

# St. Stephen Parish

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# Pentecost

## SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

There appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4

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### *Sequence for Pentecost* **"Veni, Sancte Spiritus"**

Come, Holy Spirit;  
shine in us with the heavenly light of Your own radiance.

Come, Father of the poor,  
come, Gift-giver, come,  
Light of hearts.

You, gentle Guest of the soul,  
are the surest Consoler,  
cooling our fever-heat.

You are Rest when we labour,  
relief in searing heat,  
solace when we weep.

O most blessed Light!  
Fill the secret inward spaces  
of the hearts that turn towards You.

Without Your mysterious glory,  
nothing in human spirits is free from poison.  
Wash what has become soiled in us;  
moisten what has dried out;  
heal whatever is wounded.

Make supple what has stiffened,  
melt what is frozen in us,  
straighten what has become bent to us  
who believe in You, who trust in You,  
give Your seven-fold gifts of healing.

Grant, as Your gift, the fruits of virtue;  
grant, as Your gift, salvation at the end;  
may Your gifts bring undying joy.

Amen, alleluia!

***Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.***

## **Pentecost Sunday**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11 | **Psalm:** Psalm 104 | **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 | **Gospel:** John 20:19-23

There once was an elderly woman who had four grown sons. The woman lost her home to fire, so the sons thought it would be good to build their mother a new home. They encountered some trouble. The first son was a carpenter, but he didn't know anything about plumbing, masonry or electrical work. So he thought there was no way he could build his mother a home. Each of his brothers – an electrician, a plumber and a bricklayer – had similar thoughts. They didn't know anything about the other building trades, so thinking only as individuals, they each decided there was no way any of them could build a new home for their mother. So the house never got built.

Maybe our life as a Church is sometimes like that story of the mother and her sons. How often do we think that the Church could not possibly need or make use of our God-given talents? Sometimes, we might catch ourselves thinking that we can't lead a song or a prayer service or a parish meeting. Maybe we think we could never stand before a group of people and put a meaningful sentence together. Perhaps we think that the Church simply doesn't need us because we can't do anything spectacular. Maybe we feel we don't have any special talents to share with anyone, so why bother?

Let us consider for a moment the diversity of gifts that are necessary to bring to life a parish like our own. Our parish life is not just about those whose talents we see and hear at Mass each Sunday. It is also about those whose talents are used "behind the scenes" so to speak – the folks who clean the church each week or the person whose focus in prayer encourages others to do the same. The volunteers who work in our religious formation programs by assembling a mailing, assisting with record keeping, preparing materials for each session – all contribute immeasurably. Preparing a dish to be shared at a funeral luncheon can bring comfort and healing, as can an open listening ear and a compassionate heart.

God continues to pour out the Holy Spirit to touch the lives of each of us. This feast of Pentecost is all about being able to see and to sense how God has touched each of us with gifts that are necessary for the life of the Church. Yes, some gifts are used more visibly, but all those God-given gifts are necessary.

Pentecost is about believing that the power of the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon each of us. Those gifts can be pooled and put to use humbly and selflessly. Pentecost is about building a house, together, that no one person can do alone. It is about building up the Church.

### **LITURGY AND LIFE**

Do you pray to the Spirit to guide you?

Have you noticed that when you deepen your prayer life you grow in the fruits of the Spirit, such as patience, kindness, peace, gentleness, generosity, and self-control?

How can our parish help you understand the work of the Spirit in the life of the Church?

*"Come Holy Spirit  
Make our ears to hear  
Make our eyes to see  
Make our mouths to speak  
Make our hearts to seek  
Make our hands to reach out  
And touch the world with your love. AMEN."*



*Our Saint of the week*

## **Saint Bernardino of Siena**

*Feast day May 20*

At age twenty-three, St. Bernardino had completed a classical education and capped it with a degree in canon law. In 1403 he joined the Friars of the Strict Observance, a new branch of the Franciscans. For more than a dozen years he lived quietly and unremarkably in Fiesole, Italy. But in 1417, a novice prophesied three times to Bernardino. "Brother Bernardino," he exclaimed, "stop hiding your gifts. Go to Lombardy where all await you!" The saint went obediently to Milan, not knowing what to do.

But he soon discovered that his vocation was preaching when his eloquence began to draw huge congregations. For nearly a quarter of a century he crisscrossed Italy on foot, calling people to repentance in exhortations like this: Bernardino popularized devotion to the name of Jesus. At the end of every sermon he blessed the crowd, holding a placard marked "IHS," an acronym for the name "Jesus."

In 1437 the Observants elected Bernardino as their general. Overcoming the traditional Franciscan fear of learning, he required his men to study theology and canon law. During his period of leadership, he attracted so many new recruits that membership increased tenfold. He resigned in 1443 to return to preaching. But he died in 1444 shortly after delivering at his hometown a series of fifty sermons in as many days.



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, May 20

8:00 a.m.

† **Gabriel Lorenz Agudo**  
(By: Cagalingan Family)

## Tuesday, May 21

8:00 a.m.

† **Guido Salomone, Jr.**  
(By: J.R. Jaldon)

## Wednesday, May 22

8:00 a.m.

† **Teresa Lobo**  
(By: Maria Xavier)

## Thursday, May 23

8:00 a.m.

† **Robert Ha.**  
(By: Nerissa Ha & Family)

## Friday, May 24

8:00 a.m.

† **Dodge Espina**  
(By: Dorothy Over)

## Saturday, May 25

8:00 a.m.

† **Ciriaco Jacinto**  
(By: Remy Jacinto)

4:30 p.m.

† **Leonard Stefanelli**  
(By: Virginia Stefanelli)

## Sunday, May 26

8:00 a.m.

† **Yelba Delgado**  
(By: Hugo Delgado)

10:30 a.m.

† **Joseph Ho, Sr.**  
(By: Viet Ho)

6:30 p.m.

**St Stephen Parishioners**  
(By: Fr. Michael)



## Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4

## TODAY'S READINGS

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

**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13)

**Gospel** — As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15.*

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: **Pentecost Sunday**

Monday: **Seventh Week in Ordinary Time; The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Tuesday: **St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions**

Wednesday: **St Rita of Cascia**

Saturday: **St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi**

You're All Invited!  
**HOLY HOUR of**  
**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION**  
Exposition, Adoration and Benediction  
(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)  
Mondays thru Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



The SFSU Newman Club has finished their meetings for this semester and will begin again when classes start up in mid-August.



## Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

**Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, Ana Caballero, George Farrales, Perry Young, Antoinette Mishirsky, Maggie Harbison, Danilo Dacasin, Greg Lorio, Adelle Caunan, Debbie Nunes, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu, Edna Amora, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbiere, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.**

Please call the office to add or remove names

## Join the FUN! The 50+ Club



Monday, June 3, 2024

@ Donworth Hall

473 Eucalyptus Drive, SF, CA 94132

ALL ARE INVITED!

Doors Open 12:30pm

50+ Seniors are invited to enjoy camaraderie, snacks, Bingo games, Bridge, etc.

For any questions call Helga at 415-731-8211

## TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

## Pentecost Humor



### **The gift of understanding:**

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew pictures. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

**The gift of fortitude:** A mother refused to permit her little boy to go for a picnic with his classmates. On the day of the picnic, however, she changed her mind and gave him permission. But he sighed and confessed, "It's too late Mummy, I've already prayed for rain on the school picnic day!"

**The gift of fear of the Lord:** Do not ride in automobiles: they are responsible for 20% of fatal accidents. Do not stay home: 1% of all accidents occur in home. Do not walk on the streets or sidewalks: 14% of all accidents occur at such times. Do not travel by air, rail, or water: 16% of all accidents happen on planes, trains or boats. Only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Hence, the safest place for you to be at any time is at church!

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked the children in my religion class.

"NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the Church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" "Well, then, if I were kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked them again. Again, they all answered, "NO!" "Well," I continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"

## St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

May book:  
*Mere Christianity*  
by C.S. Lewis

Arguably the 20th century's most influential Christian writer, C.S. Lewis sought to explain and defend the beliefs that nearly all Christians at all times hold in common. His simple yet deeply profound classic, originally delivered as a series of radio broadcasts, is a book to be thoroughly digested by believers and generously shared with skeptics. Lewis argues for the logical validity of Christianity, defends the religion from its critics, and looks in detail at what the life of a Christian is like.

**Book Club meets Sat., May 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Contact Mary Molly for more information.**

## Background on today's Gospel Reading

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people. *Loyola Press*

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## Assignment Changes Announced

**Fr. Michael Liliedahl** is being assigned the Chaplain of campus ministry at SF State Univ., but will remain in residence at St. Stephen's.

**Fr. Ben Rosado** is being moved to St. Monica/St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes.

**Seminarian Dereck Delgado** will return to his studies at St. Patrick's Seminary after his two-months-long Pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress this summer in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Fr. David Schunk** will join St. Stephen Parish as our new Pastor, starting July 1, 2024. You might know Fr. Schunk because he has stayed in the rectory when on break from his former job in Rome. For the last year he has been stationed at St. Monica/St. Thomas the Apostle.



Children's Liturgy on Sundays at 10:30 A.M. Mass will end this weekend, and begin again in the Fall.

\*If there are volunteer teachers who would like to keep teaching this summer please reach out to Mary Molly in the parish office.

## National Eucharistic Pilgrimage launches this Sunday!

This Pentecost Sunday the Pilgrims start on the St. Junipero Serra western route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage!

**Our seminarian, Dereck Delgado, will be making this pilgrimage, walking across the country with other pilgrims to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National Eucharistic Congress in July. His journey starts May 19.**

Join us for the weekend's events including 11:00 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Cordileone on Sunday, May 19, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption followed by a Eucharistic procession through the streets of San Francisco and across the Golden Gate Bridge. We are organizing a group from our parish to join the walk across the bridge, contact Mary Molly for more info.

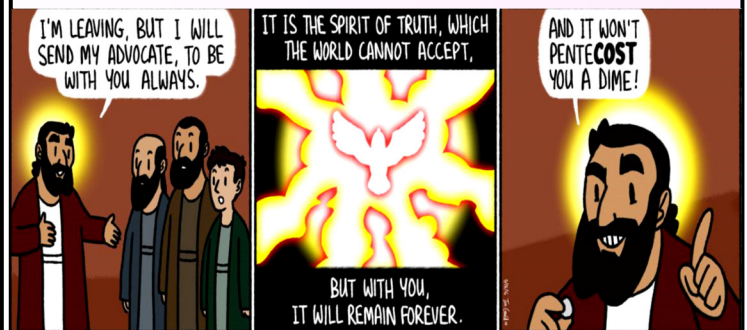
*When Dereck returns from the pilgrimage he returns to St. Patrick's Seminary, so his Pastoral Year serving St. Stephen Parish has ended. Keep him in your prayers as he walks across the country the next two months to the Eucharistic Congress.*

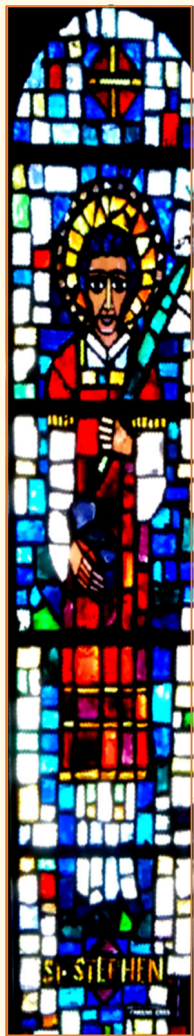
## Living the Holy Spirit in our Daily Lives

1) We need to permit the Holy Spirit to direct our lives: **a)** by constantly remembering and appreciating His Holy Presence within us, especially through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; **b)** by fortifying ourselves with the help of the Holy Spirit against all types of temptations; **c)** by seeking the assistance of the Holy Spirit in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and in the breaking of our evil habits, substituting for them habits of Goodness and Love; **d)** by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Bible and through the good counsel of others; **e)** by fervently praying for the gifts, fruits and charisms of the Holy Spirit; **f)** by renewing our lives through the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and **g)** by living our lives in the Holy Spirit as lives of commitment, of sacrifice, and of joy. We are called to love as Jesus loved, not counting the cost. As Saint Paul exhorts us, *"Walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit"* (Galatians 5:16, 25).

2) We need to be Spirit-filled Christians: Spirit-filled people acknowledge their weaknesses, ask for the strengthening, anointing and guidance of the Holy Spirit every morning, ask for His forgiveness every evening, and pass on that forgiveness to those who sin against them. Spirit-filled people are praying people. Paul encourages us, *"Pray on every occasion as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray for all God's people"* (Eph 6:18). Spirit-filled people are praying and worshipping God in their families and parishes. They try to grow continually in their Faith, and they seek out every opportunity to discover Christ and what it means to be children of God. Spirit-filled people are people who allow the Spirit to change their lives through their daily reading of the Bible and their frequenting of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Spirit-filled people speak words that heal, restore, make people happy and build people up, instead of tearing them down. Spirit-filled people pass on the love of God to the people living around them by their acts of kindness, mercy and charity. Hence, let us ask the Holy Spirit for a spirit of love instead of hate, a spirit of helpfulness instead of non-cooperation, a spirit of generosity instead of greed, and a spirit of gentleness in place of our spirit of ruthlessness.

3) We need to cultivate the spirit of forgiveness. The feast of Pentecost offers us the chance to look at the role which forgiveness should play in our dealings with others. Thus, we are challenged to examine our sense of compassion, patience, tolerance, and magnanimity. Learning to forgive is a lifelong task, but the Holy Spirit is with us to make us agents of forgiveness. If we are prepared on this day of Pentecost to *receive* the Holy Spirit into our lives, we can have confidence that our lives will be marked by the Spirit of forgiveness





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| • Women's Guild            | Jamie Allen           |
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## Today's Music

MAY 19, 2024, Pentecost Sunday

**Gathering:** Come Holy Ghost #457

**Preparation:** Come Down, O Love Divine #459

**Communion:** One Bread, One Body #331,  
One Love Released #333

**Sending Forth:** Come, O Holy Spirit #195



### Prayer to St. Michael



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### *Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!*

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