

# PENTECOST



Today is the second biggest feast in the Church year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptize thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told His followers the He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went up into Heaven.



We all need the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything by ourselves. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good. Did you know that we wouldn't even pray if the Holy Spirit didn't inspire us to?



*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever! Amen.*

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## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

### THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS—

<b>LOVE</b> I will put others first.	<b>JOY</b> I will be okay with what I have.	<b>PEACE</b> I won't be afraid because I trust in God.
<b>PATIENCE</b> I will wait without complaining.	<b>KINDNESS</b> I will be nice to everyone.	<b>GOODNESS</b> I will do what is right.
<b>FAITHFULNESS</b> I will not quit.	<b>GENTLENESS</b> I will care for others when they mess up.	<b>SELF-CONTROL</b> I will think before I act.
<b>GALATIANS 5:22,23</b>		

The fruit of the Spirit shows Jesus in me!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- The Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Thursday June 11 at the Gros Islet Church at 3:00 p.m. There will be no procession through the town.

### Tips for Wearing Your Mask

- Don't leave your chin exposed.
- Don't wear the mask below your nose, or so it just covers the tip of your nose.
- Don't wear your mask loosely with gaps on the sides.
- Don't push your mask under your chin to rest on your neck.



Do wear your mask so it comes all the way up to the bridge of your nose, and down under your chin. Tighten the loops so it is snug around your face.

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

**B**EATHEN A MIGHTY OAK TREE, SAINT BONIFACE ONCE STOPPED SOME PAGANS FROM THE BLOODY SACRIFICE OF A BOY BY BLOCKING THE DEATH BLOW OF A HAMMER WITH HIS BISHOP'S CROOK THEREBY SPLITTING THE HAMMER IN TWO. HE SMACKED THE TRUNK OF THEIR RITUALISTIC OAK, AND AT ONCE A POWERFUL WIND AROSE, RIPPING THE TREE FROM THE GROUND, SMASHING IT TO PIECES.

BONIFACE THEN TOLD THE PEOPLE OF JESUS CHRIST, MANKIND'S SAVIOR WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF SO OTHERS MAY LIVE FOREVER!

A NEARBY FIR TREE WAS TO BE A SYMBOL OF CHRIST.



# VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

## SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - 31ST MAY 2020 - YEAR A

### Born of the Spirit.

**T**he 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 the 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, as we sing in the Psalm. 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 the 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)

*St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy*

### CONFESIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
6.00 - 6.45 p.m.  
&  
by appointment

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**First Reading**  
Acts 2:1-11

**Second Reading**  
1Cor.12:3-7, 12-13  
**Gospel**  
Jn.20:19-23

### MASS TIMES

#### GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.m.



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



TUESDAY  
6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY  
12:30 & 6:00 p.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./7:00 p.m.



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



Gros Islet/Monchy  
10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY  
7:00 a.m.

## 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](http://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](http://learnreligions.com))

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### THE SICK

Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Priscillia Henry  
Luvina Joseph  
Mary Sonson  
Nellie Hall

#### DECEASED

Marie M. Lake  
Veronica Monroe  
Diana Charles  
Joseph Jameson

### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### **MONDAY**

2Pet.1:2-7  
Mk.12:1-12



#### **TUESDAY**

2Pet.3:11-15, 17-18  
Mk.12:13-17



#### **WEDNESDAY**

2Tim.1:1-3, 6-12  
Mk.12:18-27



#### **THURSDAY**

2Tim.2:8-15  
Mk.12:28-34



#### **FRIDAY**

2Tim.3:10-17  
Mk.12:35-37



#### **SATURDAY**

2Tim.4:1-8  
Mk.12:38-44



### MASS INTENTIONS



#### GROS ISLET

#### CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

#### INTENTIONS

### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST - YEAR A

**Sat May 30 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sun May 31 - 7:30 a.m.**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.**

**Monchy - 10:00 a.m.**

**THE SEVEN GIFTS  
of the Holy Spirit**



Wisdom  
Understanding  
Counsel (*Right Judgement*)  
Fortitude (*Courage*)  
Knowledge  
Piety (*Reverence*)  
Fear of the Lord (*Wonder & Awe*)

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**Parishioners**

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### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon Jun 01 - 7:00 a.m.**

*Mary Mother of the Church  
St. Justin, Martyr*

Fr. Ignatius Cetoute  
Fr. Cleophas Joseph  
Fr. Celestine Nwakwo

**Dc'd:** Marian Huntley, Bennett Best  
Rose Charmont David, Holy Souls

**Tues Jun 02 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. Philomin Zacharias  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan

**Thks:** Ewa Girard  
**B'day:** Martin Monplaisir  
Maurice Johnson

**Wed Jun 03 - 6:00 a.m.**

*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions  
Martyrs*

Msgr. Michel Francis  
Fr. Athanase Joseph

**Dc'd:** Corinta Prospere, Egbert Jean  
Miss Jessie, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thu Jun 04 - 6:00 a.m.**

Fr. John Wilson  
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

**B'day:** Imani Elliott  
Melissa Charlemagne

**Fri Jun 05 - 6:00 a.m.**

*St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr*

Fr. Joseph Raj  
Sr. Mary Lee Cox  
Sr. Mary Mutwiwa

**Dc'd:** Rochelle Leon

**Sat Jun 06 - 6:30 a.m.**

*Mass at the Church*

Msgr. Patrick Anthony  
Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

**Thks:**  
Danielle Gordon, Armani Modeste