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**Being Strengthened by the Spirit**  
**Jesus Appears to the Disciples**  
**John 20.19-23**

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday which is called by many as the birthday of the Church. Let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives as stewards. Firstly, we should never fail to marvel at the fact that starting with 11 lowly men 2000 years ago, the Catholic Church still continues to this day and the name of Jesus is praised and adored all over the world. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. From a human standpoint, the church should have failed centuries ago if it were not sustained by the Spirit. This should inspire us as stewards to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide all of our actions.



Moreover, in today's second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul says that "there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit ... [and] to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Each of us as stewards have particular gifts and talents from the Spirit that are not to be hoarded but generously used for the "common good" of the Church. We should all take time to reflect on what particular way is God calling us to serve Him. None of us are exempt from this call for St. Paul explains that we are all to work for the good of the Church in our own ways.

Let us pray this week for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives. May the same Spirit that has birthed the Church and guided her through the millennium continue to raise up great stewards to continue to carry out the great commission of Christ in all the world.

**Summary**

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**Mass Intentions**

Monday	May 29	12:05 pm	† Michael Daly, <i>requested by Gina Colapietro &amp; family</i>
Tuesday	May 30	12:05 pm	
Wednesday	May 31	12:05 pm	For the healing & intentions of Tirso Castor, Jr., <i>requested by the Sevilla family</i>
Thursday	Jun. 1	12:05 pm	
Friday	Jun. 2	12:05 pm	For the Protection of Unborn Children, <i>requested by the Masses for Life Project</i>
Saturday	Jun. 3	9:00 am	† Edwin Jordan on his 5 <sup>th</sup> yr. death anniversary, <i>requested by Mariam Jordan</i>
		5:00 pm	† Alcestis Silverio on his 1 <sup>st</sup> death anniversary, <i>requested by Alta &amp; Andy Santos</i>
Sunday	Jun. 4	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
		11:00 am	† In remembrance of Norberto Manalang on his birthday, <i>requested by the Sevilla family</i>

**NEED TO USE or TO PICK UP YOUR 2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**



Kindly ask one of the volunteers when you attend Mass or contact the parish office to pick up your NEW box of envelopes, if any of the following applies:

1. Have not yet picked up your 2023 envelopes
2. Using VISITOR envelopes and would like to use the parish offertory envelopes
3. New parishioners [*please also request a parish registration form – to be completed and submitted*]

**Note:** Please discontinue and discard ALL OLD i.e. 2022 envelopes.

Thank you  
 for your co-operation and support to the parish!

**BOOK BARROW EVENT**



This event will be held by the Legion of Mary on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month from June to December 2023.  
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## PENTECOST

After Easter Sunday, Christmas is the second-greatest feast in the Christian liturgical calendar, but Pentecost Sunday is not far behind. Coming 50 days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. For that reason, it is often called the "the birthday of the Church."

### Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.



**When Is Pentecost Sunday?** (In This and Other Years)  
For Christians, Pentecost is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost). That means that it is a moveable feast—a feast whose date changes every year, based on the date of Easter in that year. The earliest possible date for Pentecost Sunday is May 10; the latest is June 13.

### The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. For us, too, those gifts—granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls—help us to live a Christian life.

#### **The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are:**

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety & Fear of the Lord

### The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

After Christ's Ascension into Heaven, the Apostles knew that He had promised to send His Spirit, but they didn't know exactly what that would mean. Granted the gifts of the Spirit at Pentecost, however, they were emboldened to speak the Good News to all men. On that first Pentecost Sunday, over 3,000 people were converted and baptized. The example of the Apostles shows that the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead to the fruits of the Holy Spirit—works that we can only perform through the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

#### **The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are:**

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-Control & Chastity.

~ taken from <https://www.learnreligions.com/> ~

## CONFIRMATION CLASS



Our **last** Confirmation class will be held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:45 pm. **It is mandatory that all candidates attend.**



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## A MASS OFFERING FOR FATHER'S DAY

There is no better way to celebrate Dad on Father's Day than to offer a Mass for his intention.

This year, we have reserved the 9:00 am Mass on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the offering of these Mass intentions. Special Mass cards will be made available for this occasion and can be purchased at \$10 each.



The name from each card will be written on a card which will be placed in a basket. The latter will be carried up during the offertory and then placed under the altar.

These special Mass cards will be available for purchase in the foyer of the church starting this weekend of May 28<sup>th</sup> **or** at the parish office.

"Every family needs a father — a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love." ~ Pope Francis ~

## Stained Glass Preservation

We are still accepting donations for the preservation of the Stained Glass windows which has now been completed. Kindly contact the parish office for more information:

- If you are interested in donating to one of the windows for a special intention **or** in memory of a loved one.
  - If you would like to make a donation.
- To those have already donated, thank you.



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