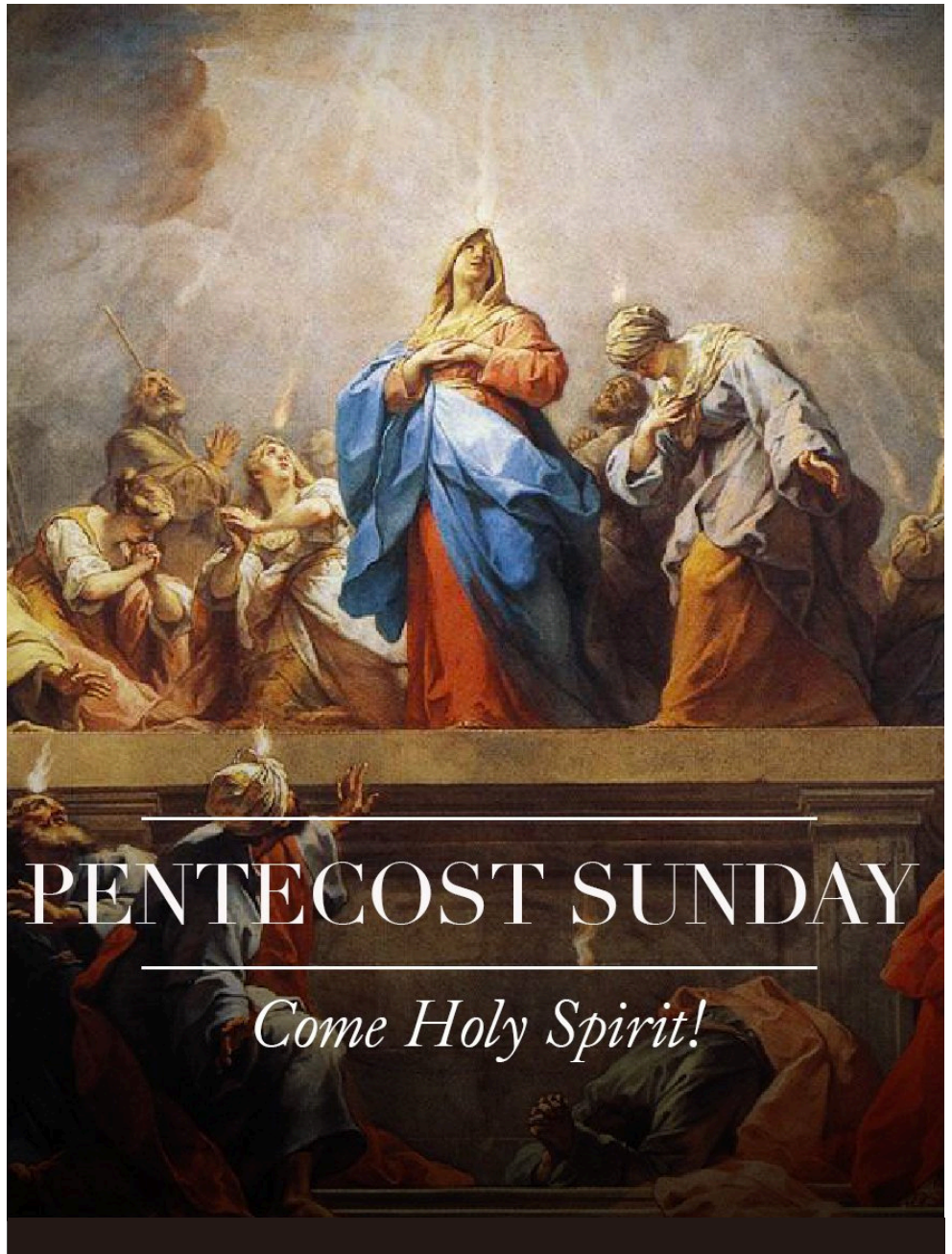
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Come Holy Spirit!

Pentecost Sunday - June 8, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Pentecost!

Pentecost is not just a story from the past, it is the ongoing reality of how God continues to work in the Church and each of us. This is the celebration of the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and transformed their fear into courage. I can't help but think of Psalm 104: the Spirit "renews the face of the earth," and this renewal begins in our hearts, in our community, and the Church as a whole.

The hope of Pentecost is that no matter how discouraged we may feel, no matter the divisions we see in the world or the struggles we carry, the Holy Spirit is God's breath of life, as it brings healing, possibility, and transformation into our lives. Please do not underestimate the power of the Spirit to rekindle faith where it has faded and guide us forward even when we do not yet know the way.

St. Vincent Pallotti, the founder of the Pallottine family, saw Pentecost not just as a historical event but as the model for the entire Church. He wrote, "The Cenacle is the school of the Holy Spirit"—a place of prayer, unity, and readiness for mission. Pallotti believed every Christian, by virtue of baptism, is called to be an apostle and to live a "perpetual Pentecost." In his vision, the Church must always be in the Upper Room—constantly praying, constantly receiving the Spirit, and continually going forth to serve. His words remind us that Pentecost is not a one-time celebration but a way of life.

It is also on Pentecost that we see unity in diversity, one of the most beautiful signs of God's presence. St. Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles that people from every nation heard the Gospel in their own languages. This wasn't an early form of artificial intelligence; it was a sign of how the Holy Spirit draws together people of different backgrounds, languages, and cultures into one family of faith. What the world often sees as division, God sees as richness. Our parish is a living example of this many languages, cultures, and experiences, yet one Church, one baptism, one Spirit.

In a time when people are daily driven to retreat to their comfy place, Pentecost reminds us that difference is not a threat but a gift. The Spirit doesn't erase our uniqueness, it binds us together in love, like many instruments playing one harmony.

Today, we pray for a new Pentecost in our lives, asking the Holy Spirit to breathe into us again—to renew us, to unify us, and to send us out as instruments of peace and healing in a broken world.

Come, Holy Spirit. Renew the face of the earth—and begin with us.

God bless,

Fr. Bryan



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MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 7 - JUNE 15

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| SATURDAY JUNE 7 | 5 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA |
| SUNDAY JUNE 8 | 10 AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR ELIZABETH GIBSON FROM ANETA COLLINS & FAMILY 12:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| TUESDAY JUNE 10 | 12:30 PM GOOD HEALTH FOR MELANIE ZELLER FROM JOANNE SETECKA |
| WEDNESDAY JUNE 11 | 12:30 PM ALFONSO VELTRI FROM GILDA ALMAZAN |
| THURSDAY JUNE 12 | 12:30 PM SIWIK FAMILY FROM DONNA SIMON |
| FRIDAY JUNE 13 | 12:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA |
| SATURDAY JUNE 14 | 5 PM SOPHIE & CHESTER BROZOWSKI FROM BARBARA PRZYBLINSKI |
| SUNDAY JUNE 15 | 10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM. EUGENIO P. ARBOLEDA FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY |

Sunday Scripture

June 8

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23



June 15

Prv. 8:22-31

Rom. 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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7:00 P.M.

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PRESENTED BY

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**ADMISSION IS FREE.
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Pentecost

Today is Pentecost! How is the Holy Spirit working in your life?

The name Pentecost comes from the Greek word *pentekoste*, meaning “fiftieth,” because it is celebrated 50 days (7 Sundays) after Easter. Since its date depends on Easter, it’s a moveable feast. Today we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming down on the Apostles and disciples—a moment described in Acts 2:1-31.

The Catechism says: “The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.” That means these gifts help us know right from wrong, hear God’s voice, and do what He asks.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Let’s explain the gifts. **Wisdom** helps us remember what matters most: God. **Knowledge** is knowing what to do, based on what God shows us. **Understanding** means seeing the truth. These three work together to help us live for God. **Counsel** means giving and receiving good advice, because we need each other’s help to do what’s right. **Fortitude** is courage—it helps us stand strong and act on our knowledge and understanding. **Piety** also helps us get there: it means we love to serve God by praying, going to church, and honoring Him, like we do with our parents. Finally, **fear of the Lord** isn’t being scared—it’s feeling wonder and amazement at how great God is, like when we look at a cloudless sky, stars, or the ocean.

How do you know that these gifts are working in your life? Well, how do you know that a tree is healthy? It has fruits. Your life has fruits, too: fruits of the Spirit. If you are using your gifts well, you will feel joy and peace. Others will notice. You may be more patient, gentle, modest, and so on: this means that the Holy Spirit is bearing fruit in your life.

The Gifts of the Spirit:

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Knowledge
4. Counsel
5. Fortitude/Courage
6. Piety
7. Fear of the Lord

When you were baptized, you received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You can read about them and ask which one you feel most in your life. At confirmation, the priest or bishop says, “Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.” As members of the Church, we are invited into deeper communion with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today, pray to the Holy Spirit to guide you and help you live the life God made for you.



The Fruits of the Spirit:

1. charity
2. joy
3. peace
4. patience
5. kindness
6. goodness
7. generosity
8. gentleness
9. faithfulness
10. modesty
11. self-control
12. chastity

St. Anthony of Padua

Feast on June 13th

What do you do when you lose your favorite pen, or another small object? Before you start looking for it, say a prayer to **St. Anthony!** St. Anthony was a priest who lived in the 1200s. He was born in Portugal but lived in Italy, which is why we say he is from Padua. He was a Franciscan, which means he followed the special way of living for God that St. Francis of Assisi started.

He is the patron saint of lost things.



• LET'S ENJOY ONE ANOTHER •

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 AT 7PM

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