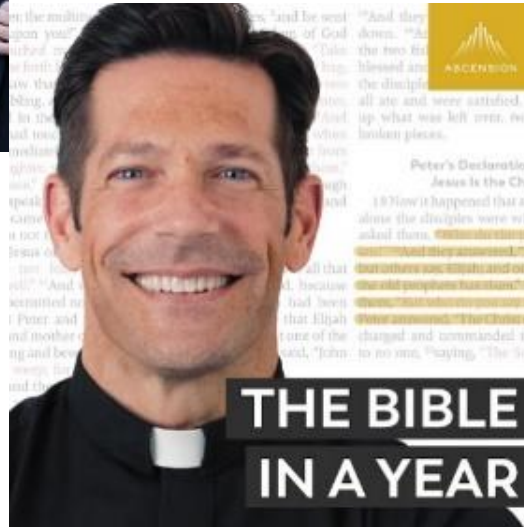




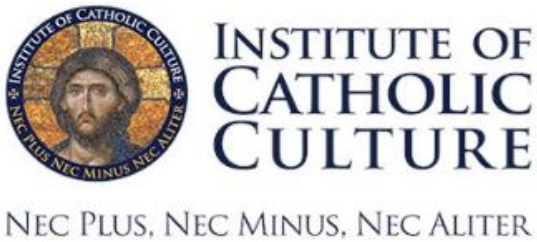
Looking for ways to grow in your faith? Trying to get closer to the Lord? Here are some great resources!

Apps for Prayer: Laudate (free), Hallow (free), Universalis (\$10.99), Magnificat (requires subscription to magazine), iBreviary (free)



Bible Study Apps: Laudate (free), Catena (Catena Aurea-free), Word on Fire (costs)

Websites for Lectures and Reflections: Ascension Presents on YouTube; Word on Fire on YouTube (or wordonfire.org); Institute of Catholic Culture (instituteofcatholicculture.org)



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Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English (10am Rosary; Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of the month)
1pm Mass in Spanish
Monday: Adoration 5:30-6:30
Wednesday: Adoration at 5; mass at 6
Wednesday after Mass: Youth Group

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

Please pray for /Oramos para:

Deanne Cole, Arjona Family, Sandy DeLisle, Greg Bradley, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, Kathy Larsen, Joe Barnefiher, Especially let us remember the deceased, our clergy and bishop, Covid quarantined parishioners, our chronically ill, and our homebound.

If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.

Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,
Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4

Collections from May 16, 2021

Adult: \$1,251

Loose: \$281

DDF to Date: \$5,800

We still need \$1200 to meet our DDF goal.

Taco Sale: \$561 and Roses: \$155

Roof Total to Date: \$13,259

Totus Tuus Week Coming to Portageville

All are welcome! This July 11 to 16, there are college aged missionaries coming to St. Eustachius in Portageville to hold a week of fun, faith, and food! The program lasts from 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday. More information coming soon!
(Dates were wrong in last weeks bulletin.)



Año de San Jose Patris Corde

José vio a Jesús progresar día tras día «en sabiduría, en estatura y en gracia ante Dios y los hombres» (Lc 2,52). Como hizo el Señor con Israel, así él “le enseñó a caminar, y lo tomaba en sus brazos: era para él como el padre que alza a un niño hasta sus mejillas, y se inclina hacia él para darle de comer” (cf. Os 11,3-4). S.S. Francisco.

Pentecost Sunday

“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.”

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

Roof Update from Father David

We have currently raised \$13,259 towards our goal of \$12,000 for finishing our metal roof. Thank you so much for your generosity! With the prices for metal continuing to rise, the total price of materials we need to buy is closer to \$17,000, and with the prices of everything going up, it does not look like the price of metal roofing will fall any time soon. As of right now, our plan (once we get approval from the diocese) is to go ahead and purchase the materials with the money we've raised so far, and pull from our savings to cover the rest of the cost. We will continue to do fundraisers, and hopefully we will be successful at the Delta Fair this fall, and restock our savings to its present level by the end of 2021. -Fr David

St. Cecilia Graduates 2021: Congratulations! God bless you!

Prisilla Aleman
Martin Barajas
*Georgina Bautista
Evelyn Castillo
Ernesto Contreras
Francisco Garcia
Amy Gomez
Alondra González
Daniel Gonzalez
Jonathan Gonzalez
Daniela Juarez
Yahaira Juarez
Jaymara Madrigal
Angie Marroquin
Bruno Mendoza

Jenifer Moreno
Giselle Perdomo
Tomas Perdomo
Melany Rodrigues
Magaly Vasques

*Bachelor's Degree from
Arkansas State!



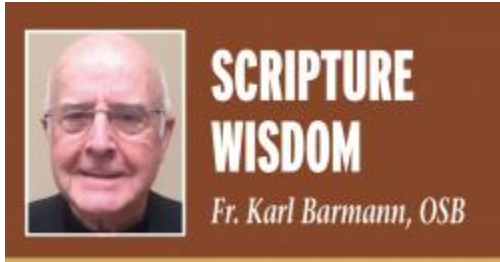
Bishop Robert Barron Gospel Reflection

Friends, in our Gospel for today, drawn from St. John's account, Jesus shows his disciples the wounds of his Crucifixion, and then he offers them *shalom* (peace). It is the juxtaposition of the wounds and the *shalom* that carries power. The wounds alone would leave us afraid, convinced of our sin but not of a way out. The *shalom* alone would leave us with cheap grace, a too easy way out.



And this is precisely why, immediately after uttering that word and showing those wounds, Jesus sends the disciples on a mission of forgiveness: "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.'"

The Church receives its essential mission and identity as the bearer of the divine forgiveness. We have been entrusted with speaking the *shalom* of Jesus to a fallen and hopeless world. But it's not cheap grace that we share. We participate in Jesus' mission of showing his wounds as well. The Church refuses to explain sin away or make excuses for it or call it by another name.



On May 23, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost which has its roots in Jewish Tradition. Both the Jews and Christians celebrate Pentecost. Along with the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, Pentecost was one of the major feasts of the Jews. During these three great Jewish festivals, every male Jew living within 20 miles of Jerusalem was legally bound to go to Jerusalem

and participate in the feast. The word Pentecost literally means “Fiftieth,” because the feast was celebrated 50 days after the Feast of the Passover. Another name for the Jewish Pentecost was “The Feast of Weeks.” It was originally a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest. During Passover, the first *omer* of barley (a Hebrew measure of about a bushel) was offered to God. At Pentecost, two loaves of bread were offered in gratitude for the harvest. Later, the Jews added the element of Yahweh’s covenant with Noah, which took place 50 days after the great deluge, to the Feast of the Pentecost. Still later, they made this feast an occasion to thank God for His Sinaitic covenant with Moses, which also occurred 50 days after the beginning of the exodus from Egypt.

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For the Christians it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost is the incarnation of the Holy Spirit into the world of men and women; it also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, resulting in the conversion of 3,000 Jews to the Christian faith. Pentecost is thus the official birthday of the Church. Today’s Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today’s readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

Today’s gospel relates how the risen Jesus gave his apostles a foretaste of Pentecost on the evening of Easter Sunday by appearing to them and inviting them to carry on the mission given him by his heavenly Father. He then empowered them to do so by breathing upon them and saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Advocate or Paraclete. The gift of the Spirit would also enable them to fulfill Jesus’ commission to preach the gospel to all nations. Today’s

gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins: “Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.” These wonderful words which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit *and* the gift of forgiveness are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. Those words indicate the power we are *all* given of being the agents of forgiveness in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life

As an indwelling God, He makes us His Living Temples (1 Cor 3:16). As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by transparent Christian lives. As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the sacraments: A) Makes us children of God and heirs of heaven through Baptism; B) Makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of faith, through Confirmation; C) Enables us to be reconciled to God by pardoning our sins through Reconciliation; D) Gives us spiritual nourishment via Holy Eucharist by converting bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus through Epiclesis.

As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ’s teachings. As a listening and talking God, He listens to our prayers and enables us to pray, and He speaks to us through the Bible. As a giver of gifts, He gives us His gifts, fruits, and charisms.

We need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives. But how do we do this? I believe in three ways: First of all by constantly remembering His holy presence and behaving well. Secondly, by praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our own temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits, and addictions. Thirdly, by asking His daily assistance to pray, which enables us to listen to God.

Let us pray: Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of your Love and send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Amen. ©TM

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