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COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

-- 1 Corinthians 12:4



Daily Mass

Week of May 21st – 26th

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Joyce Huppert
 Tuesday: 8:00 Frederick Gordon Wright+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Thursday: 8:00 Peg Morgan+
 Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Alaya Beene
 Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Loretta Beene



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Ed Heinemann, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

Weekly Collection	May 13, 2018
Plate	\$9,723.00
Catholic Communications	\$831.00
School Support	\$411.00



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

Paulette Viola Garrtett, daughter of Angel Lin and Steven Garrett.

James Peter Johnson, son of Kelley Boyle and Colin Johnson.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal!

This weekend, May 19th and 20th, our second collection will be for Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Appeal. Your gift allows Catholic Charities to help people facing difficult circumstances so that they can move forward in life with greater independence. This includes our children who face pervasive violence at school, home or on the streets; families or seniors facing homelessness; and people fleeing violence in their homelands. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank you!

From
Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Approximately 1,985 years ago today, the apostles were gathered together. Suddenly, a strong wind filled the house in which they were and tongues of fire came to rest above each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the Good News of Salvation in different tongues.

This is the account that Luke gives us of the first Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles. Tradition holds that the Church came into its own on that Sunday. The promise that Jesus made to the apostles was fulfilled with the coming of the Holy Spirit. And, the behavior of the apostles dramatically changed when they were imbued with the gifts of the Spirit. The gift of courage helped them overcome their fears. The gifts of knowledge and understanding helped them overcome their doubts. The gift of wisdom guided them in their deliberations and actions.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, this small sect of Judaism has grown into the largest religious denomination in the world. Almost two thousand years later, the Spirit continues to lead us, although at times we would prefer not to follow him. But, we can rest secure in the knowledge that the Spirit of God will never abandon us. On this our birthday, we thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Birthday!

Love, Fr. Leo

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Lord, Sent Out Your Spirit!

In today's responsorial psalm, the Church sings out: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called covering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading, Paul's words reach out into the future to us: "we were all given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13). It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.



Seekers, Doubters & Dreamers Welcome Here!

Faith is a journey, not a destination, and all of us here at Corpus Christi are still on that journey. Some are moving along quickly, others, not so much. Some have been broken down by the side of the road for some time. Still others are just joining us on the road. If you are in a place of wanting to explore your spiritual life more intentionally, you are invited to join others at Corpus Christi in an open, non-judgmental and welcoming Catholic community. Jesus invited others, without pressure, to "come and see" if they were interested in living the way that he lived. The RCIA program invites you to do the same, no strings attached. We welcome cradle Catholics who have never been confirmed, people baptized in other faith traditions, those from other world religions and people who aren't even sure what they believe. For more information, please contact Ann Naffziger, RCIA Director, at: ann@gospelliving.org or call 521-8011.

Baby Diapers Collection!

The Outreach Committee is still collecting baby diapers in all sizes for the Visitation Center which is a part of St. Vincent de Paul in downtown Oakland. Please place your donation in the marked box in the Gibson Center. Thank You!

Don't Forget!

Please don't forget the continuing Outreach collection for Friendly Manor of sample bath products, including dental care items and gently-used bath towels. All these things are gratefully appreciated.

Also needed are non-perishable food items to benefit the Alameda County Food Bank. Our less fortunate neighbors can always use our help. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Thank you for caring!

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm -- Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading -- There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel -- As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

Guide Us Today!

Holy Spirit, you who pointed out the way for your disciples to announce the Gospel, we pray to you: As in the time of the apostles, guide today's Messengers of the Good News.

-- Lucien Deiss

Take Me Out to the Ballgame Party!

What better way to kickoff summer than joining the Corpus Christi Men's Club for their "Take Me Out to the Ballgame Party!" Their annual A's ball yard barbeque will be at the Oakland Coliseum on Saturday, June 16th, for a 1:05 p.m. game versus the Los Angeles Angels. They invite you and your family to join this fun event at the yard with a terrific pregame BBQ party starting at 11:00 a.m. Ticket cost is \$17.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child (14 and under) which includes game ticket, BBQ and drinks. This is a very popular game and tickets are limited, so buy early. To purchase tickets, order online: <https://ccmc-athletics-game.eventbrite.com>; or if purchasing by check, return order in Wednesday's envelope to the School Office. For questions, email: tsimmons@archvista.com. Order deadline is Thursday, May 24th.

Elizabeth House Benefit!

On Thursday, May 24th, at 6:00 p.m., the Men's Club will be hosting a Poker Tournament, BBQ and Warriors game at the home of Matt Veenstra to benefit Elizabeth House. Elizabeth House provides transitional housing for women and children who are subjected to violence and the resulting homelessness. Elizabeth House provides a means for these women and children to get off the street or out of an abusive living situation. In today's world, it is time for us to help those who can't find support elsewhere. The tournament will be Texas "hold'em" and will have a \$75.00 buy-in with re-buys. Fifty percent of the funds will go directly to Elizabeth House and the top two winners will split the rest, 70/30. A BBQ dinner will be provided. If interested, please send Matt a note at: matt.veenstra@gmail.com. The Men's Club needs to make sure there are enough seats for everyone. A follow-up invite will follow for a final head count. This is a great opportunity to help an important cause as well as have a fun night!

Women's Professional Clothing Collection!

The Outreach Committee is continuing the collection of women's professional clothing to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Visitation Center. Many of the women using the facilities are in need of clothing suitable for job interviews and work, but are unable to afford the expense. You can donate clean and gently-used clothing: blouses, skirts, jackets, suits and shoes that can be worn in a professional setting. All sizes are needed. The women who use the Center's services are our neighbors who are most vulnerable and most in need of our help. They are either single mothers or those who provide a vital income for their families. There is a marked basket and box in the Gibson Center. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Thank you for any clothing you can give!

