

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday (B)

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

And suddenly there came from the sky
a noise like a strong driving wind, and it
filled the entire house in which they were.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2

Tongues of Fire

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase "Spirit of God" refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today's first reading tells us that those in the house "filled with the holy Spirit" began fearlessly to tell of "the mighty acts of God" (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of "the mighty acts of God."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✱ Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?
- ✱ How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

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The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

MAY 23, 2021— SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see **Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11**).

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see **Acts 1:14**). The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see **Jeremiah 31:31–34; 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2**). The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see **Genesis 1:2**). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see **Genesis 2:7**), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see **1 Corinthians 15:45, 47**). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also **John 7:37–39**).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see **2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15**). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see **1 Corinthians 10:4**), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.



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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

WELCOME BACK FATHER RANJAN!!

Ministries for May 30, 2021

Rosary: Veronica Hrozek

Offertory: Michael & Veronica Hrozek

Ushers: Andy Littlejohn & Shawn Higgins

Sanctuary Light: May 24th—30th: Denise Michna by Glenn & Kelly Laurence

Eucharistic Minister: Jeannine Dohnalik

Lector: Brad Vaculin

Altar Servers: Chase, Cade, Cutter

Prayer Chain... Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Colt Charanza, Baby Townes Bush, Paulette Hubnik Foster, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn June Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful!

To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES —May 23-30, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—5/23	10:15am	+ Marcella Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik Family + Valeria Kostiha by Family + James June by Aline June
5/26—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Albina Vrazel by Mike & Janice Marek + Joe & Annie Dohnalik by Debbie Dohnalik Bush + Albert Michalka by Tom & Julie Motyka
5/30 —Sunday	10:15am	+ Doris Bruggman by Richard & BJ Brenek + Phillip & Frances Hubnik by Debbie Dohnalik Bush + Mary Ann Plachy by Laddie & Edith Vaculin

CYCLONE MASSES —May 23-30, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today - 5/23	8:15am	+ Wilbert Mikeska by Arlene Wilde Family
5/25—Tuesday	7:00am	Communion Service
5/27—Thursday	7:00am	Communion Service
5/28—Friday	7:00am	Communion Service
5/29—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Leslie & Naomi Green by LaVerne Pick
5/30—Sunday	8:15am	+ Larry Posvar by Family

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- TODAY:** Graduates Mass— Congratulations to all Graduates—8th Grade: Brady Barton, Gracie Doscocil, Pat Higgins, Cade Hubnik, Lyndon Stifflemire, Tessa Vaculin—High School: Colby Green, Henry (Trey) Hubnik, III, and Sydney Vaculin—College: Noah Kostroun—from the University of the Incarnate Word. Best Wishes and May God Bless the College and High School Graduates as your future begins and special blessings to the 8th grade Graduates as you continue your path towards your future.
- BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Baby bottles are in the church entry. The Place of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Rockdale is holding its annual baby bottle campaign. Please take a bottle and return back to the church on Father's Day. If you have any questions, please contact Patsy Gaines.
- 2021 HOMECOMING PICNIC RAFFLE:** If you can donate a prize or help buy a gift card, please contact Julie or Tom Motyka—254-605-0443. The prize list needs to be complete by June 13th.
- THANK YOU:** A very special thank you to all those who attended the EIM Class on Monday, May 17th. May God continue to share his blessings on your ministries with Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church.

Dear Padre,

Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

The eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13-14; 2:1-13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. "Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body" (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354-430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020



Calendar

Monday

MAY 24

Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20

or Acts 1:12-14

Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

MAY 25

Weekday

Sir 35:1-12

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17

Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

MAY 27

Weekday

Sir 42:15-25

Mk 10:46-52

Friday

MAY 28

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9-13

Mk 11:11-26

Saturday

MAY 29

Weekday

Sir 51:12cd-20

Mk 11:27-33

Sunday

MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

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