

Dear Friend,

We celebrate today the Feast of Pentecost: the birthday of the Church. It was on the feast of Pentecost that the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the Disciples, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. The Church cannot do without this gift, if she must accomplish the mission entrusted to her by Christ.

Jesus had promised the Holy Spirit to his disciples on several occasions during his public ministry. One of those occasions is recorded in our Gospel reading of today. There Jesus said to his disciples, "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." Most of the things Jesus said and did during his time with disciples, were incomprehensible to his them. Those things simply went over their heads. That is why Jesus had said earlier on, "... but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you" (John 14:26). It was only by the light of the Holy Spirit, after Pentecost, that the disciples began to comprehend all that Jesus had said and done.

The Pentecost experience is seen as a great event that manifests the awesome power of God in the lives of his disciples and the Church. The speaking in different tongues and the understanding by all who were present in that encounter in Jerusalem, are examples of how the Holy Spirit can move us when we are open to the touch of the Holy Spirit; it is also a clear sign of the mission entrusted to the Universal Church, calling her to be a sign of unity in a diversified world.

The Holy Spirit is still at work in the lives of all believers. We are called to live in that awareness of the Spirit and make ourselves available for the manifestation of the fruits of the Holy Spirit in us. As we celebrate Pentecost, I ask you to pray that we might receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love"  
Send forth thy spirit and they shall be created  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Have a blessed Pentecost experience.

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Stephen. I felicitate and congratulate Deacon Ernie Rohaly on his Deaconate Anniversary.

We appreciate and thank you and your wife Leona Rohaly for your dedicated service in our church community.



### Pentecostés

Con esta gran celebración de Pentecostés concluimos nuestros 50 días de jubileo Pascual. Ahora, llenos del Espíritu, debemos vivir y proclamar lo que hemos celebrado. Estamos llamados a ser testigos del poder de Cristo de transformar corazones y mentes y nuestro mundo entero. La presencia del Espíritu Santo se manifiesta donde hay unidad, reconciliación, entusiasmo y paz. En el Evangelio del domingo, Jesús dice a los discípulos que ahora ellos son enviados como Él fue enviado. Es nuestra misión ahora. El Espíritu ha sido dado -- ¡actuemos!

### Pentecost

With this great celebration of Pentecost we conclude our 50 days of Easter jubilee. Now, filled with the Spirit, we must live and proclaim what we have celebrated. We are called to witness to the power of Christ to transform hearts and minds and our whole world. The presence of the Holy Spirit is manifested when there is unity, reconciliation, zeal and peace. In the Gospel on Sunday, Jesus tells the disciples that they are sent now as he was sent. It is our mission now. The Spirit has been given – let's act!

**Do you want to marry in the Catholic Church?**

Plan to attend marriage preparation classes six months before your date. Our next preparation class will be on **August 26, 2017** from 9 am to 5 pm. Please call the office 254-974-8037

**?Quieres casarte por la Iglesia Católica?**

Planea asistir a las clases de preparacion matrimonial seis meses antes de tu fecha. Nuestra siguiente clase sera el **26 de Agosto** de 9 am a 5 pm. Para registrarse hablar a la oficina 254-947-8037

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday	June	3	5:30 pm	Anita Lopez, Becky Gutierrez +
Sunday	June	4	9:00 am	Janie Montalvo (Health)
			11:00 am	Manuel Ramirez, Xavi & Nino Martinez (BD)
Monday	June	5	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday	June	6	6:00 pm	Nicholas Pritchett
Wednesday	June	7	8:30 am	Dave Krause +
Thursday	June	8	8:30 am	Dave Krause (BD +)
Friday	June	9	12:00pm	Brent Romero +
Saturday	June	10	5:30 pm	Daniella Lombardi (BD)
Sunday	June	11	9:00 am	Gene Hoelscher +
			11:00 am	Deacon Ernie Rohaly Anniversary
For the Parishioners of St. Stephen				



**St. Stephen**  
Mass Attendance for  
May 27 & 28, 2017

**Total Attendance: 413**

**Ministry Schedule for June 9-10, 2017**

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	R Schatte W Faulkner	J Young J McGregor A Young	J Morin J Morin M Milliser	Deacon Ernie Tamara Alcozar B Johnson H Simonette L Simonette
9:00 AM	T Grace G Petter	C Brown M Cross A Kotalik T Kotalik	W Matus J LaCanne T Buckley	Deacon Ernie D Roberts K Cross R Michalewicz G Pritchett
11:00 AM	K Lara P Garcia	I Ramirez A Ortiz L Peralta M Baltazar N Baltazar V Garcia	M Estevez R Arias R Martinez	E Olalde M Lariz O Esteves N Martinez M de la Hoya

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY JUNE 4**

**MONDAY JUNE 5**

6:30 pm Grupo de Oracion Bible Study (Spanish) *Marian Room*

**TUESDAY JUNE 6**

8 am Men's Group— *OLOG Room*  
6:30 pm *TNMC— Parish Hall*

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 7**

**THURSDAY JUNE 8**

**FRIDAY JUNE 9**

7 pm Grupo de Oracion

**SATURDAY JUNE 10**

**SUNDAY JUNE 11**

There is a second collection today for Building Fund.

**6th Annual Fr. Charles Davis Golf Tournament**  
*Updated Income*

Total income: \$ 7,470.00  
Total Expensed: \$ 2, 642.00  
Total Profit: \$ 4,828.00

Thanks to the organizers and sponsors

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 26-30, 2017**



This year VBS "Maker Fun Factory" will be held June 26-30 from 6-8 PM. Please join us!  
Please contact Laura Snyder for more information  
254-913-2239

**Monetary Stewardship**

Collection Last Week:

**Regular: \$ 3,659.00**

**Online: \$485.86**

**Total \$ 4,144.86**

**Ascension: \$ 430.00**

**Archdiocese of the Military**

**Service: \$ 829.00**

remembering the words of the Lord who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

**BIRTHDAY APPRECIATION**

Dearly beloved parishioners of St. Stephen,  
It is with delight that I write to appreciate each and every one of you, for the outpouring of LOVE, PRAYERS, BIRTHDAY WISHES and GENEROSITY on my birthday last Sunday. I am overwhelmed by your kind gesture and support.  
I have always found strength and grace from the amazing support and prayers I receive from this enviable community. You are the best community and I could not have asked for anything more. Here is my prayer for you all, and is from my heart:

**I thank my God, every time I think of you;**  
**And every time I pray for you all, I pray with Joy.** (Philippians 1:3-4)

**THANKS A MILLION** From, FR. Jude Uche, MSP.