

## SUNDAY MASS

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:1-11.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 104.

### RESPONSE:

Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
O Lord my God, how great you are.  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your creatures. **R**
2. You take away their breath, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**
3. May the glory of the Lord last forever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him  
I will rejoice in the Lord. **R**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:8-17.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** John 14:15-16, 23-26.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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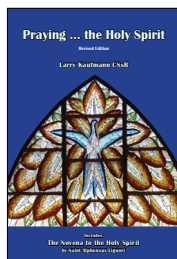
### PRAYING... THE HOLY SPIRIT

by Fr Larry Kaufmann CSsR

Christians affirm the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer.

This booklet is offered as a help in turning to the Holy Spirit during periods of discernment, decision-making, trial or transition – all parts of our lives at one time or another.

It contains many beautiful prayers to the Holy Spirit. The author's hope is that this booklet will become a source of prayer and renewed devotion to the Holy Spirit who "leads us to the complete truth" (John 16:13)



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## THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

### Mon 9 Jun Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 87; John 19:25-34

"Her greatest gift was her willingness to consent to God's presence and action in her life."  
– Thomas Keating, *Mary, the Mother of God*. May we be inspired, as her children, to do the same.

### Tue 10 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:13-16

How does God want to bring light into your own life and add spiritual flavour for holy living? Who does God want you to love with His love? Allow your holiness to shine forth and you will become salt and light for others.

### Wed 11 Jun St Barnabas, A

Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Psalm 98; Matthew 10:7-13

Barnabas, a Jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the Twelve to being a full-fledged apostle. He is spoken of simply as one who dedicated his life to the Lord, and was "filled with the Holy Spirit and faith".

### Thu 12 Jun (St Onophrius, H)

2 Corinthians 3:15–4:1.3-6; Psalm 85; Matthew 5:20-26

"Grace is not something God gives; grace is who God is. Grace is God's official job description. Grace is what God does to keep alive – forever – all things that God has created in love." – Fr Richard Rohr OFM

### Fri 13 Jun St Anthony of Padua, PrD

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 116; Matthew 5:27-32

Less than a month after his death the bishop, clergy, nobles and mayor of Padua requested Anthony's canonization. He was not yet dead a year when Pope Gregory IX declared him a saint of the Church.

### Sat 14 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalm 103; Matthew 5:33-37

"The challenge for us is to open our eyes, ears, hands, minds, and hearts to receive the truth of God's real, persistent presence, God's grace. When we open ourselves to it, we are changed by it." – Serene Jones

### Sun 15 Jun TRINITY SUNDAY

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; John 16:12-15

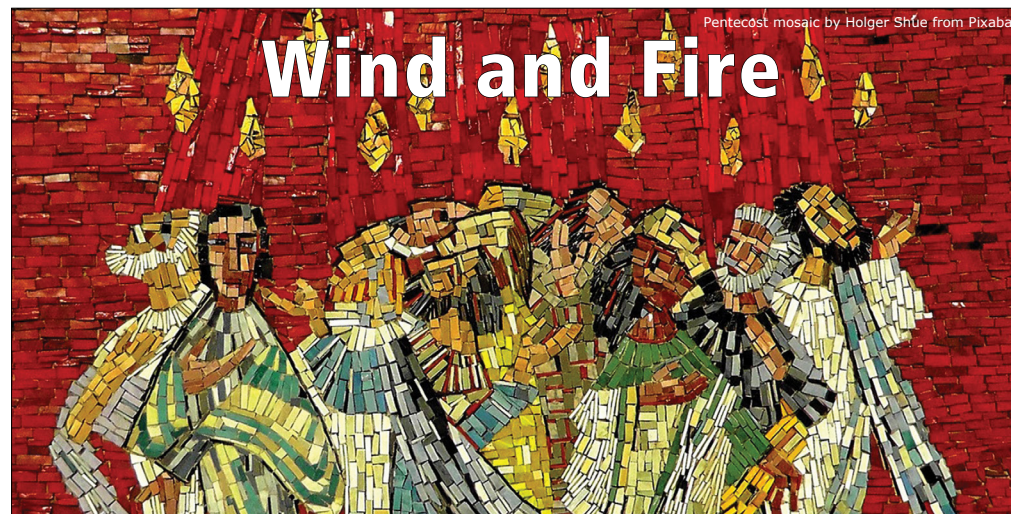
"Eternal Trinity... mystery deep as the sea, You could give me no greater gift than the gift of Yourself. For you are a fire ever burning and never consumed, which itself consumes all the selfish love that fills my being." – Catherine of Siena

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)  
Pr=Priest; B=Bishop; P=Pope

# Catholic Link

## PILGRIMS OF HOPE – PENTECOST

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Eleven apostles "together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14) huddled together in the upper room after the Ascension of Jesus. They were waiting for what would happen next. Jesus had promised them another paraclete/advocate, "the Spirit of Truth", whom He would send and who would lead them to the complete truth (John 16: 7-13).

They spent their time in expectant prayer, not knowing what would happen. Then, 50 days after Passover as the Jewish feast of Shavuot (Pentecost) was being celebrated, "suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:2-4).

This Wind and Fire was what transformed them from hesitant, frightened and timid people into missionary disciples ready and eager to sow the seeds of the Gospel wherever they could. Out they went to begin to implement the missionary mandate of Jesus: "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time" (Mt 28:19,20).

It was that Wind and Fire that made Paul a

restless missionary pilgrim for the rest of his life, bringing the Gospel from the Hebrew world into the Greek world and finally into the Roman world. It was that Wind and Fire that drove disciples of Jesus to the north, south, east and west, often at the cost of their lives.

It is that Wind and Fire that makes all Christians Pentecost pilgrims in a mission-centred Church. That Wind is still blowing, and that Fire is still burning, not only silently in the hearts of Christians, but actively in their pastoral outreach and in the small details of everyday Christian living.

The metaphor of the Christian path being a pilgrim path has deep roots stretching back to that first charismatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first Christian Pentecost. Chapter 7 of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) of the Second Vatican Council, gives a definitive account of the Church as a "Pilgrim Church". The horizon of the Pilgrim Church extends from the People of God here and now journeying together in faith, to those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith but are being purified, and finally to those who have arrived in the fullness of glory. It is from such a perspective that devotion to the saints and the exchange of spiritual goods (praying for one another), can best be appreciated. As paragraph 51 states, if we continue to love one another, we will experience the joy of the pilgrim journey and enjoy a foretaste of the glory to come.

Holy Spirit, lead us on our pilgrimage!