#### **EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

#### **ROSARY**

May is the month of Mary our mother. All Parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary as a family in the Church, 30 minutes before each weekend Mass.



#### **CURSILLO**

If you would like to strengthen your Catholic faith and have a closer, more personal relationship with God, then you can do so by joining the Women's Cursillo weekend.

Date: Thursday, May 30th—Sunday, June 2, 2024. Venue: Stella Maris House of Prayer, 62 Shortwood Road. For further information please contact Tasmin Ramsay-Gaynor at 876-861-9717 or by email: tramsaygaynor@gmail.com It promises to be a Spirit filled weekend.

## "BACK ON THE RACK" **SPECIAL POP UP SALE**





Children Clothes Only! Brand New and Gently Used

When: Saturday, May 25th Where: Stella Maris Car Park Time: 9:00am—12:00pm.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
Pentecost celebrations will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2024 beginning at 8:00am. There will be praise and worship, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a talk by Mrs. Grace Baston, followed by



Mass at 10:00am. Do come out and join us and be blessed. We will have the usual 6:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 18th for those persons unable to attend on Sunday.

### **EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- First Communion will take place at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Reconciliation for the candidates will be on Saturday June 1, 2024 starting at 10:00am followed by rehearsals.
- Confirmation will be on Sunday, June 30, 2024 at the 9:00am Mass.
- Sunday school will end for the school year with fun and games on the lawn at the Pastoral Centre on Sunday, June 23, 2024, 11:00am—12:00pm.



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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



1st Reading: 2nd Reading: Gospel Reading:



Acts 2: 1 - 11 Gal. 5:16-25

Jn. 15:26-27, 16:12-15

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



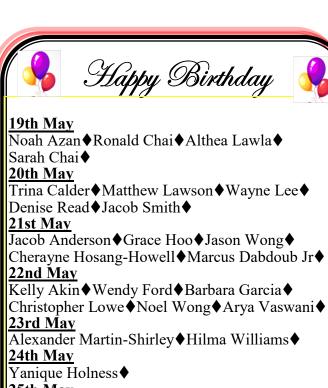
## **Reflecting on the Gospel**

We celebrate this Sunday a wondrous and unprecedented gift of God—"the Spirit of truth" given to us. This Spirit of truth God gives is relational. This Spirit of truth changes us—through the Spirit we share a common identity as the Body of Christ and take up a common mission to proclaim the Gospel by the sheer goodness of our lives. The Spirit enables us to live with one another in a new way: with "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity," etc. (second reading). The Spirit propels us to engage with the world in a new way: we "testify" (gospel) to the "mighty acts of God" (first reading) through the very way that we live. The truth God gives transforms us and, through us, transforms the world.

According to this gospel, both the Spirit and the disciples testify to Jesus. What is this testimony? It is the revelation that Jesus is of the Father, is the divine Son. Furthermore, this gospel says that the Spirit glorifies Jesus by testifying. So then do we. What is this glory? It is Jesus himself who is the visible Presence of the Father. Like the Spirit of truth, when we testify we also glorify.

This Pentecost commemoration does not simply recall a past event, but celebrates what God is doing within us now. In baptism each of us received the Spirit; that is our Pentecost. The Spirit is not something we have, is not a possession. The Spirit dwells within us as divine Life, enabling us to be faithful and true disciples. The Spirit is given for the sake of mission: to proclaim the gospel ("you also testify"), to be molded as disciples ("the Spirit. . . will guide you to all truth"), and, ultimately, to worship ("glorify me"). The indwelling of the Spirit is a continual Pentecost so that everyone can hear of the "mighty acts of God" (first reading) and thus bring glory to God.

#### Fr. Richard Brown



25th May

Marie Ferrer♦Latoya Smith♦

Jannine Richards-Murphy♦Nancey McGaw♦



21st Mav 23rd Mav ❖ Aubrey & Valerie Ffrench

❖Raymond & Barbara Garcia



# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,

Replace the **tension** within us with a holy **relaxation**.

Replace the turbulence within us with a sacred calm.

Replace the anxiety within us with a quiet confidence.

Replace the fear within us with a strong faith.

Replace the bitterness within us with the sweetness of grace.

Replace the darkness within us with a gentle light.

Replace the coldness within us with a loving warmth.

Replace the night within us with Your day.

Replace the winter within us with Your spring.

Straighten our crookedness.

Fill our emptiness.

Dull the edge of our pride.

Sharpen the edge of our humility.

Light the fires of our love.

Quench the flames of our lust.

Let us see ourselves as You see us.

That we may see You as You have promised us.

And be healed through Your Word.