

LIVINGTHEWORD

- Pentecost was a Jewish harvest feast which also involved a liturgical celebration of bringing water into the temple and pouring water from the side of the altar. Life-giving water would symbolically flow from Jerusalem and give life to the whole world! Jesus fulfills and replaces this Jewish feast, saying that out of Him will flow life-giving water (Jn 7:37-39). What does this image of Pentecost teach you?
- Pentecost is the reversal of the Old Testament Tower of Babel story (see Gen 11). Humankind's sin and self-importance, building the tower to reach and equal God, resulted in the scattering of people and confusion caused by different languages. The gift of the Spirit at Pentecost unites people and leads people to understand each other and the Christian message in his native language. What does this point to as the true function of the Holy Spirit in the world? In the Church?
- Paul wrote to the Community at Corinth because some people who didn't have the gift of tongues were considered inferior. It was causing division in the community. One gift was not to be stressed over another. Everyone is gifted. What gift do you find easy to share and benefit others with? What gift do you feel you would like to develop more and use for God and the community?
- The Spirit and gifts are connected to the body. Which part of the body do you identify with *your* gifts – eyes, head, heart, hands, mouth, ears? How do you show this in your daily life?
- Jesus is able to pass through locked doors to offer peace and forgiveness. What locked doors are present in your life? Use your imagination in a time of prayer and allow Jesus to meet you on the other side of these locked doors what happened?
- The Spirit sends the disciples / the Church on mission. The Church is, as it were, plugged in to a living power moulding all into the image and consciousness of Christ. Pentecost fills the Church and allows the Church to be the extension of Jesus' ministry in the world. What feelings and thoughts arise in a person when they are 'sent'? Are you conscious of being sent out by the Father to repair the world?
- In the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles the Holy Spirit had a difficult time in getting the disciples out from hiding behind locked doors and praying in the temple and in people's homes. It was only persecution in Jerusalem that eventually caused the light of the Good News of Jesus to be given to all the nations. Welcoming gentiles into the Christian community was a huge obstacle and struggle for Jews who were the first Christians. What are the big obstacles to unity and inclusion in the Church today? How could the Church be more reconciling on the global stage and with those the world excludes?

— Pentecost – *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* —

The Church in Corinth is a young church. Its members don't quite get the message – do we? So, Paul addressed them, warning them to guard against competition and arrogance in living the Christian life. He points out that there is an amazing abundance of gifts, and all are truly wonderful. This abundance speaks also of a sheer *variety* of gifts, all from the same Lord, the one Spirit. They all come from God. These gifts exist to be exercised by the Church in ministry. They are for the good of the Church and the world. The gifts of the Spirit definitely belong to the Church and not to any one member or group of members.

These gifts are open to all and for all in the Church. Still, Paul wants us to be clear – there are many gifts, but one Lord, one Church. These many gifts are not all the same and are not given to all as one complete package. All members have their role and function, and each is needed and valuable. Respect this. We are one Church, with many members, each gifted by the Spirit, but not in the same way.

Pauline theology upholds unity as a key quality of Church. This does not mean sameness. Actually, difference among the members is not only good, but essential. Thus, the theological cry of the Church is – “*Unity in diversity*”. The Church is universal, a rich tapestry, being united by faith in the One Lord, the same God. Though many, we are one. By God's design, the body exists as an organic whole, with different functions or parts.

As Church, we belong together. The Church in Corinth was getting it all wrong, with its members competing to get gifts of the Spirit, so that they, as individuals, could become stronger and more important. This is an abuse of being Church. Rather, Church is about members exercising their received gifts in ministry, thus building up Church and world, acting in service to help their brother and sister in need. Of all the gifts, the highest gift is love. This is Paul at his best.

Paul presents 1 Corinthians 12 as the foundation stone for our being and living as Church. From the days of the early Church, the four key functions of Church have been – worship, service, teaching, community. Being gifted by the Spirit leads us into experiencing life in its fullness. We are made alive by the Spirit of the Risen Christ and, by virtue of this, we are missioned to reveal the Father's love to the world.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus is a time-honoured hymn of the Church to the Holy Spirit. It was sung by the Cardinals at the recent Conclave. Let its word sink into our hearts, while we sing it today, as the Sequence to the Gospel.

— *John P Murray osa*



CALENDAR

MONDAY

June 9
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20
or Acts 1:12-14
Jn 19:25-34

TUESDAY

June 10
Weekday
2 Cor 1:18-22
Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY

June 11
St. Barnabas, Apostle
Acts 11:21b-26;
13:1-3

Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

June 12
Weekday
2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

June 13
St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 5:27-32

SATURDAY

June 14
Weekday
2 Cor 5:14-21
Mt 5:33-37

SUNDAY

June 15
The Most Holy Trinity
Prv 8:22-31
Rom 5:1-5
Jn 16:12-15

PRAYER SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF THE EIGHT BLESSED MARTYRS OF THAILAND AND THEIR CANONISATION

Almighty God, You called the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, as priest, religious and lay people, laity leading as young disciples, and as a catechist. These eight Blessed Martyrs responded faithfully to Your call, dedicating themselves to Your redemptive mission for all. For the sake of this mission and their faith in You, they followed Your Son, Jesus Christ, in sacrificing their lives.

May the example of these eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand inspire us to live our Christian faith today in the Catholic Church, ever giving witness to that faith in our daily life.

According to Your will, we pray that Your servants, the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, may be canonised. We ask this as we seek to strengthen our own faith. So, if it is Your will, bless us with their canonisation, thus giving glory to Your Name.

Through the intercession of the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, grant what we now humbly request in prayer (*take a silent moment*).
Amen.

Leader: The eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand

Response: Pray for us

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat : 08:30 – noon
Sun & public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

June 8, 2025

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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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (No. 932)

FINAL: GO MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES (No. 769) PLEASE STAND

PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year C)

(Solemnity)

Sunday, 8 June 2025

ENTRANCE: COME, HOLY GHOST (No. 559) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then 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 and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these

people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 104: LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT



Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re - new the face of the earth.

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures; (R)
2. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. (R)
3. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE SEQUENCE

SEQUENCE – COME, O HOLY SPIRIT

1. Come, O Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, O Holy Spirit, come! Come, O Father of the poor! Come, O Source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine! Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
2. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below; Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
In our labour, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
3. O most blessed Light divine, May that Light within us shine, And our inmost being fill!
Come, O Holy Spirit, come! In your absence, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

4. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away: Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
5. On the faithful, who adore And confess you, ever more, In your sevenfold gift descend;
Come, O Holy Spirit, come! Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-23

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Lord, graciously hear us."**

PLEASE BE SEATED

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OFFERTORY: HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US (No. 547)