



Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2006

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. -- 1 Corinthians 12:4



Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. June 5—
Bible Study & Prayer Group,
7:30 pm, Chapel

Tues June 6—
Legion of Mary,
7:00, Scanlan Hall

Wed. June 7—
Boy Scouts, 7:30
pm. Carroll Hall

Fri. June 9 —
AACC Youth Group,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

Prince of Peace,
8:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

Sat. June 3—
Burmese Mass,
10:00 am

Pentecost Sunday (B)

By Fr. Labib Kobi

Until then the apostles were still afraid. Until then they did not know what to do. Until then they did not know what they were called to be. Until then they did not know what to preach.

The life of Christ with the apostles, his preaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection did not mean that much to them. They did not see the relation between the Old Testament and the preaching of Jesus and of his life, that was to become the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They did not know what to remember and what was important of all that was said, done or lived by their divine master, Jesus.

Jesus told them to wait for the advocate: "The advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name - he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" John 14:26. "While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father which you have heard me speak" Acts of the Apostles 1:4

For nine days they gathered together to pray, to think, to discuss. This novena became the first one ever. Time for prayers, reflection, fasting and renewal of life that the Christians started so as to follow the example of the Apostles. "When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter, and John and ... all devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers" Acts 1:13

Then the miracle happened. The Acts of the Apostles describes it: "Suddenly there came from sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came and rest on each of them..." Acts 2:2-3

But the real miracle that happens some times to many of us even today, that in a moment when you are filled with doubts and fears, a spiritual internal inspiration touches you and changes all your doubts into certitude of faith and fills you with great joy that you commit all your life to follow these inspirations of few moments.

The life of the Apostles changed since then. The closed doors were opened. Their fears disappeared. They were filled with great energy. They then knew why they were chosen by Jesus. They knew what to preach. They knew what was important, they knew what they were called to do. They knew that their lives were not more important than witnessing what they had lived, heard and seen. St. John in prologue of his first letter said: "What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing to you this so that our joy may be complete" 1 Jn. 1:3-4

- * Pray that the Lord opens your heart to find solutions for things that bother your faith.
- * Pray that the Holy Spirit may bring you to a better understanding of your life.
- * Pray that you may see your commitments in life with the light of the Spirit.
- * Pray for all in your family, friends and other people you know who may have doubts.
- * Pray that we all find the peace of the Spirit that brings joy to our hearts

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, June 4—Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 13
 Monday: **St. Boniface;** 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: **St. Norbert;** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: **St. Ephrem** 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary;** 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday, June 11—Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 bag of rice, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 canned ham (or other canned meat), 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.



*The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre had conferred on our Pastor, Father Labib the **Gold Palm Award**, the highest given by the Grand Magisterium of Rome, for his hard work, dedication and his total commitment to the church. Archbishop Levada was the only other recipient of this award before him. **Congratulations, Father!**

*Today we welcome the **Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas, Inc.** who will worship with us during the 8 PM Mass. The group was founded in 1982 with 45 initial members by William R. Adams, Artistic Director of the choir. They have now grown into 5 performing ensembles with 200 choristers, and have toured throughout North America & Europe, and sang to the Pope at the Vatican.

***Teen Resource Fair:** Teens and families are invited to the **Community Potluck & Barbecue on Tuesday, June 6 at St. Cecilia, Lower Church. Time: 7:30-9 PM.** Come and find out about job & recreational opportunities for the summer! Bring a side dish to share! (Refer to flyer at the entrances of the church.)

***Drawing of raffle tickets** has been moved to July 15th. We need everyone's support and participation in this raffle, its purpose is to raise funds for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and hopefully, the repair of our church roof. Please purchase and/or sell tickets. The prize: **10 37" LCD TVs!** Odds are 1:150! \$50 per ticket. **Tickets are available after each Mass on Sundays.**

***If you are planning to go on a pilgrimage,** Frs. Andrew and Balaswamy are organizing one to the shrines of Italy. Flyers are at the entrances of the church.

Lord, send out
your
Spirit
and renew
the face
of the
Earth



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STM ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOL

***Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates:** Napoleon Alarcon, Stacey Barrios, Christian Batres, Nicholas Bogatsky, Victoria Bogatsky, Peter Casey, Christopher Cruz, Sean Dias, Brian Fogarty, Megan Graves, Rose Hayes, Brian Hinchion, Vincent Hurley, Alyssa Juco, Richard Kennedy, Chelsea Lemon, Nadia Love, Stephen McEvoy, Cristina Menjivar, Mauricio Ponce, Christian Praksti, Nathanael Rabelas, Ignacio Reyes, Chelsea Riccomi, Dustin Sanford, Ronald Schivo, Christian Schreiber, Gabrielle Silva, Sergio Silva, Jordan Sweidan, Michael Urbina, Reggie Yadao, Ivan Zarich and William Zhou.

ALMA VIA

*Needs a **receptionist:** Demonstrated good people skills, ability to multi-task and computer literacy a plus. Please call 337-1339 for more information.

OTHERS

*Do you have a legal problem? Come to the **free legal clinic** on June 6, 6-8 PM at the Manilatown Center on the corner of Kearny & Jackson Streets (868 Kearny), SF. Call Carmen Choy (415) 703-5654 to make an appointment by June 2nd, walk-ins welcome, however, doesn't ensure a lawyer that you need will be present. Sponsored by FBANC, APILO & Manilatown Ctr.



Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) training for 6 Thursdays started on 06/01/2006 6:30-9:30 PM. Sessions missed may be taken at other locations. What's learned here may save our lives!

MASS INTENTIONS

June 4— June 10, 2006

06/04 Sun	10:00 am	Dina Fazio†
	8:00 pm	Nathan Cruz†
06/05 Mon	8:30 am	Bridget Dalton†
06/06 Tues	5:30 pm	Balthazara Gonzales†
06/07 Wed	8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
06/08 Thur	5:30 pm	Vincent Duc Lu†
06/09 Fri	8:30 am	Jean Devert†
06/10 Sat	8:30 am	Balthazara Gonzales†
	5:00 pm	James Samiere & Family

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is preferred.



All the sick people in our parish especially Florentino Sotto, Jr., Rolando Pineda, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman,

Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous. We also pray for **all the deceased members** of our parish especially Jesse Smart.

Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be changed as needed.

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your offerings for the weekend of **May 28:**
\$3,391

Second collection next weekend will be for Catholic University of America. Please be generous.



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Actual Construction and Repairs Money in Bank is \$108,212

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall. Thank you!