

Pentecost Sunday – June 9, 2019

Today the Easter season concludes with Pentecost Sunday, commemorating that day in the budding Church when the Father and the Son poured out the Holy Spirit in a special way on the Apostles and they took up the mission of proclaiming the Gospel throughout the whole world. The Holy Spirit throughout the Church's history has showered down gifts upon her to keep her faithful to the teaching she's received from Our Lord, and to keep the fires burning to inspire hearts to turn to Our Lord and be reconciled with God and with man.

In today's First Reading with wind and fire, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the Twelve in a way that cannot be contained.

- It's a sign no one can ignore. A rushing wind and tongues of fire. It draws a crowd.
- It's a sign everyone can understand. It goes beyond the barriers of language to help humanity reunite once again in the Spirit.
- It's the sign everyone has been seeking: the truth about God, the world, and man.
- Every point of origin the shocked witnesses mention today was a full-fledged Christian by the time St. Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles.
- The fire of the Holy Spirit spread like wildfire, uncontainable.

In today's Second Reading Paul reminds us that the presence and action of the Holy Spirit are often perceived as gifts, gifts for the edification and unity of the Church.

- The Holy Spirit gifts us the gift of prayer to express in faith that Jesus is Lord.
- The spiritual gifts are unified in the Church through their source: The Holy Spirit.
- The ways we serve are unified in serving Our Lord.
- All the workings of the Spirit in us come from God.
- Each gift is for our benefit, another's, or both.

In today's Gospel, we're reminded of one of the Spirit's greatest gifts, a gift Our Lord conferred to the Apostles on the eve of his Resurrection: the gift of reconciliation with God.

- Our Lord first bestows the gift of reconciliation with his dearest friends, the friends who abandoned him in his moment of need: "Peace be with you."

- It's no coincidence that he repeats this desire for reconciliation even as he is breathing the Holy Spirit upon them.
- It is the Holy Spirit who makes reconciliation possible. The Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and gave him new life so that reconciliation would be possible.
- One of the most saddening ways to break off a relationship with someone is to say, "you are dead to me;" In God's eyes, even in those situations, the Spirit can make that person come alive again through the grace of mercy, whether mercy received or mercy given.
- The separation between God and man, recalled by the story of the Tower of Babel, is reversed by the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: in pride, man distanced himself from God and his fellow man, and communication broke down. Through the gift of tongues, the Holy Spirit reestablishes the lines of communication.
- In the Spirit, man reconciles not only with God but with his fellow man.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Rest in peace

Msgr. James Lockman, 75. Died on May 29, 2019. Born in Ireland and ordain a priest of the ADW on 1967, where he served in several parishes.

Mrs. Edith S. Kelly, died on May 28, 2019, mother of our parishioner Sandra Lucas.

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Oh Lord"

Father's Day Masses - the parish will offer 9 masses for all of our Fathers (Living & Deceased) during the Month of June. Please sign their name in the Marian prayer books on the altar rail. Certainly, we should pray for all of our Father, grandfathers and godfathers as well.

Mass Intentions

June 8 - 15, 2019

Sat. 6/8	8:00 am	No mass
	5:30 pm	+Patricia Hallman
Sun. 6/9	8:00am	Yanyan Bulaga
	10:00am	Deacon Ebuka Mbanude (birthday)
	1:00pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 6/10	12:00	Stewart & Maggie Wright (anniversary)
Tue. 6/11	12:00	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Tanski
Wed. 6/12	12:00	Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Wilkinson unborn child
Thu. 6/13	12:00	+Msgr. James Lockman
Fri. 6/14	12:00	+Glyssa Villacorta
Sat. 6/15	8:00 am	ADW Priest Ordinations 2019
	5:30 pm	+Winslow Vickerie

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Summer Camp 2019

High School young men: Where are you going?

Qua vadis camp is run by priest and seminarians of the archdiocese, includes mass, great talks, sports, eucharistic adoration, games, food, and time to relax with other young men discerning God's will in their live.

July 28-31 at Mount St. Mary Seminary. Register now at dcpriest.org

Summer camps for young people. Fr. Andrew Gronotte, from Our Lady of Bethesda Center, will be leading several camps near us.

Visit: <https://conquestyouthministry.com/camps/>

Report

6/2/19

Attendance:	446 souls
Offerings & Tithes:	\$9,546
Spanish Mass:	\$650
Utility fund:	\$196

For those who tithe and give regularly thank you! For those who do not, please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial gift to keep your Nativity parish home strong and alive. Your ADW taxes help support the St. Anthony school in NE Washington and many other regional schools.

A/C Repairs - The Church A/C has been broken for the past for 2 years. The total cost is \$20,000. ANY and all donations are appreciated do NOT put them in the collection. The word A/C DONATION should be in the memo of your check. You can mail or bring to the Rectory or present it to Father Evans.

Your signature is needed. Show your support for Deacon Ebuka with your signature or a short note of congratulations for him being ordained a Priest on June 15, 2019. Please sign the picture board located on a table at the front of the church.

Reconciliation: Fr. Ebuka will be hearing confessions on Sunday, June 16th from 9:15 to 9:45 am.

Father Ebuka's First Mass! June 16th is Father E's first Mass at Nativity at 10 am. 300 guests will be attending. A reception follows Mass in the Colonnade Room. **ALL** parish ministries are expected to attend the Mass. ALL donations are welcome! Please write on your check "donation for Fr. Ebuka's reception". Thank you!

FR. EBUKA'S RECEPTION

Sunday, June 16th a reception will be held in the Colonnade Room after the 1st. Mass for Father Ebuka. We need: door greeters, servers, hospitality roamers, and meal servers for seniors and persons with disabilities. No heavy lifting required. For additional info, or to volunteer, please contact either Amado at acajr2@gmail.com or Laura at (202) 726-6262 or lauraj@nativitychurch.net

Question of the week: "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth", we sang in the responsorial psalm. Having received the Holy Spirit, how can I assist in renewing the face of the earth?