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SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

YEAR B

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass

MONDAY

No Mass and Office closed.

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass
Novena to St. Padre Pio
9:30am Sacrament of Penance
5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

BAPTISMS

11:30am 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Sundays. Please contact the
Parish Office. Presentation and
Baptism Information mornings
are held every 4th Sunday.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

8:00pm – 9:00am Saturday Mass
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

CHILDREN'S YOUTH GROUP

For children: Year 1 to Year 8.
Every 1st & 3rd Saturday
4.30pm-5.30pm in school hall

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

9:30am – 11:30am 0-6 years
Bethany Catholic Primary School
Hall. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

Pentecost Sunday marks the end and the goal of the Easter Season, the day on which the Church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and Our Blessed Mother in the Upper Room.

After the Paschal mystery - the Passion and Death of our Lord, His Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, it all culminates with the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father, as Christ Himself had promised us. He knew that the Holy Spirit could not come until He returned to be seated at the right hand of the Father (John 16:7). Our Lord knew that we would need the Holy Spirit to continue His mission.

There are many titles for the Holy Spirit, such as the **Paraclete, Advocate, the Consoler, and the Spirit of Truth.**

On Pentecost, the Catholic Church also celebrates its birthday. This is because it was after the Apostles received the power and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that they were empowered to go and preach Christ's message to everyone to the "ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is sent to "announce, bear witness, make present and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity" (CCC 738).

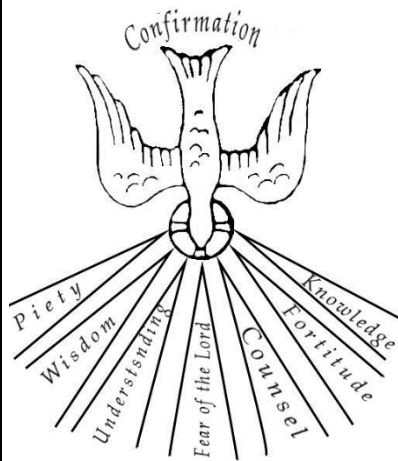
Pentecost is also the day when the Church's sacraments are inaugurated, especially the sacrament of Baptism. Christ pours out the Spirit "among His members to nourish, heal, and organise them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness and associate them to His self-offering to the Father and to His intercession for the whole world (CCC 739)."

Let us be continuously led and guided by the Holy Spirit in our lives and frequently invoke the Holy Spirit in prayer throughout the day for in the words of St. Ephrem the Syrian, "Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises man to heaven."

May God bless you,
Fr. Mathew CRS.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Author: Rev. William G. Most



We turn now to the Seven Gifts of the sanctifying category. They are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord.

They each perfect certain basic virtues. Four of them perfect the intellectual virtues. Understanding gives an intuitive penetration into truth. Wisdom perfects charity, in order to judge divine things. Knowledge perfects the virtue of hope. The gift of counsel perfects prudence.

The other three gifts perfect virtues of the will and appetites. The gift of piety perfects justice in giving to others that which is their due. This is especially true of giving God what is His due. Fortitude perfects the virtue of fortitude, in facing dangers. Fear of the Lord perfects temperance in controlling disordered appetites.

To illustrate the difference between things done with the Gifts and those done with the ordinary virtues, we will take up the gift of counsel.

There are three kinds of guides a person may follow in making his decisions:

1) The whim of the moment. Aristotle in his Ethics 1.5 says that to act that way is a life fit for cattle, who do just what they happen to feel like doing.

2) Reason, which in practice is always aided by actual graces, which God gives so generously. For example suppose I see three options open to me, all of which are moral. Ideally I would make at least mentally a list of the good points and of the bad points of each. Then I would look over the whole board and pick what gives the best effect for me. Or if I come to think I need penance for my sins, I would ask: How much have I sinned, so I can know how much penance? what kind of penance will fit with my health? with the obligations of my state in life? And after several steps, a decision is reached. This method is called

discursive, since it moves from one step to another.

3) In the third and highest way a soul does not go from one step to another, in a discursive process, but the answer is, as it were, dropped fully made and complete into his mind by the Gifts. This was the case of Our Lady, for example at the annunciation. If she had been operating in the ordinary mode, she might well have reasoned: Now my people have been waiting for centuries for the Messiah (as soon as Gabriel said He would reign over the house of Jacob forever, even any ordinary Jew would have known that He was the messiah). Now he is here. I should share this news with others, especially the authorities in Jerusalem. And what about my husband Joseph? In a short time he will not be able to avoid dark thoughts. But the Gospel shows she did none of these things. God needed to send a special angel to tell Joseph. So the Gifts can lead souls to points not contrary to reason, but far more lofty than what reason would suggest.

Cf. the following from St. John of the Cross: (Ascent 3.2.10; cf. Living Flame 1.4; 1.9 and 2.34): "God alone moves the powers of these souls . . . to those deeds which are suitable, according to the will and plan of God, and they cannot be moved to others. . . . Such were the actions of the most glorious Virgin, our Lady, who, being elevated from the beginning [of her life] to this lofty state, had never the form of any creature impressed on her, nor was moved by such, but was always moved by the Holy Spirit."

But there is a danger: a soul could mistake its own desires for action of the Gifts, since the reasons are not clear to it. Two points must be kept in mind: 1) The full and apparent action of these gifts does not appear until one is well advanced in the spiritual life (hidden assistance by them can come earlier). 2) Ordinarily an inspiration via the Gifts leaves the soul not fully certain--a signal to consult a director or superior. Uncommonly they will give certitude, but only when a decision must be made on the spot, and there is no time to consult.

When a soul acts with usual actual graces God is the most important actor, yet the faculties of the human do churn out the result--hence it is easy to suppose the work is done basically by that soul. But under the action of the Gifts, the soul is more passive, and its own faculties contribute even less.

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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

THIS SUNDAY: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 2pm. May the Holy Spirit continue to be their guide as He fills them with His Sevenfold Gifts.

Sunday 19 May: PENTECOST SUNDAY, Yr. B

Monday 20 May: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

Tuesday 21 May: Sts. Christopher Magallanes & Companions, *Martyrs*

Wednesday 22 May: St. Rita of Cascia

Friday 24 May: OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (*Solemnity, National Patronal Feast*)

Saturday 25 May: St. Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi.

BIRTHDAY OF ST PADRE PIO

When: Saturday 25 May.

9:00am: Mass, Novena to St. Padre Pio, Blessing with Relic of St. Padre Pio, Cake cutting & morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

NEXT SUNDAY is THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Year B

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40. Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Rom 8:14-17. Mt 28:16-20.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Would you come and spend an hour with Jesus?

When: Friday, 07 June.

8:00pm: All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins

3:00am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am: Adoration concludes on Saturday with 9am Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio. We encourage all parishioners to add their name to the sign-up sheet on the Welcome table.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 21 May

Place: Mel Gaudoin

Date: Tuesday 28 May

Place: Mel & Eric Ruiz

ROSARY IN MAY

The Month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. You are most welcome to join in praying the beautiful prayer of the Rosary during the month of May, led by the parish's Legion of Mary group.

When: Each Saturday, starting at 8:30am before 9am Mass & Sunday starting at 9:30am before 10am Mass.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16years+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Catechesis Class: 24 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided. It is recommended that all sponsors attend. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on:** 27 August, 7:30pm at the Cathedral.

GOOD SAMARITAN BISHOP'S APPEAL: 08 & 09 June

LEGION OF MARY meeting every Thursday, 5.30pm in the meeting room.

MASSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Grazia Fiorentino, Alfia Russo, Eduardo Filomeno Vaz, Les, Fr Ivanhoe Allies, Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Prayers for the Sick: Mario Cauchi, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, Bernadette Tecson, Ernesto Modelo, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella.

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass offered.

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTERS WEEK FOUR - FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 25/26 MAY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana Tracy Amituanai	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech Brady Fisher	Chris Hersey
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. help needed	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC			Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Jonielyn Yuzon
BAPTISM			None
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Rebekah Gomesz, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Johan.		

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