

## FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

### **Gospel reading (Mass during the day)**

Jn 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, set aflame to spread God's mercy to more souls, our parish may support the Catholic Ministry Appeal and make it successful this year.

### **Copy for bulletin announcement**

Before Pentecost, Jesus pronounced his intention that his Spirit should remain with his apostles, with the power to forgive sins. Today, the Catholic Church, led by the apostles' successors, is the only place where people can find complete reconciliation and peace of heart.

The world is full of people who feel cut off from God, alone, or unforgiveable. The beauty of our Catholic heritage is not an imposing institution with a bunch of suffocating rules. Our heritage is mercy.

In Confession, our parish offers this mercy straight from the heart of Christ, just as Christ poured forth His Holy Spirit on his apostles at Pentecost. Please support our Catholic Ministry Appeal, so we can help people encounter God's mercy more deeply. Christ trusts our parish to bring all his children into communion with him. There is no better path to restoring intimacy

with God than the sacrament of Reconciliation: “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23). Jesus meant it, and the Holy Spirit confirmed it! Please help our parish help more people find the sweetness of God’s love through the sacraments.

### **Copy for pulpit announcement**

The day of Pentecost was fire, wind, and new languages. Today, the Holy Spirit’s quiet flame burns in our sanctuary lamp just as much as in our hearts. The gifts of Pentecost went far deeper than external signs.

The Holy Spirit is alive in our parish to save people through the power of the sacraments. Please help us be the vessel of grace God wishes by supporting the Catholic Ministry Appeal. When you do, God reward you for your generosity.

### **Social media post/content**

Photo: A painting of the tongues of flame descending on the early Church at Pentecost.

Text: “*Receive the Holy Spirit.*” – John 20:22

Copy: God gave His Spirit to His Church. Our parish is another incarnation of the Church. Please support our Catholic Ministry Appeal, so souls may encounter Christ’s Spirit more deeply here, in Christ’s body! May God reward you and bless you.