



Seventh Sunday of Easter

21 May 2023

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Welcome!

Are you seeking...
to belong to a community of faith
to provide you with something deeper?
A place to be oneself, warts and all?
A place to taste diversity?
A place to weep? A place to sing?
A place to weep while singing?
A place to feel the depth of life?
A place to know God?
We now welcome you home. Christ's peace be with you!



*They devoted themselves with
one accord to prayer,
with some women,
and Mary, mother of Jesus,
and his brothers.*

Acts 1:14

Celebrating Life and Love...

Happy Birthday to: Anthony T. 05/22, Lorraine W. 05/22,
George R. 05/27, Bro, Walt 06/04, Pat P. 06/09, David S. 06/18.

Happy Anniversary to: Bp. Steven 05/27 (*priesthood*), Iris and
Elizabeth 06/06, Drew and Saida 06/18, Lee and Corey 6/25

**In This House
We Love***

***without the fine print**

When We Gather Next...
Solemnity of Pentecost
Sunday, 28 May 2023, 10:30am



Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Presider: **Bp. Steven**

Homilist: **Bp. Steven**

Greeters: **Brian and Debbie R.**

Welcome: **Michael H.**

Acolyte: **David B.**

Intercessions: **Dcn. Daniel**

Lectors: (1) **Bro. Walt B.** (2) **Wayne C.**

Ministers of the Cup: **Dcn. Daniel, Mthr. Sharon and David B.**

Anniversary Luncheon Hosts: **Parishioner Last Names E-L**

Thank YOU for your faithful and loving service at the altar of the Lord in community. You bless us!

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

*“Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions.
Pray constantly and attentively for all God’s holy people.” (Ephesians 6:18)*

✠ For the children massacred by gun violence • For our Old Catholic Communion, as we prepare for Holy Synod in June • Rosalia M. for healing and safety • Karen E. hip surgery healing • Pam C., cancer therapies • Jimi W., heart implant healing • Ken S., cancer therapies • Br. Tom W., healing • Lucy, Diane P.’s mother, for peace and well-being. • For who struggle with mental health in our community and families • For those deeply impacted by winter weather • For vocations to ministry and consecrated life among us. ✠ All victims of war. ✠ For our deceased clergy and parishioners.

The Road Ahead Together...

TWELVE STEP MEETINGS at Holy Spirit:

- Sex/Love Anonymous, Thursdays, 12PM, conference room.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Thursdays, 7PM, social hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Wednesday, May 24th, 7pm, conference room

CHOIR PRACTICE

- Thursday evenings, 7-8:30pm, chapel

PARISH FEAST DAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY!

- Sunday, May 28th *Be sure to wear your “red” clothing this day in honor of the feast. Following the Liturgy we will bless and dedicate our new interment “Garden of Remembrance.” A special Anniversary Luncheon follows the Blessing.*

MEMORIAL DAY

- Monday, May 29th, Pray for our nation’s war dead.

SHARING SUNDAY

- Sunday, June 4th Feast of the Holy Trinity
- To benenfit FEAST Food Pantry, Palm Harbor, to help with their summertime needs: Canned, boxed and or shelf-stable foods are most welcomed.
- Also, we will celebrate this day the **Sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage** for Drew D. and Saida G.

HOLY SYNOD for our Old Catholic Communion (OCC)

- Monday-Wednesday, June 12th-14th, Franciscan Center, Tampa

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Wednesday, June 21st, 7pm, conference room

“SOUTH OF THE BORDER” POTLUCK

- Sunday, June 25th, following our Sunday Liturgy.

This Morning's Sacred Liturgy

Today's Intention: *For Our Parishioners and Benefactors*

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| Prelude: Holy Ground | Choir |
| Welcome and Announcements | Steve M. |
| Gathering Song: Glory and Praise to Our God | GC2 537 |
| Introductory Rite and Kyrie Litany | Fr. Jacques/Dcn. Daniel |
| Gloria: Mass of Creation | GC2 138 |
| Opening Prayer | Fr. Jacques |
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| Reading I: <i>Acts 1:12-14</i> | Wayne C. |
| Psalm Response: Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light | GC2 29 |
| Reading II: <i>1 Peter 3:15-18</i> | Sr. Linda |
| Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Give the Glory | GC2 733, vs. 1 |
| Holy Gospel: <i>John 17:1-11a</i> | Dcn. Daniel |
| Homily | Fr. Jacques |
| Profession of Faith: Alternative Creed , <i>inside back cover of hymnal</i> | |
| Intercessions: ☩ Spirit of life, dwell with us! | Dcn. Daniel |
| Kiss of Peace | |
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| Preparation of the Gifts: Holy God, We Praise | GC2 519 |
| Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Creation | GC2 146-149 |
| Lord's Prayer: Our Father | GC2 15 |
| Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Creation | GC2 152 |
| Invitation to Holy Communion | Dcn. Daniel |
| | <i>Cup Ministers: Dcn. Daniel, David B. & Joanne D.</i> |
| Communion Procession: Song of the Body of Christ | GC2 807 |
| Song of Praise: Behold the Lamb | GC2 824 |
| Prayer after Communion | Fr. Jacques |
| Blessing and Sending | |
| Sending Song: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You | GC2 520 |

Coffee Social Hosts:

Parishioners' Last Names A-D

Pastoral Perpendiculars

to perpendicular, verb. *"to weigh carefully in the mind."*

Good morning, dearest Community and Friends!

Good news! Work on our proposed interment **"Garden of Remembrance"** is scheduled to start and be completed this week, just in time for us to bless and dedicate on our parish feast day of Pentecost. Be sure to speak with any of the Parish Councilors or myself about your interest (and future use, of course) of the Garden. We are all happy to help you.

On Sunday, June 4th, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, we open our doors and hearts to a beautiful couple, Drew and Saida, to celebrate Drew's **Confirmation and their Sacrament of Marriage** together. They came to us after experiencing spiritual abuse at an area Roman Catholic Church at the hands of its RCIA director who zealously felt that he was more Catholic and worthy than the bishop of Rome. So we rejoice that this couple has found their way to Holy Spirit and our welcoming, loving hearts. Please, be sure to welcome them among us.

Our Communion's **Holy Synod** is just around the corner (June 12-14, 2023) and you are all truly welcomed to come and join us for all of it or any part of it as we celebrate being church together with two other dioceses. This bi-annual event is being held this year in our backyard at the Franciscan Center in Tampa. Be sure to check the Diocesan Facebook group page or the Communion's website for detailed information and the registration form. Hope you can join us and meet some other great people like you.

Next Sunday, the Solemnity of Pentecost, we are privileged as a community of faith to celebrate our 20th birthday anniversary as a parish. That's no small feat particularly given the number of churches that close every year for all kinds of reasons! Each of us

found our way to this community of Holy Spirit for all kinds of reasons, all of which I believe are part of the hand of God in our lives. It's hard to believe that we are celebrating twenty years as it has passed so quickly despite the many challenges and sometimes trouble we were faced with over these years.

3,850 to 7,700 houses of worship close per year in the United States, or 75 to 150 congregations per week! It also projected those numbers will double or triple in the fallout of the pandemic and the accompanying shift in our culture. The biggest reason for church closings is a decline in church membership. A recent poll from Gallup found that fewer than half (47%) of Americans say they belong to a church, synagogue or mosque, down from more than 70% in 2000.

We all know how hard it is to be church. Many of us have our little private relationship with God but don't give much personal attention to being community. Can we fend off the pressures of our post-pandemic culture all by ourselves and care enough about each other to produce the other-centered atmosphere "church" implies? Or does it take the presence of the Holy Spirit to draw us out of self and into loving concern for all of God's daughters and sons?

However we answer these questions, waiting until we are church enough or working to make church happen, our role is clear. Our role is to become Spirit-inspired Christians. We have one law: "Love one another as I have loved you." If we do this, we will know the Holy Spirit is in our midst. We will empower each other to feel Her presence. If we choose to do this, we will surely celebrate our 25th, 40th and 50th anniversaries as a parish rather than become another sad statistic. **Remember: you will *never* look into the eyes of someone God does not love!**

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your people!

In Preparation for Pentecost

A novena is nine days of concentrated prayer. The nine days recall the nine days of prayer observed in the upper room by Mary, the apostles, and other disciples of Jesus between the ascension of Jesus to heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit,
replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation.
Replace the turbulence within us with a sacred calm.
Replace the anxiety with us with a quiet confidence.
Replace the fear within us with a strong faith.
Replace the bitterness with us with the sweetness of grace.
Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light.
Replace the coldness with us with a loving warmth.
Replace the night within us with your light.

Straighten our crookedness.
Dull the edge of our pride.
Sharpen the edge of our humility.
Light the fires of our love.
Quench the flames of our lust.
Let us see ourselves as You see us.
Come, Holy Spirit!



sermon notes:

Who is
Speaking?

Where in
the Bible?

Book: _____
Chapter: _____
Verse: _____

I learned:

Who is
the passage
talking about?

I didn't
understand:

What
happened?

Words
I don't know

my
favorite
song was:

here
you
draw
something:

Date: _____

