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Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here. Please join us in Brioschi Hall after Mass for hospitality and to find out more.

MAY 31, 2020 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM | Wednesday 9:25 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Congratulations to all graduates! To all students who are graduating this Spring from any level of school (elementary, middle, high, college, post-grad, etc.), I congratulate you on your accomplishment. For many of you, the next step in your life is more education at the next level. Some of you will enter the workforce or another phase of life. Wherever you go and whatever you do, God will be with you so do not be afraid. If you are starting at a new school or program this Summer or next Fall, I can understand if you feel nervous. All of us at one point or several points in our life are the “new kid” in the school, on the job, or in the parish. The Lord Jesus is with you always, so take him with you wherever you go.

As I write this Bulletin Article on May 21 for publication on May 31, I do not know yet the status of public Masses starting again in the Archdiocese for more than 10 people. I am watching closely for an announcement from Archbishop Hebda and we are making plans to re-open our parish for public Masses when that time comes. I miss seeing you at Mass, and I look forward to being with you at church again.

A funny encounter at the grocery store. On my recent trip to the grocery store, the Produce section was a bit busier than usual. That section is right inside the main door to the right, and there was a traffic jam with carts and people as we navigated our entry into the store while respecting physical distance protocols. On this particular day, I was smiling underneath my facemask as my glasses were fogging up. I side-stepped and tip-toed around my fellow shoppers, and I needed to get to the lettuce, squash, apples, oranges and onions. I imagined a silent conversation between the shoppers: “Ok, you go first. Or should I go? Am I in your way? Excuse me, can I get through here? I just need to get to those apples, thanks.” I suppose some shoppers might have been looking at me and thinking, “Get out of my way! Please move faster! Hey, you’re too close to me.” It is good to recognize the humorous situations in life.

This weekend’s celebration of Pentecost brings us to the conclusion of the 50-day Easter Season. Isn’t it wonderful that the Easter Season has 50 days of rejoicing which is longer than the 40 days of the Lent Season? I recently finished reading the book, “The Catholic Table: Finding Joy Where Food and Faith Meet” by Emily Chapman (Emmaus Road Publishing, 2016). Chapman writes about her struggles with an eating disorder she developed in college and how she gradually rediscovered her Catholic faith which led her to understand food as a gift from God. This understanding helped her to incorporate faith into her eating habits. I think this is a good book for people who are worried and anxious about how much food they eat, how much they weigh and how they look. Not that we should overeat, but this book reminds us to enjoy food as a blessing from God while also bringing the virtues into our eating habits. Chapman also discusses the Church’s liturgical year and how we should fast when the church fasts (e.g. the Lent season of 40 days) and how we should feast when the church feasts (e.g. the Easter Season of 50 days) and overall there are more feasting days than fasting days.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

Parish Office Hours

Most of our office staff work remotely during the Governor’s stay-at-home order. Please call ahead if you need to visit the office. Stay tuned to our parish website and Facebook page for updates on office hours and worship schedules. *Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times!*

WOMEN’S CLUB NEWS

Applications for the Annual Disbursement of Women’s Club Funds

The St. Pascal’s Women’s Club is still accepting applications for the annual disbursement of their funds. We have close to \$9000 to disburse for the year running July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Requests will be accepted until June 1, 2020. Applicants will be notified of the status of the request by July 1, 2020. Applications will be accepted by mail (please mail to the parish office or by email to jjreisdorf00@msn.com). Please include:

1. Name of Organization/Committee/Community member
2. Your name and contact information (phone and email)
3. Project Title
4. Amount Requested
5. A brief description of how the funds will be used

We will contact the applicant if more information is needed.

Women’s Club Board Nominations

We are seeking nominations (volunteers) for the following positions on the Women’s Club Board. No experience necessary just a willingness to help support our mission to empower, educate, and support women into lives of service, spirituality and leadership to their families, parish, community and the poor of the world. If you would like more information, please contact Cindy Reisdorf at 651.774.2800 or jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Board Member at Large

Nominations or Volunteers may be sent to jjreisdorf00@msn.com.

Emergency Food Help: Food Shelf is Now Open

*Progressive Baptist Church Parking Lot—
1505 Burns Avenue*

If you, your family, or neighbors you know are in need of emergency food items, all are welcome to visit the food shelf curbside drive-up every Saturday from 10:30 AM – noon.

Living Faith Booklets

Living Faith booklets for July – September 2020 are now available. If you would like a booklet mailed to you, please contact Kim Roering in the parish office.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, June 02

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Wednesday, June 03

8:00 AM Women's Club

Thursday, June 04

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Friday, June 05

8:00 AM + Roger Harding

Saturday, June 06

4:30 PM + Jim Trad

Sunday, June 07

8:45 AM The People of the Parish

10:30 AM + Ramona Greavu

Heart Questions

Sent to Serve

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:21-22

Adults: What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life?

Kids: How would Jesus want you to treat your friends and family this week?



Archdiocesan Synod

Please continue to pray for the Archdiocesan Synod 2021.

Come Holy Spirit
 Make our ears to hear
 Make our eyes to see
 Make our mouths to speak
 Make our hearts to seek
 Make our hands to reach out
 And touch the world with your love.

AMEN.

Mary, Mother of the Church
 Pray for us.

Readings

May 31, 2020

Sunday

Pentecost
 Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
 Jn 20:19-23

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20
 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7
 Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18
 Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16
 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12
 Ps 123:1-2
 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday:

2 Tm 2:8-15
 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14
 Mk 12:28-34

Friday:

2 Tm 3:10-17
 Ps 119:157, 160-161, 165-166, 168
 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday:

2 Tm 4:1-8
 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22
 Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
 2 Cor 13:11-13
 Jn 3:16-18

Stay Connected

- Daily Mass videos are on the parish Facebook page and YouTube channel.
- Updates on the parish response to COVID-19 are on the parish website and Facebook.
- Subscribe to *Pascal's Pulse* weekly e-news at www.stpascals.org/in-the-loop.
- Would you like a copy of the bulletin mailed to your home? Please contact the parish office!

THE WEEK AHEAD

St. Pascal's is committed to help you to navigate through the upcoming weeks of COVID-19 safety measures. We have cutback programs and community gatherings in an effort to keep all in our community healthy and safe. Visit www.stpascals.org for more information and for the status of upcoming parish meetings and events.

Sunday, May 31—PENTECOST SUNDAY

2:00pm SPRCS Graduation: Location TBD

Monday, June 1

2:00pm Food distribution for school families: Door 1

Tuesday, June 2

8:00am Weekday Masses begin for 10 or fewer worshippers
 7:00pm Pastoral Council-TBD/REMOTE

Wednesday, June 3

7:30 – 10pm Men's Club Softball-TBD

Thursday, June 4

6:30pm SJCC-TBD

Friday, June 5

No scheduled events

Saturday, June 6

We Care Campaign-TBD
 11:00am Women's Club Spring Serenade-CANCELLED

Sunday, June 7

We Care Campaign-TBD
 No scheduled events

*Stay safe, stay healthy, stay prayerful!
 We'll get through this time of
 being apart.
 The Lord Jesus is with us always.*

Stewardship of Giving

*Financials for the Fiscal Year
 July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020*

April

Sunday Giving	\$89,193.42
Budget	\$68,337.51
Variance	\$20,855.91 (up 30%)

Year to Date

Sunday Giving	\$687,138.10
Budget	\$683,374.98
Variance	\$ 3,763.12 (up 1%)

Thank you for your support!

*April expenses are \$8,000 under budget
 Net Income \$28,519.99 (mortgage interest only payment)*

We continue to be thankful for your generosity during this time of great change. Parish staff is making every effort to trim costs where possible. Many thanks to our Finance Council and Trustees for their wonderful guidance and support. Giving online is a popular option while you are away. Check it out on the website at www.stpascals.org.

—Theresa Ruttger, Business Administrator

While the lives of our elders, our vulnerable, and essential workers are at stake during the COVID-19 pandemic, tens of millions of us across the globe have been restraining ourselves at home, choosing not to do many things for many weeks in order to protect those we love (and those others love as well). Surely the earth is breathing a sigh of relief for our reduction in pollution and fossil fuel use. This "Great Pause," as some are calling it, gives me hope that we will soon find it within ourselves to protect our shared home, not only for our own sake, but for our neighbors across the globe, and future generations.

—Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Come upon Us

Lord of life,
The world awaits your liberating Spirit.
Come, mighty wind, breathe new life
into us.
Come, Spirit of Truth,
reveal the evil that lingers in our midst.
Come, Wisdom of God,
teach us the way of righteousness.
Come, Fire of Love,
impassion us to act justly in all we do.
Come, Helper and Guide,
draw us together in fellowship
and peace.
Come, O Sanctifier, and make us holy.
Keep us forever united
with our loving and creating God,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Today's Apostles



Today's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23. For the past seven weeks, we have heard what the Apostles did after Jesus poured his Spirit out upon them. We have heard compelling speeches and listened to stories of healing and exorcism. We have witnessed the conversion of Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles. We have seen Paul, a fierce opponent of Jesus' followers, become an eloquent and passionate preacher of the Gospel. We have also heard stories of ridicule, expulsion, imprisonment, and martyrdom, yet in those moments, the Apostles rejoiced that they could glorify God by dying and rising with Jesus.

As our Easter season comes to an end and we conclude our reading of the Acts of the Apostles, we might think such

marvelous stories belong to the past. We might think we could never be such loving, courageous witnesses, we could never speak and act like those Apostles did. We would be wrong to think this. St. Paul tells us, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Pentecost marked the beginning of the apostolic era, the era of the Church. We are still in that era. People still need to hear the story of salvation, still need healing, still need evil expelled from their midst. God pours his Spirit out upon us to transform and empower us, and then he sends us forth. We each have something to contribute to the story of salvation, for we are the apostles of this age.



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Monday, June 1

Mary, Mother of the Church

In the Gospel passage, Jesus ensures that his mother will be taken care of after his death. However, this passage also has a symbolic meaning. Throughout the Gospel, the Beloved Disciple has faithfully told us all that happened to Jesus so that we will believe in and worship Jesus as God's Son. Mary represents the Church, the community of believers who are continually strengthened by the witness of this disciple. As we strive to bear Christ in our world, we continue to draw strength and gain wisdom from the faithful witness of others. Pray the Rosary this week, and ask God to help you be a more faithful witness to God's love. *Today's Readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14; John 19:25–34.*

Sunday, June 7

The Most Holy Trinity

Because the first Christians worshipped the Risen Christ as Lord, it soon became necessary to explain how Jesus and God the Father, as well as the Holy Spirit, were one God and not three different gods. There were intense discussions about the nature of God in the fourth and fifth centuries. The fruit of this process is the Nicene Creed, particularly the use of the title "Father."

The term *father* implies relationship. If God is a father, then there must be a child. In God's case, the child is a Son, Jesus. The relationship does not end there; it flows outward, bringing the world into existence and giving life to countless creatures. The Holy Spirit draws the world toward God so that we may become part of the divine relationship, part of God's eternal love. *Today's Readings: Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Corinthians 13:11–13; John 3:16–18.*

Sunday, June 14

The Body and Blood of Christ

When Jesus' followers gathered after his death and Resurrection to break bread and drink from the cup, they were doing something dangerous. Their Lord had been executed, and by gathering in his name they risked the same fate. They gathered nonetheless. By communing with the Risen Christ, they declared themselves part of his body and showed their willingness to suffer for the sake of the Gospel.

When we come forward during Communion, we are doing the same thing. By partaking of the consecrated bread and wine, we become part of Christ's Body. We commit ourselves to acting as Christ in the world, even to the point of suffering, maybe even shedding our blood, so that others will know of Christ's love for them. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2–3, 14b–16a; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; John 6:51–58.*

Friday, June 19

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

In the First Reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that God bound himself to his people in a covenant, and they, in turn, must remain bound to God and God alone. St. John writes similarly in our Second Reading, urging us to remain bound to God by loving each other as God loves us, for God is love itself. Because we associate the human heart with love, it became natural to revere the heart of Jesus as the more particular embodiment of the Father's love.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to yoke or bind ourselves to him. He invites us to live in a way that is not burdensome because it is the way of love and because he accompanies us every step of this way. We can trust him because we know that he has already bound himself to us in love. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6–11; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 10; 1 John 4:7–16; Matthew 11:25–30.*

