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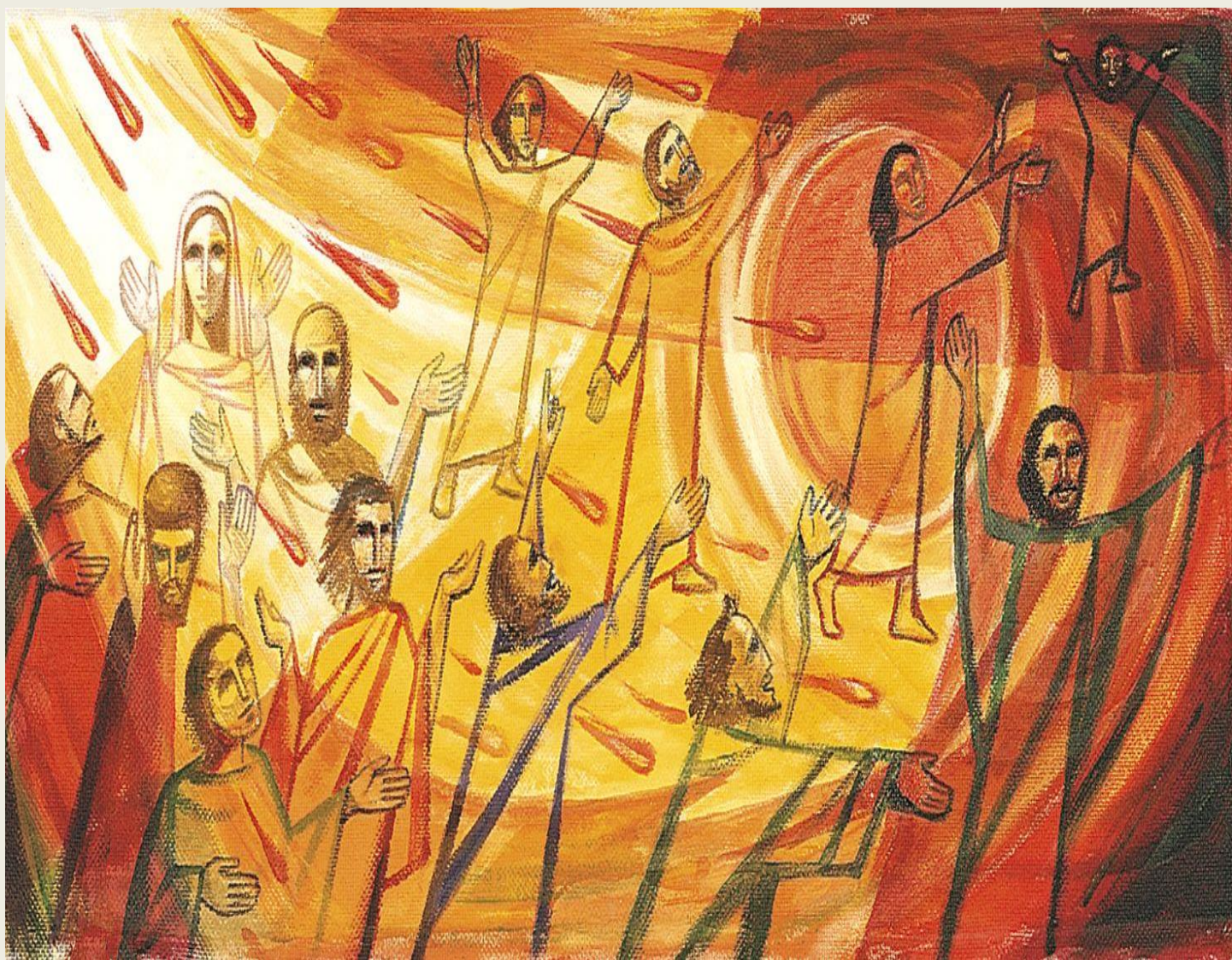
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## **Third Sunday of Pentecost Season**

### **The Spirit Teaches**

**May 29, 2016**



## From the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-10

### **Brothers and Sisters,**

When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him," this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

**Praise be to God always!**

## From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 14:21-27

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.  
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,  
And I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him,  
"Master, what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

Jesus answered and said to him,  
"Whoever loves me will keep my word,  
And my Father will love him,  
And we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.  
Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;  
Yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me."

I have told you this while I am with you.  
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—  
He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

**This is The Truth, Peace be with you.**



## **The Spirit Teaches**

In this brief but powerful passage from the Gospel of John, Jesus repeats his favorite theme: love. Jesus emphasizes the intimate unity of God, Jesus, the Spirit, and the believer. Finally, He promises the Holy Spirit, the Divine Gift that comes from the Father in the name of Jesus.

### **Love**

Fifty-seven times Jesus uses love verbs (agape). Jesus declares that if his disciples love him, they will observe his commandments. The reader may ask, "What commandments?" Saint John speaks of one Commandment: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, Just as I have loved you ..." (John 13:34). Because if we fail in love, we fail in all things else.

Judgment and eternal life begin now. At the end of each day, and during each moment of each day there's only one question to ask yourself: "In what ways did I or did I not love today?"

### **The Quattrinity**

Christians are familiar with the Trinity, but perhaps the most stunning feature of the Fourth Gospel is the Quattrinity. In John, Jesus insists that the intimate relationship that exists between him, God, and the Spirit also includes believers. The believer does not stand close by admiring the majesty of the Trinity; rather, we are called to be a part of it (abide, love, being "in").

If God and Christ have made their home with us, how can we imagine there to be any distance between us and God? The life of God is available for us from this moment into eternity.

### **The Holy Spirit**

What appeared to be bad news to the disciples, namely Jesus' departure from them, turned out to be the best of news for both them and us. While Jesus walked the earth, his ministry was limited to one area and one person, himself. Upon his departure, his disciples are given the Spirit and moved from learners to full mature revealers of God's love. And this happens not just to the first disciples, but all those who would come later, those who never saw the historical Jesus. Everything they were taught and experienced is available in the same degree and quality to us.

The word Paraclete (parakletos) has a range of meanings in the Greek: Comforter, Advocate, Counselor, and Helper. The Holy Spirit do the following: teach, remind (John 14:26), abide (John 14:16), and testify about Jesus (John 15:26). Like Jesus, the Holy Spirit deals in truth.

### **REMEMBER IT**

**The Paraclete, the holy Spirit that the Father  
will send in my name — he will teach you everything  
And remind you of all that I told you.**

**John 14:26**

## Deacon's Corner

Over the years as a Deacon, I have been involved with a large number of hospital visitations, wakes and funerals, etc. and I am always saddened by the emotions that are present, especially at the passing of a loved one. But then I always come back to the realization that we suffer these emotions due to one simple fact; we are all human. And being human means that we have emotions and that is not a bad thing. It is quite normal. And while the physical loss of a loved one is hard to deal with, God has given us a wonderful tool called our memory that helps us to never forget those we love.

Then we have to step back a bit and remember that we are all here for the same reason. To achieve eternal life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God, our Father, sent us His only-begotten Son to live here on earth as a human being, suffer as a human being, and then be nailed to a Cross to suffer a horribly painful death. He did this to offer us forgiveness of our sins and bring us to life everlasting with Him in Paradise.

Two and a half years ago, I thought I had indigestion until the sensation traveled up my throat and into my jaws. It was then that my wife, Bobbi, said; "call 911". So I did, and was transported to the hospital and 3 days later had quadruple by-pass surgery. I was and am grateful that Our Lord has given me some extra time in my journey to spend with my children and especially my grandchildren.

The most difficult thing to accept, no matter how much time God has chosen to give each of us is that "we are not in charge". Everything that goes on in our lives is in God's hands. "Thy Will be done" is something that we all must accept and, therefore, be prepared at all times to be called to complete our journey. "When God goes to His rolodex on any given day and pulls up any name, there is nothing we can do but accept His Will".

### **Mass Intentions for Next Sunday June 05, 2016**

**09:30 Mass:** Fouad & Adele Boutros *(Req. by Boutros Family)*

**11:30 Mass:** Aurelio De Jesus *(Req. by Richard and Imelda Allen)*

**Tom & Nabiha Basile – Dr. Simon Basile & Chuck Basile**

*(Req. by Mr. & Mrs Pierre & Ann Naffah)*

**John Thomas Rogers - Frank and Yvonne Balesh Neumann –**

**Richard and Laurice Balesh Leonetti** *(Req. by Salem Rogers)*

## Congratulations to our Graduates 2015-2016

<b>Daou, Cynthia</b>	Master of public Health / Health administration	Benedictine University
<b>Yasmine, Helena</b>	Master of Science/ Electrical Engineer	University of Louisville

<b>Albani, Paul</b>	Bachelor of Science/ Marketing and management	Roosevelt University
<b>Haddad, Jenny</b>	Bachelor of Science/ Biological Sciences	University of Illinois - Chicago
<b>Hanna, Natasha</b>	Bachelor of Science/ Finance Management	Benedictine University
<b>Zahra, Fares</b>	Bachelor of Science/ Economics	University of Iowa
<b>Zakhem, Jackie</b>	Bachelor of Science/ Health	Benedictine University

<b>Antoon, Maria</b>	High School	Nequa Valley
<b>Arrunategui, Daniel</b>	High School	Metea Valley
<b>Ghassan, Maryrose</b>	High School	Metea Valley
<b>Kamel, Sally</b>	High School	Dundee Crown
<b>Lebbos, Calvin</b>	High School	Mundelein
<b>Merheb, Carla</b>	High School	Bartlett
<b>Zakhem, Bashir</b>	High School	Westmont

## Mass Celebration



**Commemoration of the Resurrection: P. 425**  
**Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774**

## Sunday Readings



**Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-10**  
**Holy Gospel: John 14:21-27**

## Mass Intentions



### 9:30 AM

**40 days Memorial for Mariam Zodo** (*Req. by the Zodo Family*)  
**Betty Shaker and Frances Zamito** (*Req. by the Shaker Family*)  
**Fred Guttas** (*Req. by Sara Guttas*)

### 11:30 Mass:

**Baresta, Elia and Rizkhalah Lebbos** (*Req. by the Lebbos Family*)  
**Alice Balesh Rogers** (*Req. by Salem Rogers*)

Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Joseph and George Estephan Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Youssif and Reem Hattar, Estifan Azzo, Cassandra chahoud, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Lillian Hanna	Cynthia Daou (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Sami Tabet, William Harb, Naji Abiad, Steven George

## **Announcements**

### **✳ Christians in Syria**

In help of the Christians in Syria, a fundraising event will be held in Alhambra Palace Restaurant, on Friday June 10 at 8:30 Pm. For more information please Call Mr. Pierre Azar (224-402-2000) or Dr. Renati Abboud (773-895-9202).

### **✳ Lebanese Festival**

The Lebanese Festival is our major Parish Event and volunteers are needed and are welcome on all committees. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Rima Antoon (630-881-7536), Jackie Haddad (773-882-7105) or the Parish Office (630-932-9640). Your support through monetary donations, volunteering your time, spreading the word and festival attendance will contribute to the greater good of Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

## **Let us remember**

And pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of May

† Sophie Nahra	† Baresta E. Lebbos	† Agnes Dumit	† Alexander Rash
† John Bomrad	† Rocco Pietrandoomo	† Fouad Amawis	† Eli Joe Jage
† Amelia Lutfy	† J. Herbert Flagh, Sr.	† Fred Guttas	† John Jage
† Naseem Fahel	† Fred A. Malouf	† Reine Charto	† Colette Woods
† Dixie Haddad	† Frances Zamito		

## **COLLECTION**

**Sunday May 22, 2016: \$ 2,171.00**

“Generosity is giving more than you can,  
and pride is taking less than you need.”

**(Kahlil Gibran, Sand and Foam)**