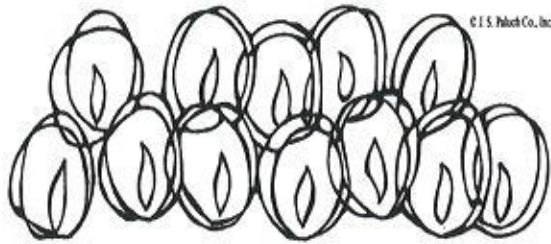


PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 12:4



LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

In today's responsorial psalm the Church sings out: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called covering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul's words reach out into the future to us: "we were all given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (*Acts 2:1-11*).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (*Psalm 104*).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

GOSPEL — *As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15.*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
- Monday:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
- Wednesday:** St. Philip Neri
- Thursday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury
- Saturday:** St. Paul VI; Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

Liturgy: Work of the Spirit

The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation—the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame—hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real. It is the Spirit of God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God's word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit's power that, when Christ's words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us—that is, breathes in us—when, sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Holy Spirit,
who sent Christ Jesus
to carry the Good news to the poor,
we pray to you:
Help us to continue your work
by serving the poor, our brothers and sisters.

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2021, GRADUATES

Our St. Monica Family is proud to list the names of the students who are graduating this Spring. Please send the following information to the church Office. Name of high School, or College (Degree earned), Names of parents or guardians. email: stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF Rev., Mr. Robert J Birch, Jr.
SUNDAY MAY 30, 2021

L. A. Jones Funeral Chapel, 1800 E. Linwood Blvd, KCMO

Visitation: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Funeral Service: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 12:00 Noon
Forest Hill Cemetery, Troost at Gregory
Enternment: NOON

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder, Home Jeanette Hamilton Evans, Carlos Nix, Home, Lavel McCullough, Rosa Birch, Sandra Cloyd, Kevin Brown, Sharon Shackelford-Allen, Home, Earnestine Nard, Home, Earl Greene, Michael Mize, Home Flora Waddell, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Home, Ovell Thomas, Home, Joann James, Home, Dorothy Wyatt, Home, John Johnson, Home, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald and Mable Parson, Home, Ray Myers, Home, J. P. (Josh) Home

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH LAUNCHES SHOE COLLECTION DRIVE

Kansas City< Missouri, St. Monica Catholic church is conducting a shoe drive on May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021, after 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Mass. On June 5th 2021 Conducting. Collection from 9:00 a.m. thru 3:00p.m. during the St. Monica Garage Sale and fundraiser. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes at St. Monica Catholic Church, 1616 Paseo. If you need a special date or time, please call /text Ramonda Doakes@816-457-5538, or rdoakes@gmail.com.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of Micro Enterprise Partners in developing Nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow business in countries such as Haiti, Honduras, and other nations in Central America, and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sale are used to feed, clothe, and house their families. We are excited about our shoe drive. We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient, It's a "win win" for everyone. By donating gently worn used and new shoes to St. Monica Church, the shoes will be give a second chance, and make a difference in people 's lives.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another. Preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the twelve . . . and many others who provided for them out of their resources

The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the Holy Father.

How You Can Help
PRAY / SHARE / Give Generously