



**Veni Sante Spiritus – Tongues of Fire – I Send You!**

**Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**May 31, 2020 - Pentecost Sunday**

**Acts 2:1-11 & John 20:19-23 with 1 Corinthians 12:3-13**

We're different. We're not the same. This is what follows if we have spent two and a half months reflecting on the past with a view to discerning what tomorrow will mean for us? Are we feeling the Holy Spirit as Jesus breathes, as fiery tongues come?

It is happening to the extent we are confused. The old questions received their answers before Jesus. Jesus revealed new answers to the old questions. The Holy Spirit speaks with zeal and enthusiasm coming as tongues of fire to send the chosen.

We are celebrating our Birthday as the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church. It was conceived with the Resurrection and now born on Pentecost. The old answers – that Jesus would save us and heaven would be open to all – worked before. Not now.

That's done. That answer made it possible for us to be ready to hear the new answer to the old questions. Who is God? What does it mean to be Catholic? What's the purpose of Life? Why is there so much suffering and death? Get the drift?

Before Pentecost, before Confirmation, we were looking to the Messiah to come with the answers. Once we had the answers, we would set up Churches and schools, rectories and convents. People would join our Church and be saved.

Pentecost is a "game changer". Mary birthed the Son of God in the flesh that she was asked to name – Jesus. He would kill no one and forgive all except those who will not forgive. Now Mary births the Sons and Daughters of Christ to do what Jesus did.

We now are the answer to the age-old questions. Who is God? We are His ambassadors. What does it mean to be Catholic? We are chosen to be sent. What's the purpose of Life? We have seven-fold gifts to heal the wounds of the seven sins. Why is there suffering and death? We are wounded healers to renew the face of the earth.

Everything we think and say and do because we are following Christ we are now to share. We are given "tongues of fire" to speak with zeal. Renew the earth. Gather to go. See the needs out there! Respond and be free. God almighty, let all be free at last!

**We're Back!!**

Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church, so it is appropriate that today we resume public celebration of the Eucharist here at Marygrove. In approving the resumption of public Masses, Archbishop Vigneron stressed the importance of safety for all the faithful. We thank the Archdiocese for providing guidelines to assist us as we celebrate together, and we thank the wonderful staff here at Marygrove for going above and beyond to ensure a safe environment. The church, restrooms, and all other surfaces likely to be touched have been sanitized, and will be again following Mass. Hand sanitizer is available in the front and rear of the church, although we continue to encourage you to bring your own. The blue tape is in place to assist in maintaining safe social distancing. You must wear your mask at all times, except when receiving communion; Father will provide instructions for the safe reception of the Eucharist. There will be no coffee and donuts after Mass. The lounge is closed. When leaving, please exit directly to your cars. We ask for your patience as we attempt to ensure the safety and health of all who join us at Eucharist.

We understand that, due to health risks, not everyone is able to attend Mass right away. Accordingly, we are providing this Mass live via Zoom. A link is available on our website, [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org). Note that the Zoom experience will also be different, as we will not be able to have the interaction as in past weeks, but we are still glad that you are with us! If you do not have access to the internet, you can benefit by participating in Masses offered on TV. Check your TV listing for Masses offered on **CTND**.

**We Welcome the Holy Spirit!**

Today, we are especially thankful to be able to celebrate with Alexcia R. Starks, daughter of Anita Starks, and Arianna Dove Caderao, daughter of Jay and Mira Jones, as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation - on the feast day of the first Confirmation! We thank Alexcia's sponsor, Aurelia Smith, and Arianna's sponsor, Grace Sagaral. We also thank Fr. John and Jennie Sinatra for their time preparing Alexcia and Arianna for today. We pray for all God's blessings on Alexcia and Arianna as they are "chosen to be sent," and on their mothers who have each agreed to mentor the other's daughter as they advance in faith.

***Our Mission Statement***

Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) we will initiate efforts to reach out and re-connect with those individuals and families who have disconnected from the Church; 3) we will collaborate with other faith communities and organizations within our parish to offer ecumenical events/activities (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, prayer meetings, health fairs); and, 4) we will utilize resources within our parish community to advocate for education and to promote social justice issues.

### A Verse a Day For You to Pray

**Today: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13:** Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**Monday: 2 Peter 1:2-3:** Beloved: May grace and peace be yours in abundance through knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power.

**Tuesday: 2 Peter 3:17-18:** Beloved, since you are forewarned, be on your guard not to be led into the error of the unprincipled and to fall from your own stability. But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

**Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:7:** For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

**Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:15:** Be eager to present yourself as acceptable to God, a workman who causes no disgrace, imparting the word of truth without deviation.

**Friday: 2 Timothy 3:16-17:** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

**Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:1-2:** Beloved: I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

*Note: All verses are taken from the Mass readings for the day.*

### *Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team*

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Aalls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren & Marcella Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Wayne Weamer, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

*Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!*

### *Also, Please Remember in Prayer:*

Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Jesse Feagin, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

### Ministers Schedule

June 7, 2020

**With the resumption of public Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College, new minister processes and schedules are under development.**

### Meetings/Events This Week

Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Lectio Divina via Zoom Video Conference
Saturday	10:00 am	Discernment Mission Team via Zoom Video Conference
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College  
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College

### Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

### Collection Results

**We continue to rely on your support. If you are unable to join us on Sunday at Marygrove, you can send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!**



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**Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church**  
*(Check the bulletin for holy days and special services)*

**Reconciliation: Before Mass or By Appointment**

**Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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