# PENTECOST SUNDAY

# MAY 19, 2024



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

# MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY** 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

> **TUESDAY - FRIDAY** 6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

# SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration 6:00 pm Mass

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm



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# PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Sacrament of Anointing the Sick: Ext. 1 Parish Staff: Ext. 2 Administrative Support: Ext. 3

Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - MAY 11 & 12, 2024		
Donation	\$4,613.00	
Donation Online	\$952.00	
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00	
Debt Reduction	\$0	
Total Donation	\$5,600.00	

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE Annual Catholic Appeal



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal \$43,706

One mission, one family – together in Christ is the theme of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, and this weekend kicks off the 2024 campaign! The Annual Catholic Appeal funds ministries and services for your local Catholic community across Western Washington. This combined effort of parishes and the Archdiocese of Seattle ensures the availability of outreach ministries, education, faith formation, administrative services for parishes and much more!

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in helping our parish be a light to others.



**CONGRATULATIONS** TO 45 CANDIDATES were sealed with the gifts of Holy Spirits on Saturday May 18th, 2024 at Our Lady of Lourdes!

### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts I received in my Baptism and Confirmation. I want to receive the fire of Your love as Your disciples did at Pentecost. Come with wonder and awe. with wisdom, understanding, and counsel, with courage and faith in You. Holy Spirit, may my actions witness to Your presence in my life. Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness. In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.

First Friday Healing Mass with Fr. James Northrop Last Healing Mass before Fr. Jim's new assignment begins this July.

JUNE 7, 2024

8 AM Adoration, 8:30 AM Rosary, 8:50 AM Litany of the Sacred Heart, 9 AM Anointing of the Sick Mass ALL ARE WELCOME! St. Thomas Parish - 4415 S 140th ST, Tukwila, WA 98168

# PENTECOST SUNDAY HOMILY BY FATHER JOSEPH VU

# The Holy Spirit Works Quietly

We all like spectacular fireworks. They are exciting, impressive, exhilarating.

The Church's first Pentecost had some spectacular fireworks.

The Apostles and other Christians were gathered "in one place together".

We don't know exactly where.

Probably it was somewhere inside or near the Temple in Jerusalem, since right after the fireworks, crowds started to gather.

It may have been the same large room where Jesus and the Apostles had eaten the Last Supper. We are not certain.

So they were all in one place, and then a thunderous noise like a strong wind, like a tornado, came from the sky. And then flames appeared. Flames of fire just appeared out of nowhere, spontaneously, hovering in the air. And these flames divided up and started floating through the air until they came to rest on each of the people gathered. But the fireworks didn't stop there.

All of a sudden the Christians started speaking in languages that they didn't know.

A crowd had gathered by now, with visitors from all over the world who were in Jerusalem for the festival. Each one heard the Christians explaining the gospel in their own language.

It was a dramatic, spectacular display.

But we would be wrong to conclude from this that the Holy Spirit's normal way of acting in our life is through dramatic fireworks.

In fact, it's just the opposite.

God's action in our life is most often gentle and hardly perceptible at first.

How does Jesus send the Spirit to his Apostles after his resurrection? He breathes on them - quietly and subtly. How does St Paul describe the action of the Holy Spirit in the Church? Like the soul of a body - powerful, essential, but invisible and subtle.

The Holy Spirit works quietly.

# **Obeying the Quiet Voice**

There is only one condition attached to this gift.

To experience God's transforming presence in our lives, we have to obey his will out of love: "Whoever loves me will keep my word," as Jesus says in the Gospel.

All of us here today want to obey God's will in our lives - some want to do so passionately, others reluctantly, but we all want to - otherwise we wouldn't be here.

But how do we know what God's will is?

The Holy Spirit quietly reveals God's will to us in two ways.

First, he inspires and guides the teaching of the Church.

We have:

the commandments of the Bible,

the instructions in the Catechism,

the examples of the saints,

the regular updates from the pope's encyclicals -

the Holy Spirit wants us to know how a Christian should live, and he gives us the Church to keep us posted. In this way, the Church, under the pope's leadership, is like the conductor of a symphony: we have to keep our eyes on him if we want to play our part well.

But the Church can only give commandments and guidelines that apply to everyone.

That tells God's will 85% of the time.

But 15% of the time we are faced with opportunities and challenges unique to our own life-circumstances. That's when the Holy Spirit guides us more personally, through inspirations, through his seven Gifts, through wise advice.

In both ways, he is hard at work, quietly but surely, building up our happiness and that of those around us. In today's Mass, when he renews his commitment to guide us, let's renew our commitment to follow and obey - not in order to experience spiritual fireworks, but in order to feed the fire of God's love in our hearts, whose light and heat we all need so much.

# Weekly Prayer

# Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

#### Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or: Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

#### Gospel:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 16:13)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

# Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and
	Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Saturday:	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor
	of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary
	Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
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Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity





### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

### Answer:

My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, "I'm getting more like Dad!" Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time, we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient, or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith. That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more godlike, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words and actions carry that quality and others too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of him in all of us.