

THE PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)

Imagine being one of the disciples on Easter Sunday. The past few days have been marked, not only by the tragic death of Jesus, but also by your own spectacular failure. After spending so much time with Jesus, watching him perform miracles and hearing him speak about God's mercy, you deserted him in his hour of need. You couldn't even stay awake with him as he prayed at Gethsemane!

But now Jesus has risen and is standing right in front of you. Seeing him again, alive but still wounded, brings back these memories. You cringe inwardly and wait for him to upbraid you for your unbelief—again. But instead, he says the last thing you expect: *Peace be with you. (John 20:19)*

No condemnation, no anger, not even a mild rebuke. Just pure meek-but-powerful mercy. He still loves you. He still treasures you. All he is concerned about is that you find peace.

Your heart melts. Joy fills your being. You want to express your gratitude and praise, but words fail you. Then, Jesus says something else unexpected: *As the Father has sent me, so I send you. (John 20:21)*

God had just sent Jesus back to you as a sign of his love and mercy. He has sent Jesus so that you can see what love looks and feels like. And now Jesus is sending you to do the same thing? How can you possibly show such love? How can you possibly be like Christ? Sensing your confusion, Jesus breathes on you: *Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)*

Once more, your heart melts. Only this time, the feeling is more personal. The Holy Spirit is pouring God's love and mercy into your heart. *That's* how he is sending you out: forgiven, filled with his love, and equipped to share that love.

Jesus is sending you too, just as the Father sent him. He is breathing his Spirit into you, just as he did for his disciples. Embrace your mission today on this great feast of Pentecost. Embrace the Holy Spirit.

"Come, Holy Spirit! Make me your ambassador."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Virtus Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Training session.

St. Eugene Church will hold a Virtus Certification session Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 PM. The session lasts 3 hours. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care. Please call 213.248.6423 to reserve a place.

Did you Know?

Some signs of abuse are too obvious to hide. Unexplained bruises and injuries may indicate abuse at home, and children who are close to a victim may notice these injuries more quickly than an adult, because they spend more time together. Children also share secrets with each other, and if a child is being abused, he/she may be more comfortable confiding in a close friend than an adult. It is important to talk to children about the signs of abuse, and encourage them to talk to you. To watch a video on this topic go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNoNISiJ8Ws>.

Stewardship thought

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what – we are not all called to do the same thing!

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1-34, Jn 20:19-23
Monday	Jas 3:13-18, Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10, Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jas 4:13-17, Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Jas 5:9-12, Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Jas 5:13-20, Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Dt 4:32-40, Ps 33:4-22, Mt 28:16-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 19
5:15 PM	Intention of Cynthia Richardson
Sunday	May 20
8:00 AM	Intention of Robert Anthony Salle
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Intention of all Mothers
Monday	May 21
8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
Tuesday	May 22
8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
Wednesday	May 23
8:00 AM	Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
Saturday	May 26
5:15 PM	Soul of Basil Raymond
Sunday	May 27
8:00 AM	Intention of Gregory Salle
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

Weekly Offering for May 13, 2018

\$4,196.73 Tithe and Offering
455.00 Building Fund
11.00 "We Care"

SAVE THE DATE

Transfiguration's St. Vincent de Paul Society

ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

Saturday June 16, 2018 at 7AM

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Mayerling Barnes, Joyce Barnett, Veronica Bearce, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Jo Ann Collins, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Betty Flowers, Cynthia Fortier, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Doris Hill, Joyce Hithe, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Gloria McClaurin, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriquez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Alice Williams, Cassandra Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emerson Young.