

SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS





There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:3-4

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

PENTECOST 2021



For 50 days we have been reflecting in the Liturgy of the Church, and hopefully in our personal lives, and on the glorious Resurrection of Jesus. Despite His many appearances to the disciples, they still hung on to their earthly and limited notions of what this great event implied. Before He Ascended back up to heaven, they asked Him "are you at this time go-

ing to restore the Kingdom of Israel"? (cf. Acts 1:4). They were still thinking about a political or military Kingdom. They needed the special enlightenment and power of the Holy Spirit to understand His Gospel message and to witness to it effectively. That is our story too! We are slow to believe and to witness to our Risen Lord. But Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would lead us into the fullness of truth. (cf. John 16:12).

After His Ascension, the disciples persevered in prayer with Mary awaiting the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send them the Holy Spirit. This time of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost is considered the very first Novena of prayer in the history of the Church. The Pentecost miracle is described vividly by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 1 to 11, which is the first reading of our Mass on Pentecost Sunday. It was no small gift, for the Lord does not ration His giving; it came with an abundance of POWER and COURAGE to change the minds and hearts of the disciples and to enable them to witness boldly and effectively to the Risen Lord.

All of us who have received the gift of the Spirit at Confirmation are called to witness boldly to the message and presence of Jesus in our lives. But we too can become locked into our own limited ideas and doubtful thinking about how the Spirit might work in us and through us. Each Pentecost we can renew our faith in the powerful action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Let us ask our Blessed Mother, who was present encouraging the disciples in prayer at the first Pentecost, to enable us to feel the "strong driving wind" and "tongues of fire" of the Spirit's presence, to renew the gifts of our Confirmation, to live fully our Christian lives and witness boldly to our Risen Lord. We all need to keep on growing in understanding the truth of our faith and in testifying to that truth every day and all through our lives on this earth.

The "BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT" is not just for great leaders or charismatic followers of Jesus. It is for all – each and every one of us - enabling us to speak graciously yet boldly to one another in

our families, in our work places and in our communities of the power of the victory of our Risen Lord. The Holy Spirit leads us on gradually into the fullness of the truth and gives us the ability as St Francis told his friends, to "preach the Gospel at all times, and to use words if necessary"!.

HAPPY PENTECOST! HAPPY BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH!

~Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.



Dear Faithful Catholic,

As you probably are aware, the CDC has announced that facemasks and social distancing are no longer required at indoor events for those who have been fully vaccinated. This is great news! However, in charity we must recall those who cannot be vaccinated or fear the possible transmission of the Covid-19 virus to vulnerable family members. For this reason I am asking each pastor to provide one weekend Mass that keeps the full protocols in place. All remaining weekend Masses will resume without requiring facemasks or social distancing. This change in protocols will begin on this weekend of Pentecost (May 22/23).

As we move forward let us not forget those whose lives were lost, those who were gravely impacted by the Coronavirus, or the vulnerable who walk with us still.

May God bless you abundantly, Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

In keeping with the bishops request our Sunday 12 noon Mass will have the full safety protocols in place. ~Fr. Steve

Confessions Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español)

Weekday Masses Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. inside church

Saturdays

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass inside church

Sundays

6:30 a.m. Mass inside church 8:00 a.m. Mass (Spanish) at

Capilla de Guadalupe

10:00 a.m. Mass inside church

12:00 p.m. Live-stream and opened to the public; full safety protocols in place

inside church

6:00 p.m. Mass inside church

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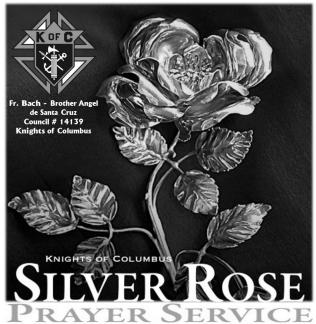
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Friday, June 11th

6 pm Rosary 7 pm Mass 8 pm to 10 pm Adoration & Rosary Saturday, June 12th

8 am Mass & Exposition
9:30 am Pro Life talk in English
11 am Pro Life talk in Spanish
12 noon Mass in Spanish
1 pm Rosary in Spanish
3 pm Devine Mercy Chaplet
3 pm to 5 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Mass English
6:30 pm to 9 pm Adoration & Rosary

Sunday, June 13th

6:30 am Mass English 8 am Mass Spanish 10 am Mass English 12 noon Mass Bilingual

...Silver Rose Departs

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 22nd

8:00am In Honor of Santa Lucia

5:30pm Catherine Darmer/Improved Health

Sunday, May 23rd

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners **8:00am** In Honor of Saint Joseph

10:00am Catherine Darmer/Improved Health12:00pm In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/

Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

6:00pm Vilma Gargano/R.I.P.

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In Honor Saint Joseph Catherine Darmer/Improved Health

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Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger Diocese of Tucson (520) 838-2500

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Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D. In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D. Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Please note COVID protocols: masks required; distancing in pews

Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 5 pm school field (Bilingual) & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil) Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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