

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023

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## PENTECOST

Today the Church remembers the moment when the very breath of God rushed from the mouth of the risen Jesus, filling the disciples with the Holy Spirit. Today's readings bring us to the culmination of the great fifty-day celebration of Easter with images of strong driving winds and tongues of fire. We cry out to God in today's psalm, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" During these fifty days, we have baptized, confirmed, and shared the Eucharist with the newly initiated. We have spent these days savoring the meaning of the sacramental life. In these sacramental moments, the Church is reborn. In this moment of Pentecost, we are reborn. We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we, like the disciples, can be sent forth to be Christ for the world. Let us be open and vulnerable to the driving winds and tongues of flame that can signal a new Pentecost. Let God's word once again bring us the power to renew the face of the earth.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, make the earth new by the power of your Spirit (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).



## PENTECOSTES

Hoy la Iglesia recuerda el momento en que el mismo aliento de Dios salió de la boca de Jesús resucitado, llenando a los discípulos con el Espíritu Santo. Las lecturas de hoy nos llevan a la culminación de la gran celebración de cincuenta días de la Pascua con imágenes de fuertes vientos y lenguas de fuego. En el salmo de hoy clamamos a Dios: "Señor, envía tu Espíritu y renueva la faz de la tierra". Durante estos cincuenta días, hemos bautizado, confirmado y compartido la Eucaristía con los recién iniciados. Hemos pasado estos días saboreando el significado de la vida sacramental. En estos momentos sacramentales, la Iglesia renace. En este momento de Pentecostés, nosotros renacemos. Se nos dan los dones del Espíritu Santo para que, como los discípulos, seamos enviados a ser Cristo para el mundo. Estemos abiertos y seamos vulnerables a los vientos y las lenguas de fuego que pueden señalar un nuevo Pentecostés. Dejemos que la palabra de Dios nos traiga una vez más el poder de renovar la faz de la tierra.

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo y se pusieron a hablar idiomas distintos (Hechos 2:1-11).

**Salmo** — Señor, haz que la tierra sea nueva por el poder de tu Espíritu (Salmo 104).

**Segunda lectura** — Hay diferentes dones, pero el Espíritu es el mismo (1 Corintios 12:3b-7, 12-13).

**Evangelio** — Así como el Padre me envió a mí, así yo los envío a ustedes (Juan 20:19-23).



## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Syl Vasquez, Jr.  
Sarah Contreras  
Marty Carrera Tobias  
Frances Lozano  
Irma Urias  
Mary S. Martinez  
Galilea Romero  
Flora Torres  
Iris Luna Sullivan  
Sandy Guerra  
Abraham Guerra  
Emma O. Velasquez  
Leticia Martinez  
Kenny De La Rosa  
Raymond Sarabia  
Frank Rodriguez  
Julissa Rodriguez  
Miliana Bullock  
Lydia Soriano

George Garnica  
Adam Alonzo, Jr.  
Raymond Serna  
Mary Martinez  
Mark Martinez  
Cecilia Rodriguez  
Albert Rodriguez  
Albert Casillas  
Robert Sanchez  
Santos Tello  
Vanessa Quintero  
Heath Herring  
Joe Cevallos  
Oscar Arcos  
Juanita Martinez  
Maria Rios  
Virginia R. Lucio  
Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Gayle Beaver

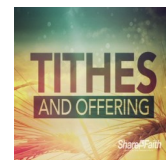
Rick Peña  
Lori Bañuelos  
Jesus Lopez  
Joe Villanueva  
Edith Flores  
Isaiah Vasquez  
Esther Nicholson  
Valerie Vigil  
Rena Heard  
Marty Wind  
Maldonado Family  
Rosemary Flores  
Jennifer Flores  
Anthony Ramirez  
Carmen Garza  
Gloria Rubio

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK

### ENDING MAY 21, 2023

5 PM Mass	-\$ 519.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 957.00
11 AM Mass	-\$1,235.00
School Mass	-\$ 35.00
Ascension of the Lord	-\$ 250.00
Altar Flowers	-\$ 325.00
On Line	-\$ 50.00
Mail In	-\$ 325.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 202.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,898.60</b>



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### SECOND COLLECTION

MAY 27-28, 2023

Festival Expenses

### 2023 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending May 21, 2023	\$ 202.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,243.61</b>

# Announcements



## Saturday, May 27

5:00 p.m. † Luz Arzola - Mary Jane Gomez  
 † Jennifer Davila - Mom & Dad  
 † Fr. Eddie Bernal - John & Angie Diaz  
**Gift of Life** Olga Diaz - Family

## Sunday, May 28 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. † Margarita Ventura - Family  
 † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
 † Dolores Crittall - Angelita Canales

**Gift of Life** Reynaldo Martinez - Family  
**Gift of Life** Celia Villanueva - Sister  
**For Health** Joe Villanueva - Family  
**For Health** Rosemary Flores

11:00 a.m. † L/CPL Fernando Camarillo, Jr. - Family  
 † Suzanne S. Gutierrez - Maria L. Gonzales  
 † Robert Vasquez - Family  
**For Health** Linda Campbell - SJB Family

## Monday, May 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

## Tuesday, May 30 - ST. JOAN OF ARC

12:00 p.m. † Suzanne Gutierrez - SJB Family  
**In Thanksgiving** Socorro Castillo - Family

## Wednesday, May 31

8:15 a.m. † Teresa A. Moreno - Sisters in Christ

## Thursday, June 1 - ST. JUSTIN

12:00 p.m. † Justin Rey Martinez - Family

## Friday, June 2

12:00 p.m. † Elvira & Joe Moreno - SJB Family  
**For Health** Angelique Dikete - SJB Family

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### To the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,  
 fill the hearts of your faithful  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
 Send forth your Spirit;  
 and they shall be created.  
 And you shall renew the face of the earth.  
 Let us pray.  
 O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit  
 did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
 grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
 we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel,  
 Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety,  
 Fear of the Lord.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Please join me in congratulating the 2023 graduating class Of 8th graders and Pre-K3 from St. John Berchmans Catholic School. We wish them luck and success as they continue their academic journey.

My appreciation goes to the parents, family, principal, teachers, faculty and parishioners for their support and guidance. God bless you.

This Monday, May 29, 2023, is the solemn celebration of Memorial Day in the United States. Memorial Day is the official day that men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice are remembered. These brave men and women chose to leave the comfort of their home and family to serve in the armed forces and support their great nation. The families also sacrificed by supporting them in their decision. Please remember to visit the gravesites of these heroes and pray for their eternal rest. Let us also honor the present men and women who are presently serving our great country.

Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled for next month from June 12th thru 21st, 2023. We have a total of 9 participants. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for a trip of a life time.

This update is to maintain you informed regarding *Dikete Education Opportunity Foundation*. My annual trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo is the only way to keep me abreast of the situation in my hometown of Kananga where the elementary school Mumianinyi is located and your sponsored children live. It is vital that the *Foundation* stay alive assisting underprivileged students and for this reason a few revisions have arisen.

Upon returning to my hometown of Kananga, the elementary school Mumianinyi that I attended was among the few selected schools destined for a total rebuilding by the government in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The old building has been demolished and a brand new elementary school is emerging. Students will be returning to a new building by the beginning of the academic year 2023-2024 which will commence by September. The government will also provide desks for the new school. That is great news and a very special blessing for the community. Only 35 desks have been fabricated and delivered to the second school the *Foundation* has been supporting. The slow pace is due to a high demand of desks by many other schools throughout the region.

The *Foundation's* new vision consists of supporting underprivileged students, especially girls, who are graduating from elementary school and heading to middle school. We intend to assist them for the next six years until they graduate from high school. The \$50 you generously sponsor will pay the tuition for the entire academic year of a middle school and high school student. Please know that your sponsorship is vital in a student's education. I know your sacrifice in assisting is difficult especially in the country's current economic state. Please consider sponsoring a child for the academic year 2023-2024 that begins this September, 2023. **PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE...**

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## PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED...

You may be assisting students on their way to becoming a doctor or other profession. I rely on your generosity and continue believing in our effort to make "A Difference in a Child's Life." Remember your donation is tax free and you will receive a letter for your accountant in December to verify your exemption. I am very proud of the fact that our *Foundation* is able to subsist because it adapts to the needs of the children and does not remain stagnant. This success is completely achievable because of you, my sponsors.

Please pray for my daughter, Angelique Dikete, as she continues to recover from her major surgery.

May God bless you always,



Fr. Fidèle Dikete, Pastor  
Fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

**THIS WEEK!**  
Here's What's On The Calendar!

ShareFaith

### Sunday, May 28

9:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass - Church  
11:00 a.m. Mass - Church

### Monday, May 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, May 30

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Wednesday, May 31

8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church  
10:00 a.m. Adult Faith Enrichment - Formation House  
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle  
7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Enrichment - Formation House

### Thursday, June 1

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Friday, June 2

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

### Saturday, June 3

8:00 a.m. Church cleaning  
5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR:

LINDA CAMPBELL  
† TERESA ANN MORENO

It is to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

**THANK YOU** to all who continue to financially support our parish. Your donations are greatly appreciated and it assists us to fulfill all our financial obligations.

## Donations can be made as follows:

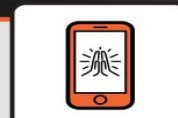
- Mail (1147 Cupples Road, 78226) or physically drop off at the parish office.

## Or you may use any of the following options:

- Cash App: \$StJohnBerchmans
- Pay-Pal: administrator@stjohnberchmans.com
- Venmo: administrator@stjohnberchmans.com

Or call the parish office at 210.434-3247 to use your credit card.

## PRAYER SURVIVAL KIT



CELL PHONE  
(FOR YOUR PRAYER APP,  
NO TEXT MESSAGING!)



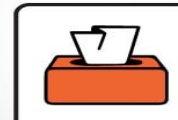
SPIRITUAL  
READING



ROSARY



NOTEBOOK AND  
PEN/PENCIL



TISSUES  
(IN CASE YOU SHED A  
TEAR OR TWO)



OPENNESS OF  
HEART  
(THE MOST  
IMPORTANT ONE)

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## REST IN PEACE

We offer condolences and sympathy to our parishioners and their families who have experienced the loss of their loved ones:

† CELIA ARRELANO  
† VIRGINIA OGUNDU



We welcome anyone to assist us with cleaning our beautiful church every:



Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**  
Ministry Scheduled for  
Saturday, JUNE 3, 2023  
LECTOR'S



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto:osantoyo1104@gmail.com) and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.



## NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

We encourage all newcomers to register and get to know your parish community. Please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY** is the great feast of the Holy Spirit which descended upon the Apostles and were granted the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all the languages, that the Jews who were baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is often called, “**the birth of the Church.**”

Pentecost is also the last and greatest feast of Easter’s 50 days. Jesus reassures us, He will satisfy our thirst, lead us beyond our fear, and strengthen us to live our baptismal mission of evangelization.

### **RESPECT AND REVERENCE**

While we are in Church we must give utmost respect and reverence to God. We genuflect by placing our knee on the floor or a profound bow before we enter and when we leave the pew or when we cross in front of the Tabernacle. Some people due to advanced age or other infirmity may not be physical able to genuflect. What may be appropriate for them would be a profound bow from the waist. This shows our respect for the God who called us into being.

Other signs of respect are: **speaking only in whispers** when inside the Church (both out of respect for God and for others who are praying). **Arriving on time** for the Liturgy and **not leaving early**. Participating in the liturgy, to the best of our ability, including responding to the prayers and singing. **Not chewing gum, eating food, candy, or drinks** in Church. Also **not wearing a cap** and coming **dressed appropriately**.

Please let us help each other to respect the house of the Lord and also one another as we come to pray and worship God.



**MEMORIAL DAY** commemorates all men and women who have died in U.S. military service. It is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died and to reflect on the sacrifices and services of the American soldiers, veterans and all U.S. military men and women.

Memorial Day was declared a national holiday through an act of Congress in 1971. Let us also honor those who are presently serving in our armed forces.

### **LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Gn 3:9-15, 20 o Hch 1:12-14; Sal 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34  
Martes: Eclo 35:1-12; Sal 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mc 10:28-31  
Miércoles: Sof 3:14-18a o Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 1:39-56  
Jueves: Eclo 42:15-25; Sal 33:2-9; Mc 10:46-52  
Viernes: Eclo 44:1, 9-13; Sal 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mc 11:11-26  
Sábado: Eclo 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mc 11:27-33  
Domingo: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

### **¿TIENES ESPÍRITU?**

Cuando íbamos al instituto, había una vieja consigna en los partidos de béisbol: “Tenemos espíritu, sí, lo tenemos. Tenemos espíritu, ¿y tú?”. Lo gritábamos de un lado a otro con los aficionados del equipo contrario. Y aunque “¿Tenemos espíritu?” podría ser el eslogan hoy en día, vemos que la gente recibe el espíritu de muchas maneras diferentes. En los Hechos, aparecen un fuerte ruido y un viento impulsor, seguidos de personas que pueden entender el discurso en muchos idiomas. Es una reminiscencia de un estruendo: “Este es mi Hijo, mi Amado”. El Salmo 104 “Señor, envía tu Espíritu” fue también el primer salmo utilizado en la Vigilia Pascual, en respuesta al relato de la creación. Primera de Corintios reconoce que hay muchos dones espirituales diferentes, pero que debemos utilizarlos juntos como cuerpo de Cristo. La Secuencia es una hermosa oración que llama al Espíritu. En el Evangelio de Juan, el Espíritu viene a través del aliento de Jesús. ¿Qué podemos sacar de esto? Que el Espíritu de Dios no es de “talla única”. Más bien, el Espíritu Santo vendrá a nosotros, nos hablará, se nos dará, como cada uno de nosotros necesita. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### **PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

¿Qué dones del Espíritu Santo reconozco en mí mismo? ¿Cómo puedo usar esos dones para llevarles la paz y la misericordia de Dios a los demás?