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### GOOD NEWS!

**Pentecost Sunday  
May 20, 2018**

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 12:4

Lord, send out  
your  
Spirit  
and renew  
the face  
of the  
Earth



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### ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### The Patience of Mary

The image of Mary—surrounded by the apostles in the upper room, awaiting the Holy Spirit—has a name: *Regina Apostolorum*, Queen of the Apostles. She is enthroned as Queen Mother because, when her Son the King was enthroned and lifted up, he told her, "Behold your son." With those words he entrusted Mary to the care of John, the apostles, and the whole Church. As any good queen and mother, she defends her own.

She is also called the Spouse of the Spirit, because it was in union with the Spirit that she engendered the Son. She also engenders him in the apostles and in our souls through her powerful intercession and waiting on the Spirit.

One of Mary's best qualities is waiting patiently until God's power arrives. After the annunciation she waited nine months with Jesus in her womb. Then she waited some thirty years while Jesus grew and prepared for his mission. She waited during his public life and watched as his fame spread, but also as his enemies plotted. She waited at the foot of the cross and endured that unending Holy Saturday until the resurrection. And she waited patiently on the first Pentecost Sunday for the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit promised by her Son. She knew he would come through, as he always did.

We get impatient with God and want him to respond on our timetables according to our expectations. He waits to give us a chance to adapt our hearts to his plan and timing. He waits until the time is just right.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

#### For Reflection

*How often do I seek Mary's intercession or help?*

*Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. How can you practice more patience this week?*



Piece: *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*, 1608-1609  
Artist: Guido Reni  
Location: Vatican Museums

*But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.*

*John 16:13*

## Made for greater things: Telling a new story for a new America



What an honor it is to share this podium with these distinguished Americans. What a witness.

We are truly a nation that thrives on the gifts of peoples from every land.

Three years ago, I had the privilege to be here when Pope Francis canonized St. Junípero Serra.

It was a historic moment, the first time that a Catholic saint was being canonized on American soil.

And it is interesting to think: St. Junípero Serra never even saw Washington, D.C. He was a Hispanic missionary who came up from Mexico to preach and build in California. And he never left there. The United States of America was not even established as a nation until the final years of his ministry.

But the Pope made this decision to canonize Father Serra in our nation's capital, because he believes we should remember him as one of our nation's "founding fathers."

My dream is that one day, we will take that seriously in this country. Because I believe that when we do, we will begin to understand the story of America; begin to understand this nation's meaning and purpose.

Every people has a story they tell about where they came from and how they got here.

The story we Americans tell usually begins with figures like Washington and Jefferson, Madison and Hamilton. We talk about the founding fathers and their declaration that all of us are created equal. But the American story started long before that. At least two hundred years earlier, migrant missionaries were greeting the native peoples of the Southwest as brothers and sisters from Florida to California. Sharing with them the most precious gift they could imagine. The gift of knowing the living God.

Before I came to Los Angeles, I was the Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas, which was evangelized by the legendary apostle of Texas, Venerable Antonio Margil de Jesús. The city is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year. So, our Christian roots run deep. We don't think about this much but it is worth remembering: the first non-indigenous language spoken in this country was not English. It was Spanish.

America's founders — including Padre Serra — dreamed of a nation where men and women from every race, religion and national background could live in equality. As brothers and sisters, children of the same God. Their vision helped make this a great nation, exceptional in human history — blessed with freedom and committed to sharing our blessings with the whole human race. Our history has not been pure. It has been filled with tragedy and violent betrayals of our deepest values. But always this vision of the human person has guided us to repentance and to try to make things right and better.

We can see the finest fruits of America's founding vision here today — in the faces of this graduating class and the honorary graduates gathered here today. You are the promise of America. But my friends, I know that many of you feel the way that I do — that our great nation is losing her way.

My dear graduates, you are entering an American society that is more anxious and more bitterly divided than I have ever seen in my lifetime. But the biggest challenges we face are not about globalization, technology or demographics. I believe our biggest challenge is a crisis of identity.

America has lost her way because we have lost the threads of our national story. We no longer know who we are as a people or what our national purpose is.

I say this is our biggest challenge because unless we know who we are and what we are here for, we will never be able to set the right priorities or find the right solutions to the many challenges we face.

The stories we are telling ourselves today are too small, too fearful. They are not generous enough to inspire us to meet the challenges we face.

We need a new narrative that will define us and hold us together as one people with a common purpose. A new narrative that will help us to see beyond our narrow individualisms and the mentality of our "group."

We need to talk about American holiness and heroism.

America is alive in her saints — and we have so many! Mystics and missionaries; martyrs and immigrants; refugees and exiles. They came from everywhere to share their gifts and make this country what she was meant to be, a light to the nations.

There are indigenous saints, like Black Elk, the Lakota Sioux mystic and Catholic catechist.

There are freed slaves like Father Augustus Tolton, our country's first black priest.

We need to hold these people up as examples. Tell their stories. We need to try to be like them in our own lives.

One American saint who means a lot to me came to this country as a refugee. They called her Mother Luisita. In the Church we call her Venerable Maria Luisa Josefa of the Blessed Sacrament.

She was a servant of the poor, a teacher and a healer, a wife and a widow; and later she became a religious sister. Mother Luisita sought refuge in Los Angeles during the anti-Catholic persecutions in Mexico in the 1920s.

America welcomed her and the Catholic Church took care of her. And she established a religious community that is still thriving in Los Angeles.

Mother Luisita used to tell everyone, "For greater things we were born."

My friends, this is the meaning of our lives. This is the meaning of America. The new America is a story that we are writing with our lives. By the decisions we make, and by the way we treat other people.

My prayer for you is that you will write a story that is filled with goodness, love and service; with prayer and giving thanks for simple gifts. I pray that you will always seek to know what is right — and have the courage to do it.

People will tell you this vision is naïve; that it doesn't pay; that we are too far gone for all that.

Don't believe them.

The American story is not over yet. It continues in you and in me. We can still rely on the protection of divine Providence.

We can still open our door with confidence to people who are yearning to breathe free. We can still practice a politics with malice toward none and charity for all. We are made for greater things.

**LITURGY & WORSHIP**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40  
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50  
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12  
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16  
 Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

*Saturdays:* 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM  
*Sundays:* 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:45 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15PM, 6:00 PM  
*Weekdays:* 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM  
*First Wed. & First Fri. Only:* 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 7:00PM  
  
*Eve of Holy Days:* 7:00 PM  
*Holy Days:* 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Saturdays, Thursday before First Friday and Day before Holy Days:* 4:00PM – 5:00PM & 6:00PM– 7:00PM  
*First Fridays:* 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

**PRIESTS**

Rev. Albert H. Avenido-Administrator Pro-Tem  
 Rev. Alidor Mikobi -Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Demetrio Bugayong– Canonical Pastor

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 Sister Mary John, OCD — *Principal*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Office: (310) 830-6180 Fax: (310) 830-6287

Rosa Garcia - *Director, Religious Education*  
 Anna Marie Sharkany—*Director, Youth & Confirmation*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday  
 Monday: Seventh Week in Ordinary Time; St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions  
 Tuesday: St. Rita of Cascia  
 Friday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi  
 Saturday: St. Philip Neri

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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| <p><b>*Saturday, May 19, 2018</b><br/>                 7:30am: Eli Weiner (+)<br/>                 5:00pm: Alejandra Jimenez (+)<br/>                 7:00pm: Ernesto &amp; Lydia Udarbe (L)<br/> <br/> <b>*Sunday, May 20, 2018</b><br/>                 6:00am: Ramon Salvatierra (+)<br/>                 7:30am: Fely Estuar (L) Sick<br/>                 9:15am: Vergel D. Villanueva (+)<br/>                 11:00am: Filmore Macavinta (+)<br/>                 12:45pm: Nelly &amp; Delfin Angeles (+)<br/> <br/>                 2:30pm: Joseph Salatino (+)<br/>                 5:00pm: Tomas&amp;Cayetana Almo(+)<br/>                 Arturo R De Guzman (+)<br/>                 Ben &amp; Arsenia Ben (+)<br/> <br/> <b>* Monday, May 21, 2018</b><br/>                 6:30am: Benita Dahilig (+)<br/>                 8:00am: Benita Dahilig (+)</p> | <p><b>*Tuesday, May 22, 2018</b><br/>                 6:30am: Nat Gorman (L)<br/>                 8:00am: Pacita Victoriano Zarcal (+)<br/> <br/> <b>*Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b><br/>                 6:30am Myrna Lanting (T)<br/>                 8:00am: Alberto Yu (+)<br/> <br/> <b>*Thursday, May 24, 2018</b><br/>                 6:30am: Max Hofilena (+)<br/>                 8:00am: Emilia Ongaco (+)<br/> <br/> <b>*Friday, May 25, 2018</b><br/>                 6:30am: Nessie Labindalawa (L)<br/>                 8:00am: Fortunato M. Constantino (+)<br/> <br/> <b>*Saturday, May 26, 2018</b><br/>                 7:30am: Souls in Purgatory (+)</p> |
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*Legends:*  
 (L) Living (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving (+) Deceased



**Sick Relatives & Friends**



*Please pray for the sick of the parish*

Laki Peato, Jose Wilder Abanto, Cheroel Maple, Connie Arano, Aida Torion Zanoria, LaVerne Wilkom Levenson, Juanita Cariaga, Anita S., Irene Santos, Ellis Robinson, Jack Hogue, Laura Medeiros, Michele Nartea, Louigee Capati, Nick Cruz, Baby Vicente Maldonado, Ada Charisze Espanola, Sony Batucal, Thelma Lago, Merlinda Guerro, Rey Nacino, Rowena T. , Lynden Abalos, Anna Dumlaio , Luz Dominguez, Ester Jornacion, Raul De Leon, Marilou Bautista, Jacen Castillo, Angie Mckittrick, Nelson Mape, Ricardo Cabanban, Ruben Martinez, Odelia Xu, Rosanna Salazar, Jaime Campos, Hong Pham, Frederick Wetzell, Nessie Labindalawa, Dolores Trinidad, Arlene Sambrano, Joy Warden, Ramon Florita, Rosalia Cruz, Evangeline Domingo, Christopher Coffey, Patrick Orbon

*and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.*

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

*All powerful Creator whose loving in hope, look kindly upon,*

Aida Dollente, Kenneth Dulany, Connie Medina Kennedy, Jennifer Myers, Myrna Hadinoto, Ben Sibal, Traci De la Cruz, Rosita Nocos, Fatu Faleafine, Lucy Castillo, Claire Bertha Dors, Rudolfo Tubangui, Tauveve Tu'upo, Eutimio Estrada, Maria Caridad Bigay, Angelito Penalba, Arturo Balatero, Nick Gapuz, Fred Bulacan, Judy Madlangbayan, Maria Ponce Gonzalez, Luis Soto, Mario Torres, Arturo Salas, Luz E. Poli, Raymond Umali, Eliseo Monzon, Robert Palanca, Maria Kienholz, Pauline Mc Millan, Jose Refugio Zamudio, Bella Estiamba, Danny Florencio, Alfonso Odal, Maria Rosie Indrinal, Clarinda del Rosario, Hatsuko Manuel , Arturo Custudio Ozaeta, Jason Baysac, Maria Lourdes Pantejo, Monica De La Cruz, Sergio Meza & all who have departed this life confessing your name. Number them among your saints forever.

**EVANGELIZATION**

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name.

For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts, never despair; in temptation, never be destroyed; in persecution, never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit, put your words on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she, who formed you in her human image, may form them in your Divine Image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Thought of the Week**

“Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.”

-- St. Francis de Sales

**PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PASTOR**

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will be with us as we receive into our parish your servant Rev. Fr Francis Ilano. Help us to show our love and understanding for him as he start working as our Pastor. May we be willing to receive instructions with an open heart and mind and offer encouragement and complete support to him..

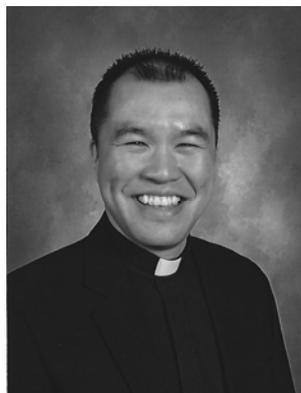
May our parishioners be inspired and our spirits be rekindled with the flame of the Holy Spirit. We pray that with the new Shepherd you sent us we will find peace and joy within us and develop the virtues of obedience and understanding in our service to the church. Make us aware of our needs for each other. Show us ways of removing stumbling blocks that will make your path easy to follow.

Continue to be with us and bind us together in your love and service. This we ask in Jesus name with the intercession of our Mother Mary. AMEN.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is launching a 15 minute survey to better understand the current education perceptions and preferences of Catholic parents. *What do you value in education?* The results will help us make improvements in our Catholic Schools.

You could even win a \$500 Amazon gift card, and could help St. Philomena School win a \$3,000 Technology Grant!

**Just go to:** [www.SchoolSurveyLA.org](http://www.SchoolSurveyLA.org)



**Meet our incoming Pastor - Rev Fr. Francis Ilano**

By July 01, 2018, we will be welcoming Fr. Francis as our new Pastor. Fr. Francis is a BS Computer Engineering graduate of California State University—Long Beach. He attended St John Seminary and received his Master of Divinity in 2006. He was ordained at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels by His Eminence Cardinal Roger M. Mahony in 2006. He served as Associate Pastor at St John Vianney Church, in Hacienda Heights and St Athanasius Church in Long Beach. In 2014 he was appointed Pastor of St. Athanasius Church. Let us include Fr. Francis Ilano in our daily prayers.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS (REP)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm Phone #: (310) 830-6180 ext.'330'

### Open Registration for Religious Education 2018 - 2019!

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)  
First Reconciliation & Communion  
Continuing Religious Formation  
High School Confirmation  
Adult Sacramental Formation

Registrations are available at the Religious Education Program's (REP) Office or the Parish Center office (7 Days a Week).

Turn them in as soon as possible!!

Avoid a late fee registration starting September 1st!

**Register now, get billed later!**  
**Pass the word along to friends, family & neighbors!**

Parents must **RE-REGISTER** all children & teenagers are currently in their year 1 formation, if this is to be their second year for communion or confirmation.

If your child(ren) has already made their First Communion and/or Confirmation, they can still be enrolled for **Continuous Faith Formation!**

### Looking for Adults who are interested in sharing their faith with others

*Have you formed a personal relationship with Jesus?*

*If so,*

*isn't your heart full of love and joy? Do you feel the desire to share that joy of love with others as well? Are you willing to be a missionary sharing the work of evangelization right here in your parish? Are you willing to share your faith with others?*

If you said **YES** to any of the above, **come join the religious education team** as an assistant in the classroom, a substitute catechist or even a catechist! Training is provided at your own pace and time. We are all on a journey of faith and we learn from one another. **Come to the Religious Education Office to fill out a volunteer form!**

Our first Communion, Confirmation, RCIA & continuous formation programs would love to have you on the team!  
Be a worker in the vineyard sharing the Good News of Salvation!



## Congratulations

to our **191 First Communicants** who received the holy sacrament of Holy Communion this Pentecost

**STEWARDSHIP/UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To all our Liturgical Ministers who attended the Virtus Training and Fingerprinting this week. Thank you for complying on the requirements of the Archdiocese with regards to Ministries and Volunteers serving our church, school and Religious Education Program. We appreciate your commitment and dedication in serving our church and particularly Safeguarding the Children of our Parish. We look forward to seeing you on Pentecost Sunday for the commissioning of all the liturgical ministers of this parish at 5pm mass in the Church

**THANKSGIVING MASS AND RECEPTION**

Please join us on June 02, at the 7pm mass in celebration for the retirement of Fr. Demetrio Bugayong. The staff will be hosting a retirement farewell reception for all ministries, religious organizations and prayer groups in the Parish Hall after the mass. Fr. Dem will be available Sunday, June 3rd, after every mass until 1pm for a farewell meet and greet.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

"On Sunday, May 20th, 2018, the 4:15pm & the 6:00pm Masses will be combined into a 5:00pm Mass for Pentecost Sunday & Liturgical Minister's commissioning celebration. Please join us for this blessed celebration."

**ST PHILOMENA PIONEERS**

Our next meeting is our Mother's & Fathers Day Luncheon at Alpine Village, Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 12:30pm.  
 Guests are \$32.00.  
 Reservations must be made by May 14, 2018

**WE MEET! WE PRAY! WE PLAY!**

**SUNDAY MASS COLLECTIONS  
MAY 12-13 2018**

| <u>MASS TIME</u> | <u>COLLECTIONS</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|
| SAT 5:00PM       | 922.00             |
| SAT 7:00 PM      | 2,030.00           |
| SUN 6:00 AM      | 1,266.00           |
| SUN 7:30 AM      | 2,779.00           |
| SUN 9:15 AM      | 3,343.00           |
| SUN 11:00 AM     | 2,850.00           |
| SUN 12:45 PM     | 1,726.00           |
| SUN 2:30 PM      | 1,387.00           |
| SUN 4:15 PM      | 1,438.00           |
| SUN 6:00 PM      | <u>1,326.00</u>    |

**TOTAL \$ 19,067.00**

" You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor.9:11

Our sincerest gratitude for your generosity and continues support to St. Philomena Catholic Church

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**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

Monday, May 28, 2018  
**10:00 AM**

Principal Celebrant  
**BISHOP JOSEPH SARTORIS, D.D**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



# *Pentecost* *Sunday*

*You shall receive power when the*  
**HOLY SPIRIT**  
*has come upon you*

Acts 1:8

**Pentecost Sunday**