

A reflection from the Pastor

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the feast which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, fifty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Alleluia.

That first Pentecost must have been something to witness. A strong loud driving wind, probably stronger than the winds we have been having or the train horns we hear so often. The tongues as of fire that descended upon them, allowed them to speak in various languages, showing forth the universality of the Spirit. The Spirit knows no language, but rather blows where it wills.

What to make of this in our present day. The Spirit continues to come to us. Our confirmation class is about to receive the last of their Initiation Sacraments, making them full members of the Church, ready to defend the faith, not so much with language, but with Love. That is the power of the Holy Spirit. An often prayed prayer says it best:

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful ones, enkindle in them the fire of your Love, send forth your Spirit and they shall be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.

Think this week about the gifts the Spirit offers us: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. How do those gifts come to you and how do you recognize them in your life by their fruits: charity (or love), joy, peace, patience, benignity (or kindness), goodness, longanimity (or long suffering), mildness, faith, modesty, continency, and chastity.

May you have a blessed and Spirit filled week.

Fr. Ty

Church Painting

The Church interior and exterior and all parish buildings will be painted beginning May 20th. In order to avoid any accidents or incidents, the Mass schedule will be amended during the last weeks of May and June as this project is completed. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for more information.

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 13 - May 18

Tuesday, 13th	6:00 p.m. Regina Coeli 6:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Guadalupe Gonzalez + by Raul and Yolanda Aguillon</i>
Wednesday, 14th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Geraldine N. Peter + St. Matthias</i>
Thursday, 15th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Kathryn Koliba + by M/M Denis Koliba</i>
Friday, 16th	8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Joe Manuel Estrada II + by M/M Gustavo Adame</i>
Saturday, 17th	5:15 -5:45 p.m. Penance 5:40 p.m. Rosary - <i>leader: Carol Sutton</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Carl Brzozowske + by Russell and Sharon Stevens</i>
Sunday, 18th <i>Holy Trinity</i>	7:30 a.m. Santissima Rosario 8:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Donato Rodriguez y Rita Reyes+ by Juan Rodriguez</i> 10:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i>



First Reading Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13
Gospel Reading John 3:16-18

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 17th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Jeanette West, Lisa Canales
Cup Ministers	Carol Sutton, Jeanne Lange
Gift bearers	Alex and Rosie Chamberlain
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales, volunteers
Ushers	T. West, J. West, R. Cisneros, M. Lange

Sunday 18th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Veronica Ledezma, Ted Cabral
Cup Ministers	Lupe and Frances Rivera
Gift bearers	Joey and Elia Duenez and Family
Altar Servers	Mauricio Ledezma, Evan Andrade
Ushers	B. Gonzalez, A. Posada, H. Cardona, H. DeLuna

Sunday 18th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Lupe Olguin
Cup Ministers	Mary Helen Garcia, Margaret Escalante
Gift bearers	Albert and Lucia Rodriguez and Family
Altar Servers	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers	A. Reyes, J. Troncoso, H. Longoria, C. Martin

AROUND THE DIOCESE...

May 18 ST. MICHAEL – CUERO FESTIVAL
Roast Beef/Gravy \$7

May 25 SACRED HEART – HALLETTSVILLE Spring Picnic
Fried Chicken/Stew Adults 7 Children 4

June 1 SACRED HEART – FLATONIA Spring Picnic
Fried Chicken/Stew \$7 Adults, <12 \$4

Religious Education

Next Wednesday - Last Classes

May Calendar of Parish Events

13 Catholic Daughters Meeting 7 Heritage

15 Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7 Heritage

18 Confirmation 3 Church

We will welcome Bishop Fellhauer

21 R. E. Teacher Appreciation 6:30 Hall

31 Baptism Instruction Class 10 Heritage

What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The apostle who was a tax collector is?

c. St. Matthew

This week's question:

The sacrament of initiation that strengthens and completes the grace of Baptism is:

- a. The Anointing of the Sick
- b. Penance
- c. Matrimony
- d. Confirmation

(Answer coming next week)

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

General: that Christians may use literature, art, and the mass media to create a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person.

Mission: That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may continue guiding missionaries with maternal affection, just as she accompanied the apostles in the early stages of the Church.

Beginning Balance (4/01/2008) \$27,993.67

Income

Building Fund	602.00
Sunday Collections	8700.23
Candles	292.65
Flowers	5.00
Hall Rental	425.00
BBQ Dinner	21,910.10
Misc.	10.00

Total Income \$31,944.98

Expenses

Salaries	750.00
BBQ Dinner	5,003.55
Pension	97.00
Gas & Electric	118.22
Telephone	98.28
Water	50.00
Hall Cleaning	103.25
Repair and Maintenance	390.92
Church Expenses	641.56
Misc. Expenses	79.32
Subscriptions	220.00
Rectory Expense	361.29
Auto	621.60
Loan Interest Expense	95.52
Loan Principal	2794.71
Religious Education Expenses	76.55
DSA	1000.00
Total Expenses	12,501.77

Bank Balance (4/30/2008) **47,436.88**

Money Market CD **20,000.00**

Mother's Day Memorials

Mary A. Lerma, Josepha Alvarez, Benancia L. Moya
by Ernest and Mary L. Moya

Maria R. Martin
by Isaac, Eric, Tim, Matt Martin and family

Josephina Martinez, Petra Gonzales
by Eloira Gonzales

Mildred Hroch, Paula Hroch
by Barbara Hybner and family

Maria Delalus Garcia
by Chriselda Canales

Tiburcia Alvarado, Jacinta Partida
by Santos and Maria Alvarado

Rosa Andrade
by Juanita Madrigal

Susie Urbano
by Janie Reyes

A prayer for Mother's

Dear Lord, today I give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pentecost

A feast of the universal Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). Whitsunday is so called from the white garments which were worn by those who were baptized during the vigil; Pentecost ("Pfungsten" in German), is the Greek for "the fiftieth" (day after Easter).

Whitsunday, as a Christian feast, dates back to the first century, although there is no evidence that it was observed, as there is in the case of Easter; the passage in I Corinthians (16:8) probably refers to the Jewish feast. This is not surprising, for the feast, originally of only one day's duration, fell on a Sunday; besides it was so closely bound up with Easter that it appears to be not much more than the termination of Paschal tide. That Whitsunday belongs to the Apostolic times is stated in the seventh of the (interpolated) fragments attributed to St. Irenæus. In Tertullian (De bapt., xix) the festival appears as already well established. The Gallic pilgrim gives a detailed account of the solemn manner in which it was observed at Jerusalem ("Peregrin. Silviæ", ed. Geyer, iv). The Apostolic Constitutions (V, xx, 17) say that Pentecost lasts one week, but in the West it was not kept with an octave until at quite a late date. It appears from Berno of Reichenau (d. 1048) that it was a debatable point in his time whether Whitsunday ought to have an octave. At present it is of equal rank with Easter Sunday. During the vigil formerly the catechumens who remained from Easter were baptized, consequently the ceremonies on Saturday are similar to those on Holy Saturday.

The Mass has a Sequence, "Veni Sancte Spiritus" the authorship of which by some is ascribed to King Robert of France. The color of the vestments is red, symbolic of the love of the Holy Ghost or of the tongues of fire.

Confirmation Next Sunday, May 18, 2008 3:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, we will welcome Bishop David Fellhauer to the parish to confirm those who have been preparing this year to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Say an extra prayer them this week.

Schedule of Events:

- 2:00 p.m. May 18 Arrive in Heritage Room with Sponsor to process to Church
- 3:00 p.m. Mass (counts as Sunday Mass)
After Mass - Pictures with the Bishop
Light Reception in Heritage Room



Veni Sancte Spiritus. Espiritu Santo, Ven. Come Holy Spirit.

Rosary Leaders

If you are interested in being a rosary leader before the Saturday evening Mass, please contact me at the parish office.

The rosary is prayed Saturday evenings from 5:35-5:50.

Thank you

To the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the "Carnations for Mothers" this Mother's Day.

Last Sunday's Collection

General: \$1611.59
Catholic Home Missions: \$292.09

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**SAINT PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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**St. Patrick's Catholic Church
50th Anniversary**

As you know, the parish church is turning 50 years old May 1, 2010. The dedication of the church proper took place on May 1, 1960. There are many activities that took place before this date, especially with construction in 1959.

The parish will be marking this anniversary with several projects and you can help.

I am in the process of appointing a committee to oversee the 50th, decide on projects and the like. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please let me know. I will be making phone calls to ask for guidance.

Many of the things desired to prepare have already been taking place:

- air conditioning in church bathroom
- updates to mother's room
- updating of vestments/vessels
- restoration of Sacred Heart Statue
- Plaque for Juan Diego Statue
- some sidewalk projects

More will be taking place this year as a part of phasing in larger projects:

- painting of the church (interior/exterior) and all other buildings will take place this summer.

Some Other projects that need a chairman:

- 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory
- Courtyard project (pavers with family members names and memorial fountain and benches)
- Restore/Organize Archives
- Plan 50th Anniversary Celebration Day
May 1, 2010

CHAPTER ONE

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER

II. God Reveals His Name

God alone IS

212 Over the centuries, Israel's faith was able to manifest and deepen realization of the riches contained in the revelation of the divine name. God is unique; there are no other gods besides him.²⁴ He transcends the world and history. He made heaven and earth: "They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment . . . but you are the same, and your years have no end."²⁵ In God "there is no variation or shadow due to change."²⁶ God is "He who Is," from everlasting to everlasting, and as such remains ever faithful to himself and to his promises.

213 The revelation of the ineffable name "I Am who Am" contains then the truth that God alone IS. The Greek Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, and following it the Church's Tradition, understood the divine name in this sense: God is the fullness of Being and of every perfection, without origin and without end. All creatures receive all that they are and have from him; but he alone *is* his very being, and he is of himself everything that he is.

III. God, "He Who Is," Is Truth and Love

214 God, "He who is," revealed himself to Israel as the one "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."²⁷ These two terms express summarily the riches of the divine name. In all his works God displays not only his kindness, goodness, grace, and steadfast love, but also his trustworthiness, constancy, faithfulness, and truth. "I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness."²⁸ He is the Truth, for "God is light and in him there is no darkness"; "God is love," as the apostle John teaches.²⁹

God is truth

215 "The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever."³⁰ "And now, O LORD God, you are God, and your words are true;"³¹ this is why God's promises always come true.³² God is Truth itself, whose words cannot deceive. This is why one can abandon oneself in full trust to the truth and faithfulness of his word in all things. The beginning of sin and of man's fall was due to a lie of the tempter who induced doubt of God's word, kindness, and faithfulness.

216 God's truth is his wisdom, which commands the whole created order and governs the world.³³ God, who alone made heaven and earth, can alone impart true knowledge of every created thing in relation to himself.³⁴