

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



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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2009

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

Proclaiming Christ to the World

The Holy Spirit came upon them on Pentecost Sunday. They were Jesus' closest followers, his closest disciples. Most of these people had deserted the Lord when he was arrested. They were panic struck. Jesus had been, essentially, tortured to death. How could they avoid a similar fate? And yet, there was the truth about Jesus they could not deny. They were in turmoil. They could not understand why this happened to the most Beautiful Man the world had ever seen. Jesus' resurrection intensified their turmoil. They did not grasp the significance of the resurrection. They kept their doors locked to keep His enemies out.

And then the Holy Spirit filled the Upper Room where they had gathered, the same Upper Room where they celebrated the Passover and received the Body of the Lord and His Blood, the Blood of the New Covenant. The Holy Spirit didn't just fill the room, it filled them. They were on fire for Jesus. They began to understand the mystery of Christ. They were still afraid to suffer and die, but that became secondary to throwing open the door, going out and proclaiming the Gospel. And three thousand people heard them, and caught their fire, and became Christian. Together they formed the Body of Christ, the Church. Reality was completely changed by the Fire of the Lord, by the Holy Spirit.

That is what Pentecost was. That is what Pentecost did to the world. That is what Pentecost does to us.

How could it be possible that those common everyday men, those disciples, many of whom probably could not even read, how could it be possible that they could begin a movement of love that would embrace the world? The fire of the Lord consumed them, and consumed all around them.

The Gift of Pentecost is that we hold our Savior within us and are filled with the Reality that changes our lives. We are determined to do everything possible to nurture that Reality, to protect that Reality, to allow the world to experience the wonder of that Reality. Jesus is the Reality. Jesus lives! The fire that is within us is His Spirit, the Holy Spirit.

The *Gospel of John* relates the Pentecost experience in a simple and moving manner, quite different than the scene in *Acts*. In *John*, Jesus appears to the disciples in the Upper Room and pronounces peace. "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when He said this He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Peace comes through the forgiveness of sins. The Church is empowered to forgive sins. The Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to impart peace. The fire that consumes us is the fire that forgives our sins, the fire of peace.

There has been a birth, and a change in reality. The birth is the birth of the Church. We are full of such joy that we cannot hold ourselves back. We have to proclaim to the world with our lives that Love is conquering all. Jesus lives. His fire inflames us.

Today and every day is Pentecost.

—Fr. Joseph Pellegrino, *jspaluch, co*

Celebrating the Year of St. Paul

O glorious Saint Paul, who, from being a persecutor of the Christian name, didst become its most zealous Apostle, and who, to carry the knowledge of Jesus, our divine Saviour, to the uttermost parts of the earth, didst joyfully suffer prison, scourgings, stonings, shipwreck, and all manner of persecutions, and who didst finish thy course by shedding the last drop of thy blood: obtain for us the grace to accept, as favors bestowed by the mercy of God, the infirmities, sufferings, and misfortunes of this life, that we may not grow slack in our service of God by reason of these vicissitudes of our exile, but that we may the rather show ourselves ever more devoted. Amen.

V. Pray for us, Saint Paul the Apostle.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, who hast caught the multitude of the Gentiles by the preaching of blessed Paul the Apostle: grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that we who keep his memory sacred, may feel the might of his intercession before Thee. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

<p align="center">Staff</p> <p>Pastor: Church & School Msgr: Labib Kobti</p> <p>Parochial Vicar: Fr Andrew Johnson</p> <p>Priest Brazilian Community Fr. Sergio da Silva, (415) 454-8141</p> <p>Deacon: Khaled Abu Shaer</p> <p>Admin Assistant: Elvira Garcia</p> <p>Receptionist: Sr Teresa Malave, VDMF</p> <p>Campus Ministry: Verbum Dei Sisters Sr. Su Fern Khoo, VDMF (415) 573-9062</p> <p>RCIC: Kathy Sanford 650) 738-0646</p> <p>RCIA & Music: Suzanne Hockel (415) 826-6834</p> <p>STM School: Principal, Joe Elsbernd (415) 337-0100</p>	<p align="center"><u>This Week's Parish Events</u></p> <p align="center">Tue., June 2nd Legion of Mary, Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm Communion & Liberation, Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Wednesday, June 3rd Baptism Preparation Class, Rectory, 6:30 pm</p> <p align="center">Thursday, June 4th International Food Festival Committee Scanlan Hall, 7:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Friday, June 5th Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 pm Healing Mass, 8:00 pm</p> <p align="center">Saturday, June 6th Bible Study Group, Alma Via, 7:00 PM</p> <p align="center">Campus Ministry <i>SFSU Campus Ministry wishes all students a happy vacation. If you are in the area, stay tuned for upcoming activities this summer!</i></p>	<p align="center">MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM</p> <p align="center">Sunday 8:00 AM Portuguese/Brazilian; 10:00 AM English 11:45 AM Arabic; 8:00 PM English</p> <p align="center">Weekdays: 8:30 AM (Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.); 5:30 PM (Tue., Thu.)</p> <p align="center">Holy Days: 8:30 AM & 8:00 PM</p> <p align="center">First Saturdays: 10:00 AM Burmese</p> <p align="center">First Fridays: 8:30 AM 7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Followed by Mass for healing at 8:00 PM</p> <p>Sacrament of Baptism (infants): Parents and godparents must attend Baptism Preparation Class. Call the office for Schedule.</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays 9:30—9:45 AM; Saturday 4:30 PM. Any time upon request.</p> <p>Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact us at least 6 months prior to wedding date.</p> <p>Communion to the homebound and the ill: Anyone who is ill and unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion may call the office to schedule a visit.</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick: Any time upon request. If a parishioner is seriously ill at home, please inform the parish office regarding a visit for anointing.</p> <p>Funeral arrangements: Funeral Director should contact Parish Office.</p>
<p>For Children and Youth: Under 6 years old, STM offers a “Crying Room” where parents can follow Mass, while children play away from the community. Over 6 years old, we have the “Children’s Liturgy”, RCIC and RCIA and FLA groups and Summer Camps</p> <p>For Adults: English Charismatic group, Sundays 6:00 PM : Young Adults Group (18-late 20’s) 2nd and 4th Saturday 2:00-4:00 PM; Arabic Youth Group, Fridays 6:30 PM; Brazilian Charismatic group, Mondays 7:00 PM; Burmese Youth Group, Sundays 2:00 PM; SFSU Campus ministry, Thursdays 7:00 PM (on Campus) <i>[Pls call the office for contact numbers.]</i></p> <p>For Families: Bible Study, Saturday at 7:00 PM; Couples For Christ: Saturday 5:00 PM; Legion of Mary, Communion & Liberation, Perpetual Novena to the Sto. Nino; Prince of Peace and Friday adoration</p> <p align="center">Holy Land Museum & Shroud of Turin Exhibit Open 9-4:30 Monday-Friday</p>		

Regular Activities

Parish Council	To Be Announced	Bible Study & Prayer	Saturday, 7 PM at Alma Via
Liturgy Committee	As Announced	AACC Youth Group	Friday, 6:00 PM
Legion of Mary	Tuesday, 6:30 PM	Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino	Last Friday, 7 PM
Communion & Liberation	Tuesday, 7:30 PM	Prince of Peace	Friday, 8:30 PM
Charismatic groups for different ethnics	See schedule	FLA Youth Group	1st & 3rd Wed. at 6:30PM

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 box of cereal, 1 can of fruit, 1 canned meat or tuna, 1 box of granola bars/healthy snack item. Pls., No glass items. Thanks.

MASS INTENTIONS

May 31 — June 6, 2009

- 05/31 Sun 10:00am Paciencia Rescordado†
8:00pm People of the Parish
- 06/01 Mon 8:30am Sara & Collin F-Noguera (hlg)
- 06/02 Tue 5:30pm Casillas Unborn Child†
- 06/03 Wed 8:30am Sara & Collin F-Noguera (hlg)
- 06/04Thu 5:30pm Jerilyn Payne†
- 06/05 Fri 8:30 am Special Intention
- 06/06 Sat 8:30 am Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg)
5:00 pm Special Intention

Please call the office to schedule your Mass. Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***First Friday.**

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 PM this Friday, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 8. Hope to see you then.



***Golf Tournament.**

There are 15 days left to get info and register for the golf tournament. It will be on June 15th at the Round Hill Golf Club in San Ramon. Please call Bernard Poggi at (650) 576-4767. Please mark your calendars.

***Sun - n - Fun.** Summer Day

Camp for grammar school children: STM Carroll Hall, June 22– July 3, 2009. Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 3:30pm. For more information: call Abbie Nepomuceno at 415-297-4509 or email: basnepo@comcast.net and/or check our webpage: <http://www.stmchurch.com>



Summer Camp

***The Ramallah Club.** This year's Annual Convention of the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine will be hosted by the Ramallah Club of San Francisco. It will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Burlingame, from June 24-28. Please call Samir Totah at (510) 233-1908 or email him at Samirtotah@sbcglobal.net for more info.

***Pilgrimages.** The date of our Holy Land pilgrimage: October 21 to November 4, 2009. Please check our website for more info and to sign up or call Claudia Devaux at (805) 544-9088. Space is limited, so call soon.

School News

***Congratulations, 8th graders!** Graduation day is Friday, June 5th. You are all invited to join the FLA Youth Group, and keep the STM ties even as we wish you a smooth transition into high school.

*To those in the lower grades, have a safe & fun summer. Read a few books and 'exercise' the brain so it's active & sharp.

The Spirit works for the common good



All the sick people in our parish, especially Christian Yousef, Lina Susbilla, Jane Boyle, Patricia Colburn, Barbara Cunningham, Carmel Desmond, Collin & Sara Fernando-Noguera, Catherine Moynihan, Mac Nuqui, Marie Paynor-Cia, John Schulz, Lourdes Tam, Filemon Trinidad, Alejandro Villavicencio, Ruby Jimenez, Gordon Lu, Rosauro Tan, Jean Lu, Bridget Suazon, Rhona Palencia, Annika de Leon and for all who are ill in our parish.

All the deceased in our parish especially those who died on this date in years past.

Weekly Offering



Weekend of May 24, 2009

\$3,774.45

Thank you for your generosity.

Next week's second collection will be for Tithing.

Please be generous.

Thanks.



If you are new to the area and not yet registered at Saint Thomas More Parish, we invite you to fill this out, cut it out and return it to the parish office/rectory or drop in the collection basket.

I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship financial giving even when I can't be present.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (s) _____

Email: _____ I want to use the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.

Yes, please _____ No, thanks. _____ Subscribe to our mailing list by e-mailing us: stmchurch@aol.com