

FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 27th-28th, 2023

Pentecost Sunday – Mass During the Day

Gospel reading

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, “Peace be with you.”
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
[Jesus] said to them again, “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.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Intercession

That, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* may soar to new heights.

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Today, Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to his Apostles. As he breathes on them, the breath of God fills their lungs. Their breath now carries His authority to speak forgiveness or retention of sins.

What a gift He gave our priests! In our Baptism and Confirmation, Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit. Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Understanding, Piety, and Fear of the Lord go with those who walk in His name.

Today, we ask you to step out boldly to bless our parish by promoting our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. Jesus doesn't allow his soldiers to go into battle unarmed. “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves” (Matthew 10:16). Well, His sheep have the almighty God with them. We can be bold for Him, knowing He won't leave us orphans. Our parish has many gifts to offer souls who are hungry to know Jesus. These gifts live in you, given first by God. You have an opportunity to bless His heart by making a generous return through our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

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Our parish community needs your help. Our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* can't succeed without you. The Holy Spirit will give you wisdom to see what God asks you to do. He will empower you with fortitude to carry it out. Pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to descend on our parish. Thank you in advance for the steps you will take to help our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

Social media post/content

Photo: A dramatic painting of Pentecost, showing the flames coming down on the disciples.

Header: "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the holy Spirit.'" - John 20:22

Sub-header: Pentecost Sunday

Copy: Death couldn't hold Jesus, and walls couldn't hold back the Holy Spirit. We ask for the same power upon our parish *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. Through your generosity and His power, all things are possible. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew our community!