

**MAY 24, 2015 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**GOSPEL SUMMARY: JOHN 20:19-23**



Some events are so life-changing that we have to keep going back to them in memory to grasp their true meaning. That's how it was with the gospel writers and the resurrection of Jesus. In this reading, John recalls the evening of the first Easter. Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples and gives them his peace. He breathes on them and gives them the breath of the Holy Spirit so that they have the power to forgive sins. As we know from the first reading, the Spirit would be experienced again as fire and a mighty wind at Pentecost. But whatever form the Spirit takes, his gifts are intended to bring unity and peace to the Body of Christ.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GOSPEL:** How would you complete this statement: "To me, peace means...." Describe times when you have experienced peace. When Jesus says "Peace be with you," what do you think he has in mind? Why is the power to forgive sins so important in the Christian community? What examples have you seen in your family or your parish of people sharing the peace of Christ?

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** When have you experienced the Spirits' guidance and inspiration?

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:** Marriage is ideally a parish event today, but in the first three centuries of the church's history, it was a household celebration guided by civil law and pagan customs. Changes happened quickly after the Peace of Constantine in 312, and the fresh air after long persecution brought some creativity. The speech that the father of the groom's family gave before dinner or the veiling or crowning of the bride (or even the spouse's arrival at the honeymoon suite) attracted a prayer of blessing. With amazing rapidity, worship was propelled out of the intimate setting of house churches to large public gathering spaces, and some parts of the marriage ceremony began to migrate with the growing community to the new spaces. In Rome, the veiling of the bride with the customary daily headgear of a married woman became the central liturgical act, accompanied by a biblical prayer for her integrity and fruitfulness. There were no vows as such (just as there are no vows to this day in the Orthodox marriage rite). In the liturgy, after hearing John's Gospel account of the wedding at Cana, the bride was veiled and blessed, and the priest gave the kiss of peace to the husband, who then gave it to his bride. The liturgy of Rome traveled far, and everywhere it went, marriage became a church celebration. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Stewardship	
Week of May 17, 2015	
Envelope Giving	\$1,270.00
Plate Giving	\$1,697.73
Online Giving	\$325.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,292.73</b>
Funds needed to meet operations	\$5,000.00
<b>Overage/Deficit</b>	<b>(\$1,707.27)</b>



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*~May our efforts be blessed and may we grow as a unified and vibrant community of faith. ~*



**THERE'S STILL TIME!!!!**

*Thank You*



The Birthday of the Church:

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday. In years past, Pentecost was celebrated with greater solemnity than it is today. In fact, the entire period between Easter and Pentecost Sunday was known as Pentecost (and it still is called Pentecost in the Eastern churches, both Catholic and Orthodox). During those 50 days, both fasting and kneeling were strictly forbidden, because this period was supposed to give us a foretaste of the life of Heaven. In more recent times, parishes celebrated the approach of Pentecost with the public recitation of the Novena to the Holy Ghost.

While most parishes no longer publicly recite this novena, many individual Catholics do.

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- (Articles should be submitted no later than 12:00PM Tuesday of the same week.)

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**READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



Sat	May 23	Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25	5:00PM	+ Dot & +Lou Torretto
Sun	May 24	Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15	8:30AM	+Genevieve Cramer
Sun	May 24	Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15	11:00AM	For the Parishioners
Sun	May 24	Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15	12:30PM	For the Parishioners
Mon	May 25	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27		NO MASS
Tue	May 26	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-3	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Wed	May 27	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Thur	May 28	Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Fri	May 29	Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26	7:30AM	For the Parishioners

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- BIBLE STUDIES:** Bible Studies with Dcn. John will not be meeting from **May 20 through July 22**. They will resume on **July 29**.
- G.O.L.F.:** The last GOLF meeting will be held Sun **May 24** at 9:30AM in Keenan Hall.
- HISPANIC GROUP BREAKFAST:** The Hispanic Group will be serving breakfast/lunch on Sun, **May 24th** after all Masses. Come and enjoy the delicious food and fellowship.
- PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office will be closed Monday **May 25th** in observance of Memorial Day.

**K1 Speed Indoor Go Carts**

**May 30, 2015, 6:00-9:00 PM**



**ST. PIUS X JAMUL ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

**Sunday, May 31, 2015 12:30pm**

The Picnic will take place immediately following the **11:00AM Bi-Lingual Installation Mass for Father Garcia, to be Presided by Bishop Robert W. McElroy**. The Picnic will take place at **Tom & Theresa Mascarenas' Seven Spanish Angels Ranch, located at 3916 Beaver Hollow Lane, Jamul CA 91935**

Knights of Columbus will provide fried chicken, water, soda and paper goods. We ask that you please help with the following: (dishes to serve 12 people) if your last name starts with:

- A - C:** Dessert
- D - K:** Fruit Salad/Platter or Appetizer
- L - O:** Salad or Veggie Tray
- P - Z:** Main Dish, Ham or Sandwich Platter

**GAMES FOR KIDS & ADULTS, INCLUDING PRIZES!!!**

For more information or questions, contact Kim Perry at (619) 778-1914 or Caroline Hendrickson at (619) 972-0224 or at [www.stpiusxjamul.com](http://www.stpiusxjamul.com)

*You owe it to all of us to get on with what you're good at —W.H. Auden*

*Congratulations!*

*Harrison Joseph Shields*

*Cleansed in life-giving waters we become the family of God. Congratulations and best wishes on this your Baptismal Day*

*Sun, May 24, 2015*

**Congratulations and Prayers**

**For all the First Communicants!!**

*Christ is the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation, helping you to always live as a child of God.*

- Diego Valdez*
- Ezra Ramirez*
- Serena Ingram*
- Mayrin Rodriguez*
- Jose Luis Hernandez*
- Victor Arias*



**Dear Parishioners,**

*Olivia Kurupas and her family would like to thank all those who brought the family comfort and compassion during their time of grief over the loss of Jim Kurupas. They would also like to express their gratitude and peace for all the Mass Cards received.*

*Gratefully,  
Kurupas Family*

