



May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday



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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:45am-2:45pm

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Fredy Angel

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Mass Schedule Sunday

English 10:00am

Spanish 11:30am

Adult Faith Formation Classes

Meet every Sunday at 11:30 in church conference room. For more information please contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at (229) 794-9140

Rosary Ministry

Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364

Adoration

June 2, 2018 from 7pm to midnight.

Knights of Columbus

Round table meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Next: June 12, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

The feast of Pentecost invites us to reflect prayerfully upon the Holy Spirit. Our readings today reveal three distinct views of the Holy Spirit. In Acts, the Spirit moves powerfully and unpredictably, sometimes in disorienting ways, to renew the world. In Paul, the Spirit unites the church in Jesus into one body and provides many varied and complementary gifts to the church. In John, the Spirit continues the healing and forgiving presence of Jesus and empowers his followers to extend the ministry of Jesus to the whole world. Pentecost teaches us that the Holy Spirit speaks and acts in many ways: to comfort us, to shake us up, and to open us to something new. Always, the Spirit is communicating God's love. Just like those who first heard God's proclamation in many languages, we might hear the Spirit who penetrates our hearts, speaking the many languages of love.

ENCOUNTERING CULTURE

We listen today, in Acts, of how very diverse individuals, all Jewish, heard the proclamation of Jesus in their own languages. These were likely diaspora Jews who had lived in other lands and had learned different languages and cultures. Throughout the book, the author of Acts is hinting at what will happen later. The Good News will be received by different peoples and cultures. There will be dialogue between Jesus' message and each culture, and the message will take root within the culture. Many persons will reject Jesus, but those who accept him will learn to proclaim Jesus and join in the Spirit's work of transforming the culture. We too are invited to join God's mission in our own culture, approaching with both humility and boldness. We are to be servants, companions, and sometimes prophets, always with charity and openness. The Spirit calls us both to engage in dialogue with others and to proclaim Jesus with our lives.

GIFTS TO BE SHARED

Through Paul's ministry in Corinth, the Christian community there had sprung up quickly. A variety of spiritual gifts were enthusiastically shared. But that variety led to arguments among them. Some believed that some gifts, such as speaking in tongues, were more important. Those with certain gifts gained honor and status in the community. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul challenged this. He wrote that all are gifted, and all gifts come from the Holy Spirit. The gifts, though quite varied, are fundamentally equal in importance. They have one shared purpose, to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus. Each of us is invited to consider how the Spirit has given us gifts within the Church to participate in God's mission in the world. Our gifts are valuable and distinctly ours. But they are no better or worse than the gifts of others. All are given to serve our common purpose. With both humility and boldness, let us share our gifts.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

The disciples gathered on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection were not keeping their first Pentecost. For them, Pentecost was the fiftieth day after Passover, a feast of the first fruits of the harvest. It was the second most important feast of the year. Today, Jews gather on the eve of the feast to study scripture and the law, and after the feast begins at sundown, spend the day in joyful social gatherings. The meaning of the celebration is the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, so for Christians the



connection to the gifts of the Holy Spirit is obvious. In Sicily and in the Pantheon in Rome, today the descent of the Holy Spirit is enacted with a stunning ritual. Some churches there have an "eye" in the roof open to the sky, called an oculus. After the Gospel today, thousands of rose petals fall from the oculus onto the assembly. Churches and homes are decked in greenery and flowers to express the new life the Holy Spirit brings on this, the "birthday of the church." -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon
We would like to welcome everyone to accompany Mr. Steven for his Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon.

When: Saturday May 19th, 2018

Time: 9:30 AM

Where: The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia
31401



St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the

Let us pray for the health of:

Fr. Marvin LeFrois, Cruz Family,
Olivia Ursrey, Eva De Angel,
Andrew & Mary Carrell Morrison.

For the Eternal rest of:

All Souls



Sacrament



Confirmation

**May 27, 2018
11 AM Bilingual**



Nancy Harnage
Eugene Lamie
Michael Miller
Nicholas Smith
Fr. Fredy Angel



**May 13, 2018
Collections**

Regular Collection	\$1521.05
Building Fund	\$2048.00
Bishop Annual Appeal	\$40.00