

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Pentecost Sunday

June 8th, 2014

Fr. José M. Zepeda, FSSP, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Sun. June 8th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday, <i>I Class</i> † Marilyn Lessel - Emig Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. June 9th 7:45 a.m.	Pentecost Monday, <i>I Class</i> † Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory - Leonard/Mary Tabone
Tues. June 10th 7:45 a.m.	Pentecost Tuesday, <i>I Class</i> † Holy Souls in Purgatory - Anon.
Wed. June 11th 7:45 p.m.	Ember Wednesday of Pentecost, <i>I Class</i> † Joseph Sunday - Dolores Smith
Thu. June 12th 7:45 a.m.	Pentecost Thursday, <i>I Class</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Fri. June 13th 6:00 p.m.	Ember Friday of Pentecost, <i>I Class</i> Mr. Eugene Jerauld -
Sat. June 14th 9:00 a.m.	Ember Saturday of Pentecost, <i>I Class</i> † Mr./Mrs. Christian Keifer - Joyce & Christ Keifer
Sun. June 15th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Trinity Sunday, <i>I Class</i> Lorraine Dore - Patricia and Jack McGovern <i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am
High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am
Friday: 6:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday
One half hour before Mass
Sunday: 7:15-7:50
& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm
Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday — After Mass
Friday-Sunday — Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm
THURSDAY - CLOSED
Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Pentecost Sunday

INTROIT ANTIPHON

Wis. 1: 7; Ps. 67: 2

The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole earth, alleluia; and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* Let God arise, and His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him fly before His face. {V} Glory be.

COLLECT

O God, who hast this day taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost: grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may always be truly wise and ever rejoice in His holy consolations. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

Acts 2: 1-11

When the days of Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven. And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue: and they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these that speak Galileans? And how have we heard every man our own tongue wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews also and Proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians: we have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 103: 30

Alleluia, alleluia. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created: and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia.

[Here all kneel]

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful: and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

GOSPEL

John 14: 23-31

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not, keepeth not My words: and the word which you have heard is not Mine, but the Father's, Who sent Me. These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you. But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. You have heard that I said to you: I go away, and I come unto you. If you loved Me, you would indeed be glad, because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that when it shall come to pass, you may believe. I will not now speak many things with you; for the prince of this world cometh, and in Me he hath not any thing. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father hath given Me commandment, so do I.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 67: 29-30

Confirm this, O God, which Thou hast wrought in us; from Thy temple, which is in Jerusalem, kings shall offer presents to Thee. Alleluia.

SECRET

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer, and shed upon us the light of the Holy Spirit to the purifying of our hearts. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2: 2-4

There came suddenly a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, where they were sitting, alleluia, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking the wonderful works of God, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the in-pouring of the Holy Ghost cleanse our hearts, O Lord; as dew sprinkled over our innermost being, may His presence render us fruitful in good works. Through our Lord.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost is the plenitude of God's gift to men. On Christmas Day, God gives us His only-begotten Son, Christ Jesus, the Mediator, the Bridge connecting humanity and divinity. During Holy Week, Jesus, by His Passion, gives Himself entirely for us, even to death on the Cross. He bathes us, purifying and sanctifying us in His Blood. At Easter, Christ rises, and His Resurrection, as well as His Ascension, is the pledge of our own glorification. He goes before us to His Father's house to prepare a place for us, for in Him and with Him, we have become a part of the divine Family; we have become children of God, destined for eternal beatitude. But the gift of God to men does not end there; having ascended into heaven, Jesus, in union with the Father, sends us His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. The Father and the Holy Spirit loved us to the point of giving us the Word in the Incarnation; the Father and the Word so loved us as to give us the Holy Spirit. Thus the three Persons of the Trinity give Themselves to man, stooping to this poor nothing to redeem him from sin, to sanctify him, and to bring him into Their own intimacy. Such is the excessive charity with which God has loved us; and the divine gift to our souls reaches its culminating point in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the Gift par excellence: *Altissimi Donum Dei*, Gift of the Most High God. The Holy Spirit, the bond and pledge of the mutual love of the Father and the Son, He who accepts, seals, and crowns their reciprocal gift, is given to our souls through the infinite merits of Jesus, so that He will be able to complete the work of our sanctification. By His descent upon the Apostles under the form of tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit shows us how He, the Spirit of love, is given to us in order to transform us by charity, and having transformed us, to lead us back to God.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is not a temporary gift, but a permanent one; in fact, for a soul who lives in charity, He is the sweet Guest who dwells within it. "If anyone love Me," says Jesus in the words of today's Gospel, "...We will come to him and will make Our abode with him." However, this indwelling

of the Trinity - and hence of the Holy Spirit - in the soul which is in the state of grace, is a gift which can and should increase; it is a continual giving. The first donation was made when we were baptized; it was renewed later, *confirmed*, in a special way, by the Sacrament of *Confirmation*, the Sacrament that is, so to speak, the Pentecost of every Christian soul. Progressive renewals of this gift were made with every increase in charity. And what of the present? The Holy Spirit, in union with the Father and the Son, continues to give Himself to the soul more completely, more profoundly, and possessively. Today's Gospel speaks very forcefully about charity, which is at the same time both the condition for and the result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our souls. It is the condition, because, according to Jesus Himself, the three divine Persons dwell only in a soul who loves; it is the result, because "the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, who is given to us" (*Rom 5,5*) Divine love completely preceded us at baptism; without merit on our part and solely through the merits of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was given to us, and His charity was gratuitously diffused in us. Thereafter, each time we corresponded to the divine invitations, by making generous acts of charity, He renewed His invisible visit to our soul, giving us always new grace and charity. Thus our supernatural life has developed under the action of the Holy Spirit; it is caught up in the life-giving transforming current of His love. In this way we understand how the Feast of Pentecost can and should represent a new out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in our souls, a new visit in which He fills us with His gifts.

(Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*)

*Veni, Creator Spiritus - mentes tuorum visita,
Imple superna gratia - quae tu creasti pectora.*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest,
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

WELCOME: St. Michael's wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

MEMORIAL FUND: Please consider donating to our new "Memorial Fund" which is to help provide vestments and sacred vessels in memory of the faithful departed. Donations may be placed in the Sunday collection basket and marked "Memorial Fund". Thank you.

ORDINATIONS: FSSP ordinations will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at 9:00 a.m. St. John the Apostle Church, in Leesburg, VA. Please pray for the men being ordained, Rev. Messrs. Zackary Akers and Daniel Heenan.

Fr. Joseph Heffernan, F.S.S.P., will be with us on Sunday, June 22, 2014. He will celebrate the High Mass of the External Solemnity of Corpus Christi, and give first blessing.

Fr. Michael Stinson, F.S.S.P., has been assigned to be the Assistant Pastor of St. Michael's Church beginning July 1, 2014

Fr. Zepeda will be attending the FSSP ordinations in Leesburg, VA. next weekend. Fr. Bartholomew, FSSP will be here for that time.

APRECIATION: Many thanks go to Mrs. Erika Drain for her generosity in preparing our First Communicants this year. May God reward her work.

CONGRATULATIONS: St. Michael's congratulates the parents and the First Communicants on receiving Our Lord for the first time today. God bless you.

COLLECTION: June 1st - \$2,177.00

ASCENSION THURSDAY: \$511.00

Altar Boy Schedule

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

MC James McWhirter
TH John Gillenkirk
AC1 Joseph McWhirter
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Robert Seeley
S1 John Pheasant
S2 Andrew Pheasant
S3 Matthew Gillenkirk
S4 Timothy Emig

WEEK THREE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday John Pheasant
7:45 a.m. Andrew Pheasant

Thursday William Skuba
7:45 a.m. John Skuba

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 15th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Anthony Mitchell
TH Matthew Davidson
AC1
AC2 Joshua Sica
C Timothy Sica
S1 John Mitchell
S2 Brian LaFata
S3 Francis LaFata
S4 Stephen LaFata