



[Jesus] said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me, so I
send you.”

JOHN 20:21

Spirited Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger, much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward?

Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To “live in the flesh” is Paul's code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not “fall back into fear,” something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh. ●

Reflect

What situations or “triggers” cause me to act out of my baser instincts?



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend.
May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MINISTRIES ...

JUNE 7/8th PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Kathy Anderson
10:15AM Lector: Willie Forbes EM: Madelena ALemida
Collection: Karen Marsh

JUNE 14/15th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00PM Lector: Kathy Anderson EM: Peter Marsh
10:15AM Lector: Cherry Ramdass EM: Willie Forbes
Collection: Pat Robinson

MASS INTENTIONS ...

JUNE 7/8th PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00PM St. Michael's Parishioners
10:15AM For Our Confirmation Candidates

JUNE 14/15th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00PM For Healing of all those who are in need.
10:15AM Deolinda & Manuel Pacheco & Son, Victor



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

MAY 24/25th COLLECTION: \$710.

MAY 31st/ JUNE 1st COLLECTION: \$627.00

Votives: \$56.00

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Bishops Corner ...

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In popular Catholic piety, each month of the year has become associated with a corresponding spiritual theme that focuses on various aspects of the Christian faith. June has become known in the last century as the Month of the Sacred Heart, due to the fact that the feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year during it. This year this feast falls on Friday, 27th of June.



This was not always the case, as the feast was not recognized until the 19th century. It all started when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received private revelations from Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke to her and asked her specifically to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart. "I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special Feast to honour my heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to it by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart shall expand itself to shed in abundance the influence of its Divine Love upon those who shall thus honour it, and cause it to be honoured."

The entire purpose of this devotion is to draw a person closer to the heart of Christ. If a person spreads devotion to the Sacred Heart, it is natural for him or her to be closer to God.

Perhaps it would not harm us to add to our prayers in June a little invocation: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on me and hold me close in your heart.

Pope Leo makes a reference to this Catholic tradition in his first "The Pope Video" for June 2025: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9zjyte>

May your weekend be restful and your week blessed!

+ Wes Jurewicz
Bishop Wes

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Spirit...makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.... We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith...! [The Holy Spirit]...brings...the faith up to date: this is his job. [He] does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022



Pastor's Point . . .

Section V: THE TEACHING OF THE MAGISTERIUM

For this reason, it is gravely unjust to enact laws that legalize euthanasia or justify or support suicide. The existence of such laws deeply wound human relations and justice, threatening the mutual trust among human beings. They also strike at the foundation of the legal order, as the right to life sustains all other rights.

Pope Francis recalls that our awareness of what makes human life precious is gradually eroding as human life “is increasingly valued on the basis of its efficiency and utility, to the point of considering as ‘discarded lives’ or ‘unworthy lives’ those who do not meet this criterion.”

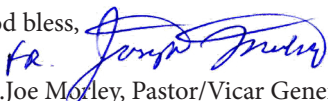
In some countries, tens of thousands have already died by euthanasia. Physicians themselves report that abuses frequently occur when the lives of persons who would never have desired euthanasia are terminated. Likewise, the request for death is in many cases a symptom of disease, aggravated by isolation and discomfort.

Rather than condemning those looking to hasten death, the Christian must offer to the sick the help they need to shake off their despair. Earthly life is not the supreme value; ultimate happiness is in heaven. The Christian must help the dying to place their hope in God.

From a clinical perspective, the factors that largely determine requests for euthanasia are unmanaged pain and loss of hope, often provoked by inadequate psychological and spiritual human assistance. Requests for death should not be understood as “a true desire for euthanasia; in fact, it is almost always a case of an anguished plea for help and love.”

The “end of life,” inevitably accompanied by pain and suffering, can be faced with dignity only by seeing in the event of death the horizon of eternal life and affirming the transcendent destiny of each person. Those who assist persons with chronic illnesses or in the terminal stages of life must know how to keep vigil with those suffering, to console them and instill hope.

“Weep with those who weep” (Rm 12:15). Love is made possible and suffering given meaning in relationships where persons share in solidarity the human condition and the journey to God. When physicians and patients are united in the recognition of the value of life and the mystical meaning of suffering, good medical care can be valued, while today’s utilitarian and individualistic outlook is dispelled.

God bless,


Fr. Joe Morley, Pastor/Vicar General

SOURCE: Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Samaritanus bonus on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life: Compendium by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities on Pages 8 & 9, 2020.



WORDS OF LIFE:

“Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life”

Dear Padre,

My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder, albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God’s grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ. ●



JANTANEE RUNPRANOMKORN / SHUTTERSTOCK

What is Happening in Our Diocese?

St. MICHAEL'S

- EMMAUS Bible Study Tuesdays, at 3:00pm in the Pastor's Office
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 - **First Penance** - Saturday, June 14th, at 2pm
 - **First Holy Communion** - Sunday, June 22nd, time to be determined (after 12pm)

St. THERESA'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated at 7:30am.
- **12:10 Mass** is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

St. ANTHONY'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated Tuesday - Friday at 8:30am

St. PATRICK'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:00am
- The Rosary is recited every, WEDNESDAY at 10:00am
- A 6pm PORTUGUESE Mass followed by the Rosary each Wednesday at 7:00pm
- The Rosary and Adoration takes place every, THURSDAY at 7:30am
- A mass in Tagalog takes place on, THE SECOND FRIDAY of the month at 7:00pm.

St. JOSEPH'S

- A Filipino mass is celebrated every, THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH at 11:00am

STELLA MARIS

- A Filipino mass is celebrated on the LAST Wednesday OF THE MONTH at 7:00pm

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP is open, TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS 10:00am-2:00pm

BINGO FOR SENIORS

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH Bingo for Seniors will be held on Saturday June 28 in St. Anthony's hall from 1 pm to 2 pm. Everyone who attends is asked to bring one food dish -- either sandwiches or a dessert. **Bingo cards will be \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Blackout cards will be \$5 each.** Kindly notify **Annette Boyle at 517-9385** if you intend to come for a fun afternoon.



Please congratulate these young people who will be Confirmed by Bishop Wes this Sunday at the Cathedral.

SOFIA ABEND

LEONARDO FERIGO

DANIELA ARAUJO

AIDAN HERRICK

TATUM "TATE" SULLIVAN

May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and become an integral part of their continuing Faith journey now and forever.

God bless you and your families on this special occasion and always.



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

NEXT Saturday, JUNE 14th following

the 5pm Mass. Deadline for Ticket purchase is Tuesday, June 10th

Adults Tickets: \$20 and **Children 10 & Under:** \$15. Each include ONE (1) Bingo Card. Additional cards will be \$5 each.

There will be wine, beer, sodas, and juice for the children. Please **BRING** your favourite cookies, brownies, dessert bar or sliced cake or something similar, for finger friendly dessert. Bingo games will include one for the Kids, and one to celebrate Father's Day, and much more.

There will be a Door prize and some great Raffles for \$1 a ticket.

Tickets are available before and after Mass, or by emailing stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com or call Karen 799 0842 OR Email Lucy at attridestirling1940@gmail.com or call Lucy 334 7011



JUNE 12TH – 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR DIOCESE

A HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE: The Diocese of Hamilton in Bermuda was established in 12th June 1967. Bermuda was served by the Diocesan clergy of Halifax until 1953, after which pastoral responsibility transferred to the Congregation of the Resurrection. The Resurrectionist Fathers continue to serve our Catholic Community today. All Bishops have been members of that same Congregation including its current Bishop, Most Rev. Wieslaw (Wes) Śpiewak, C.R., who was ordained Bishop on 1st October 2015.

There is one Roman Catholic comprehensive school, Mount St. Agnes Academy (MSA), from which many of Bermuda's community leaders have graduated. As an Early Learning Program through Grade 12 (ages 4-18) private school, MSA provides quality education to approximately 425 students that is enhanced by their experiencing the lived values of the Catholic Faith and Culture.

There are six parishes island-wide:

St. Theresa's Cathedral
St. Michael's

St. Joseph's
St. Patrick's

St. Anthony's
Stella Maris

Our Sunday Readings

Mass during the day:
 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11
 PSALM 104:1,24,29-31,34
 I CORINTHIANS 12:3b-7,12-13*
 JOHN 20:19-23*
 *Other passages may be chosen.

Sending the Spirit

JOHN 20:19-23

Reading closely

1. What might be the significance of when Jesus appears?
2. Why are the doors locked?
3. What are all the ways the disciples might have reacted to Jesus' appearance?
4. Why does Jesus show them his hands and side?
5. What does Jesus do for his disciples?
6. Do you think the disciples could tell that Jesus had bestowed the Spirit on them? If so, how?

Living the word

7. What do you offer others?
8. What do you need from others?
9. How can you be a better bearer of peace?

THE GOSPEL READING

Peace

Peace be with you was a familiar greeting among Jews. Peace was the great hope God's people had for the world.

Jesus' gift of peace also frees the disciples from fear, and the disciples desperately need this

freedom. As they go forth from their locked room to proclaim the gospel, they will meet resistance, hostility, and outright rejection.

For testimony

Before he was killed, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit (14:15-18). Now the risen Jesus sends his followers to continue his ministry of loving people even to death (15:12-13). They don't go alone: the Spirit makes them inseparable from Jesus. The Spirit is also the one who will speak through them, giving testimony to the truth (15:26-27).

New creations

Jesus breathes on his disciples just as God once breathed life into the first human being (Genesis 2:7). Now that these disciples share in the life that comes from the risen Jesus, they share his power to bring others into union with God. However, they will also hold people accountable for refusing to accept that Jesus brings salvation to all (v.23).

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11

Reading closely

1. Who all has gathered?
2. Why have so many people gathered?
3. How do you imagine Jesus' followers reacting to the wind and fire?
4. What all might they think is happening?
5. What gift does the Spirit give? Why?
6. How might Jesus' followers feel about this gift?
7. What might each of Jesus' followers be saying?
8. If you were in the crowd, how would you respond?

Living the word

9. How can you tell when you're cooperating with the Holy Spirit?
10. Have there been times you think someone falsely claimed the presence of the Spirit?
11. Have you ever been amazed by the work of the Spirit?

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11

Fulfilling his promise

In his Gospel (Book One) Luke emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is with Jesus. At the end of Luke's Gospel, Jesus promised to share the Spirit with his disciples. Today's passage from Book Two shows the fulfillment of that promise.

Claiming Pentecost

Pentecost was the Greek name for the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot). It was originally a harvest festival celebrated about fifty days after Passover. The feast evolved into a commemoration of God's giving of the law (Torah) on Mount Sinai, where **fire** was a sign of God's presence (Exodus 19:18).

The Hebrew word *ruah* means **wind**, *breath* or *spirit*. In this passage all three meanings are implied. God breathes his Spirit into those who believe in the saving power of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Jewish feast of Pentecost has thus come to assume new meaning for Christians.

A summary story

Right before his Ascension Jesus told his disciples that they would *be his witnesses* throughout the

world (Acts 1:8). Acts of the Apostles is the story of how the holy Spirit helped Jesus' followers to preach and build up God's church. Today's passage sums up the first part of the book: Jews from all over the world hear what God has accomplished through Jesus' death and resurrection.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3b-7, 12-13

All kinds of people

The Christians at Corinth included people of different ethnicities, religious backgrounds, education, and income levels, which led to internal division and snobbery. Some people thought they were better than others because they had better spiritual gifts.

All kinds of gifts

Paul makes it clear that every person who believes in Jesus has the holy Spirit within them and that every gift comes from the Spirit. Therefore, no one should presume to think they're better than anyone else. Moreover, the gifts of the Spirit aren't given to make people feel special but to strengthen God's church.

The Spirit's presence within individuals draws them into a community. The Spirit bestows gifts that makes the community diverse but also interdependent. The community will be unhealthy and ineffective if its members don't value each other and work together.

PRAYER

*adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Pentecost
(Roman Missal, 1985)*

Father of light,
you have enlightened the minds of your disciples
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
Bless us and give us the gifts of your Spirit forever.
May that fire that hovered over the disciples as
tongues of flame burn out all evil from our hearts
and make us glow with pure light.
May the voice of the Spirit strengthen our faith
and inspire others who need love, guidance, and
hope.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.