



[Jesus] said to them again,  
“Peace be with you. As  
the Father has sent me,  
so I send you.”

JOHN 20:21

## Spirited Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger, much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward?

Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To “live in the flesh” is Paul's code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not “fall back into fear,” something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh. ●

### Reflect

***What situations or “triggers” cause me to act out of my baser instincts?***

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Pentecost Sunday of Easter (C) June 8, 2025

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts with each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions  
For the week of June 9, 2025**

Mon.	June	09	6:30 PM	SJ	NO MASS
Tues.	June	10	7:00 AM	SJ	Connie Russell
Wed.	June	11	5:30 PM	SA	Cathy Weaver †
Thurs.	June	12	5:30 PM	SB	James Pandorf
Fri.	June	13	7:00 AM	SJ	Aaron Allison
Sun.	June	15	8:00 AM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	June	15	9:30 AM	SA	Juanita Kramer †
Sun.	June	15	11:00AM	SB	Edith Hatton †



Allen Meredith June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Karen Brosius June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Kelsey Wyckoff June 15<sup>th</sup>

*Happy Anniversary*

Mr. & Mrs. Rex Walz June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. & Mrs. Kaman Dailey June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Welch June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Layher June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. & Mrs. David Pandorf June 15<sup>th</sup>

## Ministry Schedule

<b>Date:</b> June 15	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>St Boniface</b>	<b>St John's</b>
<b>Time</b>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Conrad & Aleta P.	Steve & Kristen B.	Jim & Kennetha A.
<b>Lector</b>	Katie W.	Bartley B.	Tara B.
<b>Server</b>		Quinton B. & Charli P.	Leo W. & Tate B.
<b>EMHC</b>	Conrad & Aleta P.	Mike P. & Rod B.	Jason & Jenny J.
<b>Communion to shut ins or Music</b>		Mike P.	<b>Music:</b> Kelsey A.

### **St. Agnes**

*Our Gifts to God & Church*

**May 25, 2025**

Total Collection:

**\$970.98**

**Diocesan Appeal**

Dollar Goal = \$2380 of \$4014

Donor Goal: 5 of 16

Thrift Store

Open June 13 9AM to 4PM

**PENTECOST BRUNCH JUNE 8**

**FOLLOWING MASS**

### **St. Boniface**

*Our Gifts to God & Church*

**May 25, 2025**

Total Collection:

**\$1535.00**

**Diocesan Appeal**

Donation Goal MET!

**STEWARDSHIP GROUP #1**

**IS HOSTING A POTLUCK AFTER**

**MASS JUNE 8 FOR FEAST OF ST.**

**BONIFACE AND OUR DADS.**

### **St. John's**

*Our Gifts to God & Church*

**May 25, 2025**

Total Collection:

**\$419.00**

**Diocesan Appeal**

Donation Goal MET!

### **Quote for Today**

**Saint William of York (d. 1154)**

“How can we move on with our lives  
and not waste time thinking about  
our hurts? We can turn to Jesus to  
free us from things that block us from  
living our life to the fullest.”

**Be who you were created to be,  
and you will set the world on fire.**

– St. Catherine of Siena





# Dear Padre,

*My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?*

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder, albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God's grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 9 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34	June 10 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16	June 11 <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:17-19	June 12 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26	June 13 <i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 5:27-32	June 14 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 5:14-21 Mt 5:33-37	June 15 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Prv 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The Holy Spirit...makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.... We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith...! [The Holy Spirit]...brings...the faith up to date: this is his job. [He] does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022