

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 21, 2017

The Holy Spirit gives us the grace, guidance and strength needed to persevere and endure all things

From Pastor's Desk;

From Easter to Pentecost our readings focus on the early apostolic preaching of the Good News of salvation and on the promises of Jesus to his disciples, especially his promise of the Holy Spirit. Today's readings explain Who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are and how we can experience Him in our daily lives. The first reading describes how the Holy Spirit helped the Deacon Philip to preach powerfully and convert the Samaritans in large numbers. It also explains how the baptized Samaritans received a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hands by the apostles Peter and John. In the second reading, Peter shows us the God-fearing lives, which the Holy Spirit makes it possible for believers, including ourselves, to live in the midst of opposition and persecution. Today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' "Last Supper Discourse," describes the gift he will send, the Holy Spirit, Who will live as the *Paraclete*, the Divine Advocate, in those who obey Jesus' commandments, especially the commandment of love. Thus, Jesus will continue to live in his believers with the Father and the Holy Spirit and they will not be left as orphans. The risen Jesus' continued presence in us and in the Church through the Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all we are and all we do in his Name. As the Divine Advocate, the Holy Spirit will instruct us in Jesus' doctrines and illumine our minds to receive deeper knowledge of our Faith. In addition, the Divine Advocate will empower us to defend our Faith powerfully and guide us properly in the practice of true Christian love. Thus, we will be able to recognize Jesus in the in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast, in the drug addicts and even in the criminals ("I was in prison..."), thus becoming agents of

healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world.

The Jewish concept of Spirit: In Hebrew, the word for spirit is *ruach* in Greek, *pneuma* in Latin, *spiritus* – all of which suggest *breathing*. The idea is that when a person is breathing, he is alive. It is from this notion that the idea of an animating, life-giving, intelligent and active force comes. The word (in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin), thus meant "breath", "life" and "spirit." The Jewish tradition taught that when the Messiah came, God's very own Life (Breath, Spirit) would be poured out upon all the faithful believers.

We need to be open to the Holy Spirit, our Paraclete. The purpose of the indwelling Holy Spirit is to help us grow towards maturity and wholeness. We all have faults that prevent our growth: blocks of sin and imperfection, blocks due to childhood conflicts, blocks due to deeply ingrained personality traits and habits, blocks caused by addictions, and blocks resulting from bad choices we have made. We all have these blocks within us and they keep us from becoming what God wants us to be. They prevent us from growing into maturity and wholeness. God, the Holy Spirit, helps us see the truth about ourselves, to discern the blocks that inhibit our growth and to allow Him to transform us. Like the good counselor He is, the Spirit enables us to become stronger. The Holy Spirit also comes to our aid and gives us the strength to make difficult and painful decisions. God's Spirit actually lives in us, and we hear the voice of the Spirit, counseling and guiding us in the way of truth. Let us open the ears of our minds to hear Him and to obey His promptings.

Fr.Gus.MS



May the Lord's healing and life-giving touch be upon those whose cross is too heavy to bear? Amen.

David Aaron, Clarita Agcaoili, JoJo Apo, Felisa Asuncion, Silvestre Baggao, Barbara Bagio, Glenn Barcoma, Michael Barroga, Lokahi Bissen, Carla Camara, Hilda Camara, Caniaveral Family, Quintin Casio, Ko Chan, Burt & Matilda Freeland, Penney Galam, Mark Higa, Germaine Lopes-Nicola, Sister Marcelia Maglinte, Carol Martin, Clara Martin, Cayetana Paet, Jimmy Gabriel Paet, Robyn Pellazar, Charles Pico, Jordan Quiocho, Juanito Ramelb, Eddie Reyes, Dominga Sagaysay, Bill Sakamoto, Christine Souza, Rudy Sumabat, Tom Tadakuma, Frank Takase, Felicidad Tan
Please call the office for any changes.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Joshua Aquinde, Jay Blanca, Jerome Blanca, Raena Camara Bulusan, Zhyre Cardines, Kapiolani Davis, Nolan Felipe, Ryan Gaoiran, Robert Garo, Reinalyn Golino, Jonathan Gutierrez, Reychele Lapuebla, Kent Wycliffe A Matillano, Arturo Pedro, Ka-sandra Ragasa, Patrick Wayne Ramos, Michele Saiki, Xavier Tongson and Sage Valde



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 May 28 during the 10am mass we would like to honor all 2017 Graduates from High School and College to join us with your cap and gown. Please provide your name to the Church Office by May 21, 2017.

Stewardship	Weekend of: April 22-23, 2017
Sunday Collection	\$9,415.50
Easter	\$14,303.00
School Support	\$420.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Donations	\$3,650.00
Mass Intention	\$100.00
Candles	\$1,111.00
Flowers	\$519.00
Holy Land	\$2,371.00
TOTAL	\$30,909.50

Mahalo for your support

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 6pm Networking • 6pm Choir Practice • NO RCIA CLASS • 7:30pm Narcotics Anon. St. Cecelia Room
Tuesday, May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 5PM Irene Choir • 6pm 85th Anniversary Mtg. • 6pm Knights of Columbus • 6:30 choir Practice
Wednesday, May 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Mass • 5pm Cancer Support Group • 6:30pm RE LAST CLASS • 7pm Choir Practice
Thursday, May 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am MASS • 6:30pm RE 8TH GRADE LAST CLASS • 6:30pm CONFIRMATION II NO CLASSES • 6:30pm NO BIBLE STUDIES • 7pm Weight Loss Group
Friday, May 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am MASS • 3pm-5pm Food Pantry • 5:30pm PreSchool Grad in church • 6pm Grief Support
Saturday, May 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30pm-4pm CONFESSION • 5pm Thanksgiving Mass w/ Father Alfred Guerrero • Celebration to follow in Hall
Sunday, May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6am, 8am, 10am & 6pm Mass • 8am Gospel for Keikis • 10am Baccalaureate Mass • 10am Hispanic CC • 12 noon Hispanic Mass