



# Holy Spirit

## OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Solemnity of Pentecost**

**19 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:** 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, 26 May 2024, 10:30am  
**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**



Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalm 33:4-9, 18-22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

Presider: **Mthr. Sharon**

Homilist: **Mthr. Sharon**

Greeters: **Debbie & Brian R.**

Welcome: **Mary Jo G.**

Acolyte: **Karen E.**

Intercessions: **Dcn. Jan**

Lectors: (1) **Joanne D.** (2) **Diane P.**

Altar Bread Baker: **Bp. Steven**

Ministers of the Cup: **Dcn. Jan, Bp. Steven & volunteer**

Coffee Social Hosts: **Parishioner Last Names A-D**

*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 22nd, 7-9pm, conference room

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

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

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

- Next 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.

### **SHARING SUNDAY,**

- Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Our prayer and compassionate care turns to runaway and troubled children and teens who are being served by Safe Place 2B located in Clearwater.

### **FATHERS' DAY BLESSING**

- Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

We give thanks and pray for all who have been as a father for us.

## **Pastoral Perpendiculars**

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

Good morning, dearest Community and Friends!

Here's an interesting thought: The Holy Spirit did not come upon the apostles and disciples until they had a chance to pray together for nine days to experience the need for divine assistance, to grow in love and respect for each other, perhaps even to effect some reconciliation among themselves. After all, not only did one of them betray the Lord and then commit suicide, some of the their number denied and deserted him. They had to get beyond such guilt. The Holy Spirit came upon them when they "had become church enough" for the Holy Spirit to dwell therein.

We all know how hard it is to be church. Many of us have our little private relationship with God or Jesus, or maybe even the Holy Spirit, and don't give much personal attention to being community. Can I fend off the pressures of our culture all by myself and care enough about each other to produce the "other-centered" atmosphere church implies? Or does it take the presence of the Holy Spirit to draw me out of self and into loving concern for all God's daughters and sons? Do I have to somehow invite the Spirit into my life and be open to the conversion of attitudes the Holy Spirit has historically brought about?

However we respond to these questions, waiting until we are "church enough" or working to make church happen, our role is clear. Our role is to become one with each other, laying aside all destructive divisiveness and lack of unity to be fully Spirit-inspired Christians. We have one law: "Love one another, as I have loved you." If we do this, we will know the Holy Spirit is in

our midst. We will make each other feel the Presence. Let us, then, pray:

O Divine Spirit, pour forth Your gifts upon Your Church. Just as John XXIII, bishop of Rome, prayed for and gave his life for the gift of unity, so may I seek always to strengthen the bonds of love among all the followers of Jesus. By a kind of new Pentecost, renew Your gift of unity in our time. Remove the barriers that still divide us; heal the wounds that separate us. May we be one as You are one, forever and ever. Amen.

Rejoice together, dear friends, as we celebrate 21 years as a community, wonderfully Catholic and proudly inclusive. Let us clothe ourselves with gratitude for all that we have experienced and shared together as this community that we may travel forward freely as truly sisters and brothers in the Lord to one another and the world we live and strive to make a difference in.

Parish Council has been rescheduled to this Wednesday evening due to some illness among us. Parishioners are cordially invited and welcomed to join in the Parish Council meeting this week.

We will gratefully celebrate the Rite of Committal for the remains of Pete S.'s father, mother and brother next Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am in our Garden of Remembrance. You are welcomed to gather with Pete for this moment.

Our June Sharing Sunday on June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be focused on runaway, troubled children and teens who are being cared for by Safe Place 2B in Clearwater. Watch your email and Facebook for more information.

Blessed Feast of Pentecost!

*b.p. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Come, Holy Spirit, Deep Within!***

*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 within 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: *In thanksgiving for our Parish.*

Prelude: <b>Veni Sancte Spiritus</b>	GC2 478
Welcome and Announcements	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
<b>Gathering Song: Send Us Your Spirit</b>	GC2 476
Kyrie Litany	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Gloria: Mass of Creation	GC2 138
Opening Prayer	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Reading I: <i>Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11</i>	<i>Wayne C.</i>
Psalm Response: <b>℟ Lord, send out Your Spirit</b> <b>and renew the face of the earth.</b>	<i>Psalm 104</i>
Reading II: <i>Galatians 5:16-25</i>	<i>Diane P.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Give the Glory</b>	GC2 733, v. 8
Holy Gospel: <i>John 15:26-27, 16:12-15</i>	<i>Dcn. Jan</i>
Homily	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Profession of Faith: <b>Nicene Creed</b> ( <i>cf. inside back cover hymnal</i> )	
<b>Intercessions: ℟ Come, Holy Spirit,</b> <b>fill the hearts of Your faithful!</b>	<i>Dcn. Jan</i>
Kiss of Peace	
<b>Preparation of the Gifts: Come Holy Ghost</b>	GC2 472
<b>Eucharistic Prayer: Mass of Creation</b>	GC2 147, 148A; 149
<b>Lord's Prayer: Our Father</b>	GC2 15
<b>Lamb of God Litany: Mass of Creation</b>	GC2 152
Invitation to Holy Communion	<i>Dcn. Jan</i>
<i>Cup Ministers: Mthr. Sharon, Dcn. Jan &amp; Fr. Jacques</i>	
<b>Communion Procession: One Bread, One Body</b>	GC2 813
<b>Song of Praise: Sing A New Church</b>	GC2 644
Prayer after Communion	<i>Bp. Steven</i>
Solemn Blessing and Easter Sending	
<b>Sending Song: Go Make a Difference</b>	GC2 664
<b>Pentecost Potluck Hosts:</b>	<i>All Parishioners</i>