



Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
627 East 187th Street
Bronx, New York 10458
718.295.3770

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOSÉ FÉLIX

June 9, 2019

Pentecost

When today we read the passage of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles, we are reminded of the people from many places in the world that were present in Jerusalem that day. Even if they spoke different languages, they were able to understand the preaching and the message of the Resurrection from Saint Peter and the apostles. The Holy Spirit gave them the gift of tongues.

If today we walk our streets in the Bronx, we also see people from all over the world, that speak many different languages. In our Churches, we have Masses and services in different languages, but there is one common language that is characteristic of us Christians: the language of love and charity. There is no institution in the world that has as many hospitals, orphanages, houses for older people, and a long list of charitable works throughout the globe.

We, too, should be part of that, maybe we can participate or contribute to an institution of charity or maybe not, but we can always smile, be gentle and help all even if we don't speak their language. A new Pentecost, a new sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit: love around us. Okay, maybe not new because is not the Holy Spirit the Love of God?

Come Holy Spirit! Come Love of God to our families!

God bless,
Father José Félix