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DIOCESAN PRIEST RETREAT

All Diocesan priests will be on retreat from Monday, June 9th to Friday, June 13th. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of contemplation and renewal.

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MASS TIMES: Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Appointment/Announced

Pentecost



Year C - June 8, 2025

Today's Readings

1st Reading: Acts. 2: 1-11
2nd Reading: Rom. 8: 8-17
Gospel Reading: Jn 14:15-16, 23-26



Response: Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth



A Reflection

Today, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, in which the liturgy has us relive the birth of the Church, according to what St Luke narrates in the book of the *Acts of the Apostles* (2: 1-13).

Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended on the community of disciples - "with one accord devoted themselves to prayer" - gathered with "Mary, the mother of Jesus" and with the Twelve Apostles (see Acts 1: 14; 2: 1). We can therefore say that the Church had its solemn beginning with the descent of the Holy Spirit.

In this extraordinary event we find the essential and qualifying characteristics of the Church: the Church is *one*, like the community at Pentecost, who were united in prayer and "concordant": "were of one heart and soul" (Acts 4: 32).

The Church is *holy*, not by her own merits, but because, animated by the Holy Spirit, she keeps her gaze on Christ, to become conformed to him and to his love.

The Church is *catholic*, because the Gospel is destined for all peoples, and for this, already at the beginning, the Holy Spirit made her speak all languages.

The Church is *apostolic*, because, built upon the foundation of the Apostles, she faithfully keeps their teaching through the uninterrupted chain of episcopal succession.

What is more, the Church by her nature is *missionary*, and from the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit does not cease to move her along the ways of the world to the ends of the earth and to the end of time.

This reality, which we can verify in every epoch, is already anticipated in the Book of *Acts*, where the Gospel passage from the Hebrews to the pagans, from Jerusalem to Rome, is described. Rome represents the pagan world, and hence, all people who are outside of the ancient People of God. Actually, *Acts* concludes with the arrival of the Gospel to Rome.

It can be said, then, that Rome is the concrete name of catholicity and missionary spirit, it expresses fidelity to the origins, to the Church of all times, to a Church that speaks all languages and extends herself to all cultures.

Dear brothers and sisters, the first Pentecost took place when Mary Most Holy was present amid the disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and prayed. Today, too, let us entrust ourselves to her maternal intercession, so that the Holy Spirit may descend in abundance upon the Church in our day, fill the hearts of all the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of his love.

REGINA CAELI - Saint Peter's Square, Pentecost Sunday, 27 May 2007 – Pope Benedict XVI



Happy Birthday



8th June

Ingrid Anderson ♦ Marsha-Ann Berrick ♦
Rebecca Phillpotts ♦

9th June

LeAnn Chuck-DaCosta ♦ Melissa Dukharan ♦
Nariesha Graham ♦ Kelsi Grier ♦ Audrey Shirley ♦
Nathan Rainford ♦ Nalani Rainford ♦

10th June

Lincoln Brown ♦ Andrew Bell ♦ Elaine Forbes ♦
Bernard March ♦ Christine Wilkins-Barnes ♦
Catrina Thomas ♦

11th June

Emily Cargill ♦ Brian Marks ♦ Elizabeth Murray ♦

12th June

Wendy Chai-Onn ♦ Joni Williams ♦ Zane Levy ♦
Dorothy Thompson ♦

13th June

Nile Archer ♦

14th June

Richard Rogers ♦ Cameron-Kai Cooke ♦
Diya Nembhard ♦



8th June

❖ Blair & Andrea Ayton
❖ Ronald & Suzanne Chai
❖ Moussa & Georgette Bavogui

14th June

❖ Trevor & Janet Lawrence

THANK YOU

The Hospitality Ministry extends a huge Thank You! for your attendance, contributions and prayers, in making the celebration of our Pastor's 18th Anniversary of Ordination such a beautiful evening of praise and fellowship. We are indeed grateful for your continued support.

INGENIO—A JUBILEE YEAR CONCERT

Featuring Organist Chase Loomer, with Brittany Hart—Soprano, Darcy Tulloch-Williams—Mezzo-Soprano and Kevin Williams—Tenor on Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 4:00pm at St. Richard's Church, 126 Red Hills Road. Tickets cost \$5,000.00 each and can be purchased from The Music Mart or Portmore Mall Pharmacy. There are also a few tickets available at the Stella Maris church office. Please see the church notice board for further details.