

Pentecost Sunday - May 31, 2020

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
— Acts 2:3



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THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

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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 — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	June 1 † Zoilo Ramos
Tuesday 8:00 am	June 2 † Joseph Winant
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	June 3 Communal Service † Flora Suan
Thursday 8:00 am	June 4 Kathleen Galang (L)
Friday 8:00 am	June 5 † Ray and † Charles Vassallo
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	June 6 † Jovito I. Cruz † Pierina Benedetti
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	June 7 † Pablo Gomez † Manuel Martinez † Paul Gemignani People of the Parish † Loreta Rodrigo

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your [written intention](#) and [stipend](#).

ANNOUNCEMENT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will (Psalm 40:7-11).

What have we done for God’s children lately? It’s now your opportunity to serve. Our Parish needs Catechists (Religious Teachers). We have Catechists who have been serving our Parish for over 20 years. We are now seeking additional Catechists to experience the joy of serving our Parish.

For additional information, please contact Lily Codd, Director of Religious Education, at 650-771-3176.

What’s new at St. Elizabeth Parish?

Preparations to re-open the Church to the public are underway. This includes:

Church sanitation of high touch areas, this includes but not limited to the door handles, restrooms, pews, carpet, tiles and statues. A new gate was installed next to Cantwell Hall. The Church door locks have been replaced to secure the space. Various continuous improvements are ongoing in the Church, Cantwell Hall and the Rectory.

Welcome to The New Normal

- Please practice Social Distancing - 6 feet apart at all times
- Face Masks are required at all times
- Stay home if you feel ill or show any symptoms
- Visit the website regularly for the latest updates including when the Church will be re-opened and new processes in place stelizabethsf.org

Resources (live links)

www.sfarchdiocese.org
catholic-sf.org
www.ewtn.com

sf.gov/stay-home-except-essential-needs
sf.gov/get-tested-covid-19-citytestsf
sf.gov/information/reopening-san-francisco

PARISH OFFICE RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Happy Retirement, Joellyn!

We would like to wish Joellyn Bischeri a very happy & well-deserved retirement. Joellyn – on behalf of the St. Elizabeth Parish Family, THANK YOU! Your dedication for over 30 years has truly made a difference in our community. We hope your retirement is filled with lots of rest & relaxation, a ton of fun, and loads of family time. You will be greatly missed.

Dispensation from the Archbishop

The dispensation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in place, and so those who fear becoming infected may remain at home in good conscience. **The usual advisories also remain in place for those who should remain at home and avoid exposure to any public gathering, including worship: the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions making them especially vulnerable to infection, those who have recently had contact with someone tested to be COVID-19 positive, etc.** Sunday, of course, is still the Christian Sabbath and so must be kept holy, even if in-person attendance at Mass is not possible. You may attend any live streamed Mass in the Archdiocese remotely via the Archdiocesan website. You will also find there an Act of Spiritual Communion and other resources (sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath).

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our goal is \$48,719.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged \$15,754.00 leaving a balance of \$32,965.00.

Donate Online. You can make contributions and recurring pledge payments by credit card or automatic debits (ACH) from your bank account by using the online service at SFArch.org/AAA. The website is completely safe and secure. The information you provide will not be shared with any other party.

MEET THE NEW GIRL

Let’s give a warm welcome to our new Parish Operations Manager - Genevieve Cristobal! Check her out on LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/genevieve-cristobal You can also say “hello” to her via text/ fax/ voicemail. The Parish Office is still closed to the public, but Genevieve will be available online, Monday through Thursday during business hours. 😊 415-651-2230. She’s looking forward to meeting you all. Welcome, Genevieve!