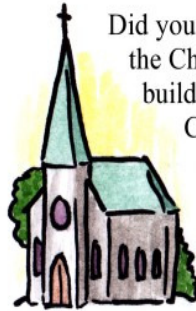


Happy Birthday, Church!



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.

The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

-  **WISDOM**
To value the things of God
-  **UNDERSTANDING**
To grasp faith's mysteries
-  **COUNSEL**
To make wise decisions
-  **FORTITUDE**
To strengthen your will
-  **KNOWLEDGE**
To enlighten your mind
-  **PIETY**
To love and serve God
-  **FEAR OF THE LORD**
To respect God's majesty

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23



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THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - 19TH MAY 2024 - YEAR B



Born of the Spirit.

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai.

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised. The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a mighty wind sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as a strong, driving wind to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles. Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle.

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity, fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading

Gal.5:16-25

Gospel

Jn.15:26-27

16:12-15

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



MONDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
Monchy: 6:00 p.m.



FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p.m.



SUNDAY

G/Islet/G.Riviere
7:30 a.m.



Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

Variable



CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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PENTECOST: THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY.

by Rev. Lawrence Rice, CSP

Each year the Church celebrates fifty days of Easter, culminating at the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the occasion of God's sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after His resurrection.

Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost, having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus. They now had the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was, and what He had accomplished by His dying and rising.

Because Pentecost brought the disciples this clarity of mission, it is regarded as the founding feast of the Christian Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus are tentative and disorganized. After Pentecost, they are a people with a mission, who perceive themselves as spiritually and sacramentally connected to the risen Christ. You can read the story of the Church's first days in the Acts of the Apostles.

Today, celebrations of Pentecost still center on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the power of those gifts to both draw people together, and to send them forth to spread the word.

Of course, one of the remarkable elements of the story of the first Pentecost was the miracle of understanding, in which everyone in the diverse crowd in Jerusalem hears the disciples speaking in the listeners' own language. This unique event is sometimes commemorated at masses for Pentecost Sunday by having people read sections of the story in a variety of different languages represented in the congregation. It is a reminder that we have inherited the mission of those first disciples.

(excerpt: foryourmarriage.org)

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, listed in Isaiah 11:2-3, are: *Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.*

They are present in their fullness in Jesus Christ but are found in all Christians who are in a state of grace. We receive them when infused with sanctifying grace - the life of God within us - for example, when we receive a sacrament worthily. We first receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism; these gifts are strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is one of the reasons why the Church properly views Confirmation as the completion of Baptism. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para.1831) notes, "*They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.*" Infused with His gifts, we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as if by instinct, the way Christ Himself would.

(excerpt: learnreligions.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Teresa Huntley
Marie Joseph

DECEASED

Anne Charles
Brian Aurelien
Steje Alexander
Shirley Jn. Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Gn.3:9-15,20
Jn.19:25-34



TUESDAY

1Kgs.17:7-16
Mt.5:13-16



WEDNESDAY

1Kgs.18:20-39
Mt.5:17-19



THURSDAY

1Kgs.18:41-46
Mt.5:20-26



FRIDAY

1Kgs.19:9,11-16
Mt.5:27-32



SATURDAY

Acts.11:21-26;13:1-3
Mt.10:7-13

MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS



THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - YEAR B

Sat May 18 - 6:00 p.m.



B'day: Lorraine Williams
Thks: The Destang family
Ronald & Derek Glace
Disciple Voices Choir for 21st Anniv.

Sun May 19- 7:30 a.m.
The Solemnity of Pentecost

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

64th Ann: 1960 F/Comm Group
B'day: Prudentia Raymond
Theresa Frederick

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

B'day: Elsa Alfred

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Guid & Protec:
Andre, Ross & Melanie Downes

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon May 20 - 7:00 a.m.
Mary, Mother of the Church

Fr. Paul Vu

B'day: Curtis John, Zilta Leslie
Thks: Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis

Tues May 21- 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Albert Smith
Sr. Frances Nosbisch

Dc'd: Joyce Auguste

Wed May 22 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

B'day: Alison Lewis
B'day: Lenita Auguste, Gloria Graham
Wedd Ann:
Christiana & Brian Thornhill

12:30 p.m.

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu May 23 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Dc'd: Winston Springer

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Irene & Joseph Destang

Fri May 24 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Girard Glace
Fr. Vincent Arulanandam

Thks: Bernitha Clery
Holy Spirit: Cornelius Michaud

12:30 p.m.

Thks: The Hyacinth family
Gloria Graham, Noah Khan

Sat May 26 - 6:30 a.m.
Mass at the Shrine

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephania Banda

Dc'd: Mary Erica Popo