# St. Joseph Parish

JUNE 5, 2022

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Acts 2:3

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Indoor Vigil

Sunday Mass on the Grass Outdoors 8:30 a.m.

> Indoor Mass 10:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass 12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W) 8:00 a.m. Indoor

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Reconciliation

**Saturdavs** 3:45-4:30 p.m. Inside Church



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## Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

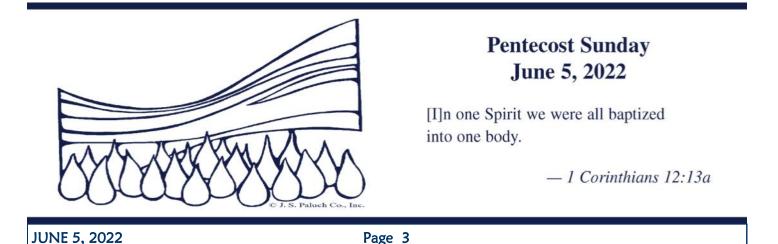
Happy Pentecost! Today we celebrate the Birth of the Church when a strong driving wind and tongues of fire descended upon the Apostles and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. As they were sent out, so we are sent out to give witness to the love and unity of God.

This past week, the Archdiocesan Called to Renew campaign hit a milestone by surpassing \$400 million. Recall that we were one of the pilot parishes and during the next year, two more waves of 128 parishes will help reach and probably surpass the goal of \$500 million. My thanks to all of you who have continued to be faithful to the pledge you made to our parish. We only have one more year to go!

Movement for a Better World's is collecting items for the homeless outreach. You can pick up a shopping list and an empty storage bag at the greeter tables after all Masses this weekend or see the flyer below. Thanks for returning your homeless kits next weekend after all the Masses.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families!

Pentecost Peace, Msgr. Kevin





This is the third and last summary of our parishioners' comments regarding the Synod topics. During the previous weeks, we have provided summaries regarding the topics of Speaking & Listening, Celebrating, and Going on Mission. Below are summaries regarding Dialoguing, Leading & Deciding, and Growing in Synodality. Thank you to all who provided comments and all who assisted in moderating listening sessions and recorded the comments.

#### Deacon Tom

#### Dialoguing

- Our culture has been desensitized. We need to renew and advocate kindness and compassion.
- New Evangelization must include the use of social media, especially for youth and young adults.
- The Church should have counseling for those considering abortion. The Church should be a place where women in crisis pregnancy can feel comfortable to turn to for help and assistance.
- Dialogue within the church is becoming polarized, much as it is in the rest of society.
- Pope Francis has strong social justice messages that
  need to be relayed to the people.
- The Catholic Church has gone into its shell. The Catholic Church is seen negatively by people of other Christian faiths. The continued and ongoing disclosures of the priest abuse scandal and the way it has been handled has damaged the church.
- We also need to have more answers and understanding about our faith to defend it with knowledge.

#### Leading and Deciding

- Decisions made by the Church are not collaborative or transformative. If parishioners were more involved in the decision-making process, it may be more fruitful. A more collaborative process may be able to tap more into the needs of the community. This could be an opportunity to invite others to journey together.
- People can use their gifts to help their parish, especially so the priest can focus on the faith, ministry and sacraments instead of becoming

overburdened with business tasks of running the church (e.g. finance, planning, building, designing, education).

- At the local/parish level how do we invite/ encourage more members to actively participate and get involved?
- Synod is a first step. We see that the members of the Church have some input, and Church leaders are hearing what topics are important to them.
- Our Pope is encouraging and a good example of encouragement and consultation.

#### Growing in Synodality

- The Synod is great way of reconnecting. Having the ability to share was exciting. There was an overall genuine sense of pride in the Church.
- The Holy Spirit is moving through this Synod and it could be beneficial for growth and discernment in individual parishes.
- We would like more synod interaction. We thought it was a step in the right direction.
- It is important to offer guidance opportunities for people to discern their gifts compared to the opportunities of service there are in the parish.
- We should facilitate ministry fairs periodically for people to learn about parish opportunities.
- We should have more opportunities for the community to meet and break bread, socialize and have small faith groups, fellowship. Summarize any points of view that varied from the majority of comments
- The synod education materials are confusing. They define Synod with the word synodal. The purpose needs to be written more plainly for the average person.

Additional Context About the Listening Sessions: Participants were generally eager and motivated to participate. They really embraced the process, and many stated they would like to do something like this again.

Acts 2:3



#### GOD'S ONGOING WORK

In today's Gospel Luke, the author of Acts, links the "time of Pentecost" to the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was a harvest festival, fifty days after Passover. The feast became a celebration of God's gift of the Torah, the law of Moses, remembering Exodus 19. Luke suggests that just as the Feast of Weeks was a culmination of Passover, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was a culmination of the Resurrection. In both Passover and Easter, God's extraordinary saving action rescued God's people from oppression and death. Because of these actions, the stage was set for the gift of Torah, and similarly for Christians, the gift of the Spirit. The ongoing presence of the Spirit sustains us to face life's burdens gracefully. The Spirit also challenges us daily to mature in our capacity to love, and to take part in God's ongoing work to rescue all God's people.

#### WHAT GOD IS UP TO

The Christian community gathered in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit, has long stirred the Christian imagination. In our own time, when the Church has a long history of Christian faith but now faces many challenges, we might return to this image. Like the first disciples, we often don't know what to do next. What used to work for us doesn't work as well. We need to stay together, honor diversity, reflect upon the roots of our faith, and remain rooted in prayer.

Yet there is more. Pentecost has happened and is happening. The Spirit has already burst out into the world, already stirring among those who are confused about God. The Book of Acts tells the story of a Church continually pushed out by the Spirit, to join in what God was already up to, out in the world. We too are invited not only to remember our unity and our roots, but to pay acute attention to how the Spirit is working in our local communities.

#### VARIETY OF GIFTS

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, a community encountering tensions and divisions over spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that the Spirit shares a variety of gifts; none is better than any other, and all are needed by the whole Church. The Spirit is revealed in the diversity of gifts offered by individuals and by distinct groups. The Spirit desires that the Church live as an interdependent, cohesive whole, as the Body of Christ.

A parish can be a collegial partnership where parishioners, clergy, and ministry staff can confidently share God's gifts. Gifts from persons and groups of diverse backgrounds can be honored. Gifts that tend to be less visible, such as in finance, custodial work, or administration, can be celebrated as much as those in preaching and music. May we notice God's grace in this diversity.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17 John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

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# Safeguard The Children



Five steps for preventing child abuse takes all of us

Preventing child abuse is the work of our entire community. The best way to start taking up your part of this work is through learning the five steps for preventing child sexual abuse. Learn where child abuse happens, and how to recognize the signs of abuse and predatory behavior. If you have not gone through a VIRTUS® training program, this is a great time to do so. For more information, visit <u>lacatholics.org/did-you-know</u>.

# Movement for a Better World

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

June 11-12 – Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. Shopping lists will be distributed at Masses June 4-5.

June 14 6:30 PM – Committee Meeting: Join us in the Parish Life Center for a very important, final meeting of this program year. We will decide what activities to promote and organizations to support in the program year beginning July 1.

Home Furnishing Special Needs: We have an active ministry to provide basic home furnishings to those in need; beds, tables, dressers, refrigerator repairs, immanent loss of utility service, etc. Are you able to help us in this urgent ministry? Please call Tim Clark to learn about many opportunities to serve, (562) 431-4385

### Pentecost

"PENTECOST" IS FROM THE GREEK PENTEKOSTOS WHICH MEANS FIFTIETH

We celebrate Pentecost on the 50th day after Easter. On Pentecost, "the mission of the Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity."

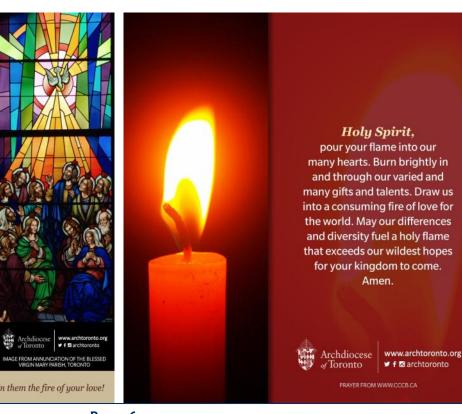
After the example of Mary and the disciples on the first Pentecost on which "the Church came to birth," we pray and wait for the same Spirit graciously promised by Jesus and listen with quiet hearts to the Word of the Lord.

"There is no freedom greater than letting yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to lead you wherever he wishes." POPE FRANCIS, MAY 14, 2018

SOURCES: ROMAN MISSAL AND COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

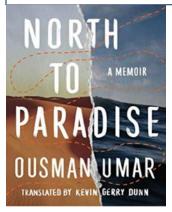
**We recall...** "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:1-4

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love!



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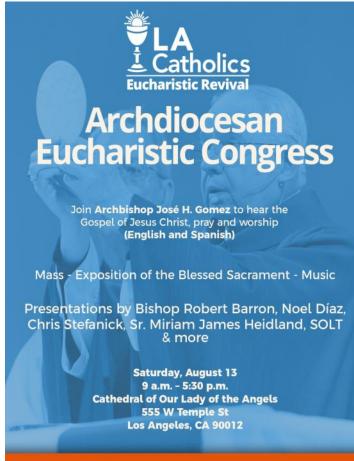
## **Book Club**



Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, July 13th at 7pm. We will discuss: North to Paradise by Ousman Umar

The inspiring true story of one man's treacherous boyhood journey from a rural village in Ghana to the streets of Barcelona—and the path that led him home.

All are welcome! For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



For more information and to register go to lacatholics.org/eucharist \*Boxed lunches will be available for purchase when registering.

## In Memoriam

Nancy Miller died peacefully in her home just after midnight during the first hour of Feb. 24, 2022 at the age of 90. She received constant loving attention from her children, grandchildren and from the devoted care of her compassionate caregivers. She is survived by five children, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who were all gifted by her sweet and unconditional love until her final moment of life. Her funeral service will be held on Monday, June 6 at 10:00am with the interment of her cremated remains immediately following the funeral service.



**Rev. Terry Hershey** 





People who love the world, who pay attention, are gardeners, whether or not they have ever picked up a trowel ~ because gardening is not just about digging. Gardening is about cherishing ~ and to cherish, one must be present ... Here! Now!

We see that the ordinary is the hiding place for the holy and ...  $\sigma$  open our heart to the rhythms of "the garden"  $\sigma$  embrace the demanding marriage of loving and losing  $\sigma$  cultivate appreciation for ordinary gifts of grace, the value of solitude, and the healing power of nature  $\sigma$  nurture our soul, and renew our sense of 'life's fullness'.

Gardens are sacred places that can offer healing for mind, body, and soul. Experience our gardens as restorative, inspiring, & life--giving. Participate in outdoor & indoor workshops, exploring "sanctuary" gardens, with personal time for walks, prayer, rocking chairs, and reflection.

Terry Hershey is an author, humorist, inspirational speaker, ordained minister, and smitten by French wine. He divides his time between de-signing sanctuary gardens & sharing his practice of "pausing" & "sanctuary," to help us do less and live more. Terry's book, *Sanctuary: Creating places for grace in your life*, offers permission to slow down and to be gentle with ourselves. Most days, you can find Terry out in his garden-on Vashon Island in the Puget Sound - because he believes that there is something fundamentally spiritual about dirt under vor formeral. under your fingernails.

Cost: per person/shared \$250; single \$350; commuter \$160 To register call José at (310) 377-4867 ext 250 or email him at jsalas@maryjoseph.org or register online at www.maryjoseph.org. Please see website for Cancellation Policy.



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# HOMELESS HELP SPRING INTO ACTION!

Support May 29 Homeless Outreach Purchase bulk quantities of the following items.

Support July 31 Homeless Outreach June 11th - 12th - Homeless Kit Drive

Bottle of Shampoo Tube of Toothpaste Toothbrush Lip balm Healthy Snack (non-perishable) DeodorantLotionShaving CreamRazorHand SanitizerBar of SoapSocks, 1 or 2 pairs - athletic or work Very important!

\* \* Hotel and travel sizes WORK <u>BEST</u>! Extra, separate supplies of travel-sized items are very useful. \* \*

Also, please include a personal note to the person experiencing homelessness offering encouragement, hope, blessings, prayers, or good wishes.



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