

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Editorial

Pentecost Sunday - Birthday of the Church

How beautiful is the thought that the Holy Spirit lives within us! Saint Paul reminds the Corinthian community of this fact when he asks, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). It is the Holy Spirit who develops our intimacy with God. "God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, 'Abba!' ('Father!')" (Gal 4:6). "God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3). Moreover, we know that it is the Holy Spirit Who teaches us to pray (Romans 8:26). By the power of the Spirit, we also know the Lord Jesus through his Church. **Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church.** It is the Holy Spirit who enlivens, enlightens, guides, and sanctifies the Church. The Psalm refrain for this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 104) says it so well: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." We know Jesus through the Sacramental Mysteries of the Church, and Holy Spirit is at the heart of the Sacramental life of the Church. Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders are the Sacramental Mysteries through which people receive the seal of the Holy Spirit. It would be impossible for us to receive Jesus in the Eucharist without the descent of the Holy Spirit at the Epiclesis of the Divine Liturgy. Even the forgiveness of sins comes through the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23). The Holy Spirit both confirmed the apostles in Holy Orders as priests and empowered them to forgive sins by His power, a work which He continues today in each of our priests.

Holy Spirit in the daily lives of Christians

The Spirit is that Paraclete (a Greek word that is translated as Counselor, Comforter, Helper, Encourager, or Enabler), Who quietly works in us and through us every day behind the scenes in the basic activities of our lives and the lives of the people around us. He is there in all his fullness wherever people worship and pray in the name of Jesus. When we believe and trust in Jesus we have that Faith through the Holy Spirit's work in us, filling us with Himself and His Gifts. The Holy Spirit leads us to turn away from our sinfulness and reassures us that we are still loved in spite of our sin, and that Jesus died on a cross just for those moments when we rebel against God's way. He confronts us and urges us to take a good look at ourselves and where we are heading, to make a U-turn, to leave the old behind and try something new. He's not afraid to challenge us and stretch us to go and do things for Christ - things we have never done before or ever imagined ourselves doing. He's the One Who says to us, "Stop being so self-focussed. Stop looking into yourself all the time and being depressed by what you see or fool yourself into thinking that what you see in yourself is enough to get you through! Look up, look away, look to Jesus and let Him turn your around; let Him take control!" "The feast of Pentecost celebrates the unseen, immeasurable presence of God in our lives and in our Church - the ruah that animates us to do the work of the Gospel of the Risen One, the ruah that makes God's will our will, the ruah of God living in us and transforming us so that we may bring His life and love to our broken world. God "breathes" His Spirit into our souls that we may live in His life and love; God ignites the "fire" of His Spirit within our hearts and minds that we may seek God in all things in order to realize the coming of His reign." (Connections).

The Holy Spirit, the Helper is quietly at work

In the sincere concern of a friend for our health; in the generosity of those who give us so much help; in the inner strength we discover in times of crisis; in those moments when we admit that we have been wrong; in the making of a tough choice; in the resilience of people who face one bad thing after another; in times when we have dared to love even though it was hard to do so. The Holy Spirit, the Helper, is quietly at work: in our taking on responsibilities that we once thought beyond us; in our refusing to let the greed of society take over our soul; in our giving thanks always, even though times have been hard; in our rising above past failures and putting past hurts behind us; in our finding a central core of peace in the midst of turmoil; in an adult patiently teaching a child self-esteem and self-control; in the person sitting quietly beside a hospital bed; in a parent praying for a troubled son or daughter. The Spirit calls us to repentance, to turn our lives around; He calls us to Faith and to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Whenever we look to the Holy Spirit, He is within us as our Helper, always assisting us to be what God made us to be. The Holy Spirit helps us to be truly great by becoming servants to one another. Likewise, the Spirit deepens our awareness of Jesus loving us as he lives in our lives; He gathers us around the cross of Jesus; He changes our lives, helping us to be more patient and forgiving, to seek new beginnings in our relationships with one another and to let the power of God's love have the final say over the conflicts and difficulties we get into. He is available to us every moment of every day as we face the choices between being self-centred or being the God-centered people, the Spirit has called us to be in Christ.

Quoted from "Reflections for the Pentecost" www.vaticannews.va

May the Holy Spirit Bless us all



HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:

Monday - Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.

Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM

Night Vigil:

First Off Weekend Friday of the Month | 8 PM. to Midnight

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Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.

Monday - Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas : St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass

St. Jude Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass

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Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass



JUNE 9

Sunday Readings & Altar Decoration: JUNE 2019 / ST. ANTONY KODARAYOGAM

JUNE 16

7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30AM

7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30AM

First Reading: Ex 19:1-9
Second Reading: 1Cor 12:1-11
Holy Gospel: Jn 16:5-15



First Reading: Joel 2:18-26
Second Reading: 1Cor 6:1-11
Holy Gospel: Lk 7:36-50



BIBLE QUIZ # 19

1. Who said, "the spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha"?
 ഏലിഷായെ കണ്ടപ്പോൾ ഏലിയായുടെ ആത്മാവ് ഏലിഷായിൽ കുടികൊള്ളുന്നു എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞതാരാണ്?
2. Who is the servant of Meribbaal? മെരിബോഷത്തിന്റെ ദാസന്റെ പേരെന്ത്?
3. During whose reign did Daniel fared well? ആരുടെയൊക്കെ ഭരണകാലത്താണ് ദാനിയേൽ ഐശ്വര്യപൂർവ്വം ജീവിച്ചത്?
4. Jeremiah was thrown into which cistern? ജെറമിയയെ കയറിൽ കെട്ടിതാഴ്ത്തിയ കിണറിന്റെ പേരെന്ത്?
5. Where did John write the gospel? യോഹന്നാൻ ശ്ലീഹ എവിടെ വെച്ചാണ് സുവിശേഷം എഴുതിയത്?
6. Who was named Barnabas by the apostles? ബാർബനാസസ് എന്ന് അപൊസ്തലന്മാർ അറിയപ്പെട്ടവർ വിളിച്ചിരുന്ന വ്യക്തി?

Name of the contestant
 Family Name
 Phone #

Please refer to the POC Bible and the New American Bible only.

7. What does the name Tabitha mean?
 തബീത്ത എന്ന പേരിന്റെ അർത്ഥം?
8. Which parable indicates the necessity to pray without becoming weary? ഒന്നാമത്തെ ഇഷോഴും പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണം എന്ന് കാണിക്കാൻ യേശു പറഞ്ഞ ഉപമ ഏത്?
9. "Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will _____ to his generation" യോനാ നിനവെക്കാർക്ക് അടയാളമായിരുന്നതുപോലെ _____ ഈ തലമുറക്ക് അടയാളമായിരിക്കും.
10. How long did Sarah live?
 സാറായുടെ ആയുസെത്ര?

Bible Quiz # 18 Correct Answers.

1. 1st day of the 3rd month
2. The spring of him that called
3. Where he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen
4. The lord who breaks enemies
5. 40years
6. Ahikam, son of Shaphan
7. In the thirteenth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month
8. Simon, Andrew, James, John
9. Magician
10. Amos

Quiz # 18
Selected winner: Flora Kudakasseriyl
Other Winners
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 Lucy Sabu Karukappambil


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