June 4, 2017
PENTECOST SUNDAY

SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus’ post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today’s Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus’ followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church’s greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!” (Psalm 104:30).

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There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  ~ Acts 2:3

First Reading
The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
God’s Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading
John 20:19-23
Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Season of Easter concludes with today’s celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today’s first reading. The account in today’s Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John’s Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today’s Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus’ appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus’ act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God’s act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for “spirit” can also be translated as “breath.”

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church’s sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.
WEEKLY OFFERING
May 28, 2017
Offertory: $14,551.00
Catholic Communications: $3,192.00
Latin Mass: $257.00
SVDP: $636.00

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is
$366,000.00

Payments made thus far
Total: $278,969.54

We still need $87,030.46 to pay our assessment.
Thank you for your loyal support of this annual assessment!
If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so today!

RESURRECTION CALENDAR
All events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Mondays, 10:00 a.m. For more information call Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men's Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m., Sept. - May
Men's Gospel Forum, Fridays 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, for info, 482-6883
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30 p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 p.m. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30 a.m. - Sept. - May

NOTE: MASS CHANGE
Beginning June 11 Sunday Mass times are
8:00 & 10:00 only.
(Latin Mass remains at 12:15)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND
This week a Second collection will be taken up for the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.
This fund is specifically designed to provide financial aid to needy and deserving children in our parish who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.
Our gratitude to all who consistently and generously support this endeavor

MINISTRY OF THE SICK
IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:
When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171. Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.
To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.
The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:
*Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
*Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
*Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973
PLEASE JOIN US EACH 1ST FRIDAY FOR ADORATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS

A Meditation from the Diary of St. Faustina, entry 1485 -
Jesus: I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.
Soul: Lord, I recognize your holiness, and I fear you.
Jesus: My child, do you fear the God of Mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth - the tabernacle - and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.

CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI (THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST)
SUNDAY, JUNE 18
After the 10:00 Mass

May our participation in this event help to foster greater devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for Walter & MaryEllen Ritchie
by daughter, Margaret

Altar Flowers This Week:
In loving memory of:
Dolores Laporta
by friends at Resurrection

In loving memory of:
Dan Browne
by friends at Resurrection

Please join us here at Resurrection Parish for a special Mass for “A Greater Respect For Life” June 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC AT 3900 BROADWAY, FORT MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY.

Spiritually Adopt

PRAY
I will commit to pray this prayer every day for 6 months from now until Christmas:
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Register online for monthly reminders and details about your spiritual baby’s growth at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.
**Pentecost**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1–11
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:30–7, 12–13
GOSPEL: John 20:19–23

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**Horizons** We pray on this day that the Holy Spirit open the horizons of our minds. If we recall the widest, broadest horizon we have ever seen, we have some small idea about the horizons toward which the Holy Spirit summons us.

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**Comment** We commonly equate living with breathing. We understand it instantly when Jesus breathes the life of the Holy Spirit into the dispirited apostles on Easter evening. We recall in Genesis 2:7 that God breathed life into the first human being. We all can fathom in our bones that a creature of the earth came to life with the very breath of God. We all have a visceral understanding of breathing in and out—of being alive.

Of all the gifts of the Spirit that could be given on that Easter evening, peace and forgiveness are the ones Jesus gives. He sends the apostles out to take on the difficult, necessary work of forgiveness. If they want to know the role and mission of forgiveness and unity, they need only consult his life and words. Just as he was sent by the Father, they are sent to the ends of the earth.

The first reading reports the amazing rush of the Holy Spirit descending with the noisy might of the wind. The quiet dancing of individual flames has its effect. The apostles are courageous and unafraid. They speak in their native tongue, but are understood by all. The naming of the peoples of the nations gathered in Jerusalem signifies the population reaching to the very ends of the earth. They include us all. Devout people everywhere can understand the Gospel. They have been waiting for this good news all their lives, though they may not have known it.

**Reflection** On this Pentecost day, we hear these two stories of the Holy Spirit. One is loud and spectacular; the other, quiet and resolute. The second reading comes up from life close to the ground. The fragment we read today is excerpted from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. He addresses the dissension and division that crop up, the very opposite of long-dreamed-of unity and harmony. Apparently, some of the members of the community are quite taken by the occasional occurrence of the more dazzling gifts of the Spirit, such as speaking in tongues. Paul does not disparage these manifestations of the Holy Spirit, but he reminds us that they are gifts and services for the benefit of everyone. In this brief reading, Paul is just getting up a full head of steam. He rolls onward and upward to his masterful hymn of love, which comprises all of chapter 13. We know it well: "If I speak in human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1). We know the rest of this chapter, but we would do well to read it once again, just to remind ourselves of the highest, richest, deepest manifestation of the life of the Holy Spirit among us today.
PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!

Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit and vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans), Canned meat (tuna/chicken/sausage/ham/Spam), Spaghetti noodles and sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!

DON’T DELAY REGISTER NOW!

MAKER FUN FACTORY

When: June 13-16, 2017 (Tuesday thru Friday)
Time: 9am—Noon
Where: Resurrection Parish Center
Who: Kids from Pre-K thru 5th grade
Cost: $30 for 1 child $50 for 2 children $65 for 3 children (Discount applies to Siblings only)

Gospel Forum

Strengthening men’s roles as husbands, fathers, workers and community volunteers

Join us for coffee and casual insightful discussion on the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel

FRIDAY MORNINGS
8:30 - 9:15 AM
Parish Center Classroom A1

“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”
Matthew 4:4

You are invited!

Pentecost Sunday -
The great feast that marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost Sunday, is June 4. Pentecost means “fiftieth day” and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. Red is the liturgical color for this day. Red is symbolic of the love of the Holy Spirit and recalls the tongues of fire in which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles that first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.
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Vikki@resurrectionch.org or
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