



# Holy Spirit

## OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**12 May 2024**

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### **Welcome!**

Are you seeking...

To belong to a community of faith  
to provide you with something deeper?

A place to be oneself, warts and all?

A place to taste diversity?

A place to weep?

A place to sing?

A place to weep while singing?

A place to feel the depth of life? A place to know God?

We now welcome you home. Christ's peace be with you!



### **Celebrating Life and Love...**

Please, be sure to stop in the parish center  
*to sign and send your love* in our Greeting Cards!

**Happy Birthday to:** Mary M. 05/15, Lorraine W. 05/22, George R. 05/27, Bro. Walt 06/04, Pat. P. 06/09, Paula T. 06/13, and David S. 06/18.

**Happy Anniversary to:** Bp. Steven (*priesthood*) 05/27, Iris and Elizabeth 06/06 and Lee and Corey 06/25.

**Wonderfully Catholic and proudly inclusive!**

## **When We Gather Next...**

Sunday, 19 May 2024, 10:30am

### **Solemnity of Pentecost**



*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

*Psalms 104:1ab, 24ac, 29b-30, 31, 34*

*Galatians 5:16-25*

*John 15:26-27, 16:12-15*

Presider: **Bp. Steven**

Homilist: **Bp. Steven**

Greeters: **Mindy C. & Cindy K.**

Welcome: **Bp. Steven**

Acolyte: **Michael H. & David B.**

Intercessions: **Dcn. Jan**

Lectors: (1) **Wayne C.** (2) **Diane P.**

Altar Bread Baker: **Bp. Steven**

Ministers of the Cup: **Mthr. Sharon, Fr. Jacques & Dcn. Jan**

Grill and Potluck Hosts: **All Parishioners**

*Thank YOU for your faithful and loving service at the altar of the Lord in community. You bless us!*

## **Lord, Hear Our Prayer!**

*"Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions.*

*Pray constantly and attentively for all God's holy people." (Ephesians 6:18)*

✠ Hannah Caron, R.I.P. 05/07/2024, lifelong friend of Deb. S.

✠ Ralph Carte, R.I.P. 04/12/2024, father of Carter • Bro. Tom,

cardiac health • For peace in Palestine, Ukraine and throughout

our world • For our parish community, *our growth and faith* • Toni

S., friend of Mthr. Sharon, liver cancer • Jack, chemotherapy • Ken S.,

healing • For all who struggle with mental health in our

community and families • For those deeply impacted by severe

weather • For vocations to ministry and consecrated life from

among us. ✠ All victims of war. ✠ For our deceased clergy and

parishioners. ✠ For the victims of gun violence.

## **The Road Ahead Together...**

### **TWELVE STEP MEETINGS at Holy Spirit:**

- Sex/Love Anonymous, Thursdays, 12pm, conference room.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Thursdays, 7pm, social hall.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE**

- Thursday evenings, 7-8:30pm, chapel

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

- Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm, conference room

### **DIOCESAN HOUSE MEET at HSOCC**

- Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, House of Laity, 1pm-4pm

### **PENTECOST FEAST DAY and POTLUCK**

- Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Wear your “red” and let us give thanks and celebrate together. Bring your favorite celebration dish to pass. We will have various grilled sausages to enjoy. Bring your friends and family along to share our fellowship and joy.

### **INTERMENT of CREMAINS of the Snyder Family**

- Saturday, May 25, 11am, Garden of Remembrance

### **Feast of the MOST HOLY TRINITY**

- Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> The Trinity is the model of our balanced and interdependent relationships of living our Old Catholic faith.

### **MEMORIAL DAY Holiday**

- Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

As a nation, we remember and pray for those who have died in defense of our nation.

## **Pastoral Perpenderings**

**to perpender, verb.** *"to weigh carefully in the mind."*

Good morning, dearest Community and Friends!

Today's Gospel is a loving and tender passage. Jesus is praying for all the people (including us) whom God has entrusted to his care. Jesus realizes that his time on earth is short. He is concerned about the people whom he soon will be leaving. Jesus prays and asks his Father to keep them "in his name." Jesus longs for his "flock" to be protected and safe when he is no longer with them. What a caring and loving shepherd we have!

Clearly Jesus dearly loved his disciples. He longed for them to share his joy fully and completely. Jesus knew that he would be leaving them and he longed for them to be safe and secure in God's love and care for them. Jesus also longed for his disciples to share the depth of joy He experienced in being one with God.

Take a moment and remember a time when you experienced a sense of closeness or oneness with God or Jesus. Do you remember the time or place? What were the emotions you experienced? Joy? Peace? Love? Awe?

Jesus longs to share his peace, his joy and his truth with us today. Are we open to receiving these gifts? If so, I invite you to sit quietly in Jesus' presence with an open mind, heart and hands. . . .and wait! Jesus will come and gift you! Be patient!

I warmly encourage you to take some time, a few moments each day for the rest of this week as we prepare to celebrate our parish community's feast day, Pentecost Sunday. We can best prepare, among many ways, through prayer building upon the example of the early Church gathered in the Upper Room united in prayer

not knowing what was going to be next. Today's bulletin includes a prayer, as an example, seeking the light and fire of the Spirit in our own lives as well as the life of our beloved community. Join me in this prayer as we lay aside our selfishness, our deceptions, any planting of the weeds of division, doubt and mistrust. These are not words or actions that we are to live out as disciples of Jesus who prayed that we may be one as he and the Father are one.

Pentecost breaks into our locked upper rooms breathing new life and new fervor in our thoughts, words and actions as a 21 year old community of Old Catholic faith and immense love for each other and for those most in need. Our welcome is reborn in joyful exuberance, our vision is renewed, and our hearts pump the blood of love that calls us to sing boldly about God's love we have experienced and rejoice in.

So, let us pray together in preparation for the Spirit's indwelling in our spiritual home and hearts. Wear your fabulously red bright red clothing. Invite your friends and family to join us, prepare a special favorite homemade dish to share following our Pentecost Liturgy.

*Blessed prayer this week and may love rebound in  
our thoughts words and deeds as Pentecost people!*

*bp. Steven*

# sermon notes:

Who is  
Speaking?

Where in  
the Bible?

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is  
the passage  
talking about?

What  
happened?

my  
favorite  
song was:

here  
you  
**draw**  
something:

I learned:

I didn't  
understand:

Words  
I don't know

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Awaiting the Holy Spirit Within Us*

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
replace the tension within us with a holy relaxation.  
Replace the turbulence within us with a sacred calm.  
Replace the anxiety within us with a quiet confidence.  
Replace the fear within us with a strong faith.  
Replace the bitterness within us with the sweetness of grace.  
Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light.  
Replace the coldness with us with a loving warmth.  
Replace the night within us with your light.*

*Straighten our crookedness.  
Dull the edge of our pride.  
Sharpen the edge of our humility.  
Light the fires of our love.  
Quench the flames of our lust.  
Let us see ourselves as You see us.  
Come, Holy Spirit!*



## **This Morning's Sacred Liturgy**

Today's Intention: *For our mothers, living and deceased.*

Prelude: <b>Ave Maria</b>	Instrumental
Welcome and Announcements	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
<b>Gathering Song: Sing A New Song</b>	<b>GC2 544</b>
Kyrie Litany	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Gloria: Mass of Creation	<b>GC2 138</b>
Opening Prayer	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Reading I: <i>Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20ac-26</i>	<i>Michael H.</i>
Psalm Response: <b>Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind...</b>	<b>GC2 59</b>
Reading II: <i>1 John 4:11-16</i>	<i>Sr. Linda</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Give the Glory</b>	<b>GC2 733</b>
Holy Gospel: <i>John 17:11b-19</i>	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Homily	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Profession of Faith: <b>Alternative Creed</b> ( <i>cf. inside back cover hymnal</i> )	
<b>Intercessions: ☩ Christ, graciously hear us!</b>	<i>Michael H.</i>
<b>Blessing of Mothers</b>	<i>Bp. Steven/Assembly</i>
Kiss of Peace	
<b>Preparation of the Gifts: You Are Mine</b>	<b>GC2 627</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Creation</b>	<b>GC2 147, 148A; 149</b>
<b>Lord's Prayer: Our Father</b>	<b>GC2 15</b>
<b>Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Creation</b>	<b>GC2 152</b>
Invitation to Holy Communion	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
	<i>Cup Ministers: Fr. Jacques, Joanne D. &amp; David B.</i>
<b>Communion Procession: Now We Remain</b>	<b>GC2 696</b>
<b>Song of Praise: You Are the Voice</b>	<b>GC2 538</b>
Prayer after Communion	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Solemn Blessing and Easter Sending	
<b>Sending Song: How Can I Keep From Singing</b>	<b>GC2 598</b>
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts:</b>	<i>Parishioner Last Names M-R</i>