

May 20, 2018

Send forth Your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth!

Saturday, May 19	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, May 20	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, May 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, May 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass - St. Rita Feast Day Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, May 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, May 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, May 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, May 26	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

- Exod:24:3-8: Moses seals the covenant between God and Israel***
Heb:9:11-15: Jesus, the high priest, became the perfect sacrifice
Mk:14:12-16, 22-26: Jesus institutes a new covenant at the Last Supper

**Living the Catholic 808
#BigPentecost**

This Weekend, almost 4000 children aged 7+ are being confirmed across our islands. Pentecost is the Feast of the Holy Spirit so how fitting it is that so many of our children are strengthened this day, of all days, in their life's journey as Catholic Christians.

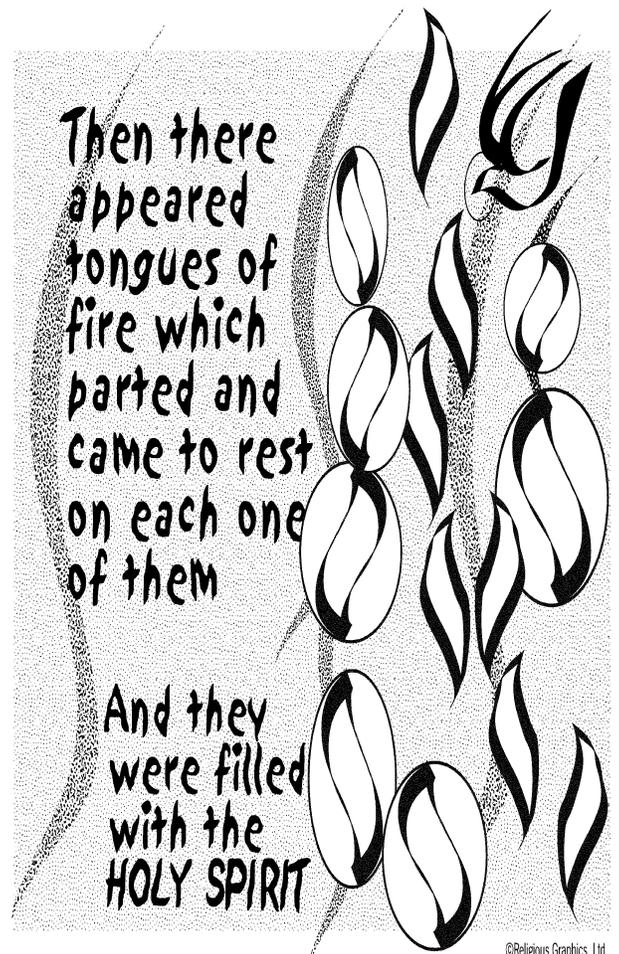
You might be wondering about those 2nd graders: aren't they too young? How can they possibly be ready to be confirmed?

In Gaudete et Exsultate (On the Call to Holiness, 35-62), Pope Francis reminds us that one of our great convictions is that God's grace does not rely on us knowing certain things (which is the heresy of Gnosticism) nor can we seek it out, earn it, or make God "happen" simply because we wish it (which is the heresy of Pelagianism).

In other words, there is nothing a child aged 7, 15, 42 etc. ... must know in order to be confirmed. Nor is it a certain number of service hours or prayers memorized that makes Confirmations possible.

Rather, a person who has reached the age of reason (a.k.a., age 7) is capable of realizing that our earthly life, all we have and all we are, are God's gift. Seven-year-olds can accept the free gift of God's friendship, And, yes, children can also receive the grace available to each of us through the sacraments(Gaudete et Exulsate, 55-56)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. RITA SOUVENIR BOOK: We are putting together a Souvenir book on St. Rita for the 90th Anniversary Luau. Please write a short paragraph about how St. Rita has affected you and drop it in the collection basket before **June 1st**. Should you have any questions please contact Sebastian Lopez. Mahalo!

FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE: (PACK LIGHT & GO): **Oahu Faith Formation Conference 2018- June 22-23 @ Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Sample Topics:** *Practical Wisdom: Practicing Catholic Faith at the End-of-Life Situations, What Do you believe: The Catholic Answer; From Reader to Lector to Proclaimer. There's something for every Catholic, no matter where you are in your life. Before you pack light and go, Come! Register at www.catholichawaii.org/hawaiifaithconference.*

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ, and spread the gospel message. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left

WORD OF LIFE: *"Even among terminally ill patients, a request to die is nearly always a cry for help. . . . The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, "Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?"* **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic,"** www.bit.ly/every-suicide-tragic

WEEKLY READINGS

May 20 Sun: Pentecost Sunday

Acts:2:1-11; Ps:104; Gal 5:16-25; Jn:15:26-27; 16:12-15

May 21 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Jam:3:13-18; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk:9:14-29

May 22 Tue: St. Rita of Cascia

Phil: 4:4-9; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6; Lk:6:27-38

May 23 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Jam:4:13-17; Ps 49: 2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; Mk:9:38-40

May 24 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Jam: 5:1-6, Ps:49: 14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20; Mk 9:41-50

May 25 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Jam:5:9-12; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk:10:1-12

May 26 Sat: St. Philip Neri, priest

Jam:5:13-20; Ps:141:1-2, 3 & 8; Mk 10:13-16

Holy Spirit

There is no capturing the Holy Spirit. That is the good part. It sweeps us away, transcends us, enlivens us. There is just no end to this. The one of the two Gospels we can choose this day offers us a complementary story of the coming of the Spirit on the first Easter evening. This quiet Spirit is a commissioning Holy Spirit, a peace-bearing, forgiving Spirit. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

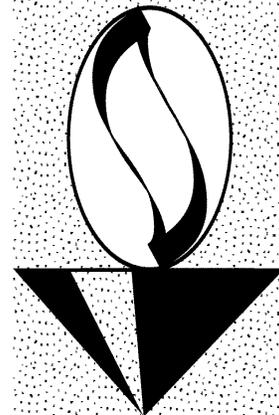
Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission in the world. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit and God has accomplished creative things in us through this gift. We have been entrusted with this great gift of the Holy Spirit. Now is a good time to ask: Are we being good stewards of this gift? What creative things have we done to glorify God's accomplishments in us? **(International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)**

Reflection

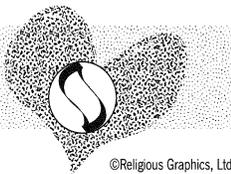
It might have been much easier for Paul to point out that life is not fair and some people have intrinsically better gifts than others. It would have been decidedly easier for him to insist on uniformity rather than unity. But God's will for us is far more interesting than that. Paul insists that God has given us gifts differing, and the task is to keep up with the Holy Spirit who provides a full range of gifts that serve the body of Christ so that it, in turn, can serve the world.

Diversity accounts for the Church's richness but also poses difficulties. The universal Church, receiver of multiple gifts, often needs a peaceful and forgiving Spirit. We all need help when it comes to celebrating diversity. We have all seen television footage of papal visits. These remind us of the universal reach and stunning variety of the Church that began on that first amazing Pentecost when everyone understood that something truly new and great was afoot. They marveled at this, and so can we.. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

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of your love in our hearts**



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