



Saint Joseph's Parish

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Pentecost Sunday Year C | June 8, 2025

LORD, SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

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Matrimony
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I rushed home in tears. Today, I can't remember the exact reason why I left work early. All I know is I didn't want others to see me upset. There was a period in my life when depression and anxiety seemed so powerful that I felt I couldn't handle them.

That incident was a catalyst in reinforcing my resolve to get help and be healthier in mind, body and spirit. When checking to see the severity of my illness, I remember one counsellor asking what stopped me from giving up on life. I told her it was because I was Catholic.

Today's readings help us realize the often-overlooked role of the Holy Spirit. Although I felt hopeless at times. I knew I wasn't alone. Shortly after his resurrection, Jesus sent a powerful advocate who will be with us forever. The Holy Spirit empowers us, as children of God, with the gifts we need to have the strength and courage to take up our cross.

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit who gave the fearful disciples the ability to spread the Good News. We give thanks for God's gift of the Holy Spirit who will guide us in our mission to bravely persevere and live according to God's will.



Holy Trinity
Church
Mission
Saik'uz



"The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia."

Wisdom 1.7

Christl Dabu St. Joseph's Missal pg. 423



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Celebrating the spirit that works for unity. Today is the great celebration of the messy, Spirit-filled birth of the church. And like all things from God, the infant church was small but mighty, imbued with unlimited power for all who embraced the gift and the challenge. There were no barriers to those eager to hear the message or use their various unique gifts. Now, as then, what appears to be “messy”—whether different languages, gifts, qualities, ideas etc.—works together for the building up of the church and the spread of the Gospel. **Homework:** The gift of the Holy Spirit is first given to us at baptism, then renewed and strengthened at Confirmation, and nourished with every Eucharist we celebrate. The gift of the Spirit shows itself in the 7 traditional gifts of Wisdom, Courage, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Piety, Awe of the Lord. These gifts help us to work in the ‘messy’ church to bring unity. Begin each day this week by praying for one of the traditional gifts to help you and watch for things to happen. **Feast of Pentecost:** To understand the event of Pentecost, we first need to look at the story of the Tower of Babel. There in chapter 11 of the Book of Genesis we read how the people had decided to build a tower into the heavens to demonstrate how great they had become. God was aware that if the humans completed this task then they would think ‘they’ (and not God) could do anything. To protect them from this pride, the sin also of Adam and Eve, God decided to send confusion among the people in the form of people having different languages so that they would not understand one another and therefore not be able to build the Tower. That story symbolizes the end result of broken relationships all caused by the original sin of Adam and Eve. From here on, the Scriptures would record how God works to restore that original unity beginning with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, then Moses, then David, and then all the prophets, and finally Jesus, God Himself. The story of Pentecost is the story of the Holy Spirit, really the Spirit of the one God, working to bring unity and understanding (that everyone understood the apostles, each in ‘their own language’, was the unifying work of the Spirit). The church was small, and would be ‘GREAT’ only to the extent that it would listen to God’s Spirit. These stories from our faith teach us the foundational work of the church: to praise God and God alone, and to bring forgiveness of sins which are the cause of the breakdown of relationships.

From the prayers of the church for Pentecost: “This same Spirit....brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith”.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: go out to Claire McLeod and Jack Young, baptised today.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025(thought): Profession of Faith: “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved,” (Romans 10:9-10). This passage from St. Paul emphasizes how proclaiming the mystery of faith requires a deep conversion not only in one’s words, but above all in one’s understanding of God, of oneself and of the world. “To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst, we believe” (CCC 197). Our pilgrim year offers us time to confirm our faith in the Creed.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025(action): pray the Creed every day this week.

ProLife BABY BOTTLE Fundraiser: from Mother’s Day to Father’s day; return bottles by June 15.

Transformed lives, transforming community: mission statement for evangelization;

Intimate encounter with God through an open heart: mission statement for prayer;

PARISH ACTIVITIES- June 8- BAPTISMS & Pentecost Brunch

PARISH ACTIVITIES- June 15-CONFIRMATION and Holy Trinity Father’s day Breakfast

PARISH ACTIVITIES- June 15-return baby bottles for ProLife fundraiser

PARISH ACTIVITIES- June 22- FIRST COMMUNION and Corpus Christi

Diocesan ACTIVITIES HOLY FAMILY CAMP: June 28-July 01

Diocesan ACTIVITIES CANA FAMILY CAMP: August 04-08

QUIET PARISH HEROS : Those who attend to maintenance

Name: _____

Date: _____

Pentecost Sunday

N R F C U L S A W Q B R H E T V Z
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P Y O W Y Z A L S E U G N O T G R

Jesus	acts	power	fifty	apostles
speak	wind	spirit	language	house
sound	tongues	hear	Holy	fire
filled	Day	Heaven	Pentecost	

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



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Patrick Irving, Sterling Ketlo, Halli & Hunter Krawczyk,, George LaBrash,
Jennifer Lock,
Shirley Moon, Della Morin, Eunice Nash,

Virginia Power,
Dorothy Ranck,
Ian Scott, Madeline Scott,
Vanessa Stewart,
Mike Van Dusen,
and for all who are in need of God's healing grace.