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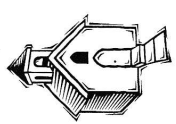
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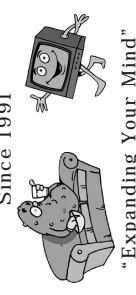
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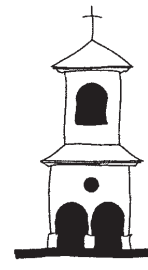
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May 26, 2007 — Pentecost Sunday

PASTOR'S CORNER

Today, the whole church celebrates Pentecost Sunday. As our catechism teaches: "The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1076). Immediately after the disciples of Jesus together with the Blessed Virgin Mary (Acts 1, 13-15) received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2, 1-4), they left their place of hiding. St. Peter began to share the good news of salvation (Acts 2, 14-41) with those who did not know it. On Pentecost Sunday, as a confirmed Catholic, renew your privilege to share with others the Good News. Take time to tell your spouse and children how important the message of the Gospel is for you. Assist those in need. Take time to reflect on the dignity of life, and proclaim it by the choices you make. Renew your commitment to build up our parish community. Take courage and make the church manifest to your relatives, friends, fellow believers and co-workers by giving examples of how Christ's disciples think, judge, and act..

— Fr. Marcellus

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much." — Luke 12:32-48

Collection for May 20 \$257.00
 (Amounts reported do not include restricted funds)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 7: Parish picnic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Idaho Catholic Appeal: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the ICA this year. Final figures should be available within the next few weeks. If you haven't contributed and would like to, ICA envelopes are available on the table in the church entry. Pledge amounts, as well as credit cards, are accepted.

OUR FAITH

Pentecost ("White Sunday" that becomes "Whitsunday") takes place, in the Church Liturgical Calendar, 50 days after the Resurrection of Our Lord. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the budding Christian Church (Acts 2, 1-3). It is also called "Whitsunday" because of the white robes used by those who were baptized during the Vigil of Pentecost. The vigil was celebrated late in the evening of the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. Those who were baptized during the Vigil of Pentecost were catechumens (candidates for baptism) that had not been baptized during the Easter Vigil.

LITURGY

Today's liturgical color is red. Red is symbolic of the love of the Holy Spirit, and of the color of the tongues of fire that descended upon the apostles when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 2, 2-3).

The Easter Season of the Church Liturgical Year ends today, Pentecost Sunday. Next Sunday we begin the "Ordinary Time" of the Church Liturgical Year. The color for "Ordinary Time" is green, symbolic of hope. But next Sunday, the vestments of the priest and deacon will be white (the color of special solemnities) because the first feast celebrated during "Ordinary Time" is Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday will be followed by the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, when the priest and deacon will also wear white.

OUR FAITH

By the power of the Holy Spirit, "God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us unto the true vine will make us bear 'the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control [Gal 5, 22-23].' We live by the Spirit; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we 'walk by the Spirit' [Gal 5,25]."

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #736

SANCTITY OF LIFE

"The application of Gospel values to real situations is an essential work of the Christian community. Adopting a consistent ethic of life, the Catholic Church promotes a broad spectrum of issues seeking to protect human life and promote human dignity from the inception of life to its final moment. Opposition to abortion and euthanasia does not excuse indifference to those who suffer from poverty, violence and injustice. Any politics of human life must work to resist the violence of war and the scandal of capital punishment. Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. Therefore, Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas." —*Living the Gospel of Life*, by the U.S.A. Catholic Bishops

"The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life The family is the community in

which, from childhood, one learns moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society." —*Catechism of the Catholic Faith*, #2207

The Bible in 50 Words

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promised landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God Walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained

Stress

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it.

If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem.

If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance.

In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. "

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can."