



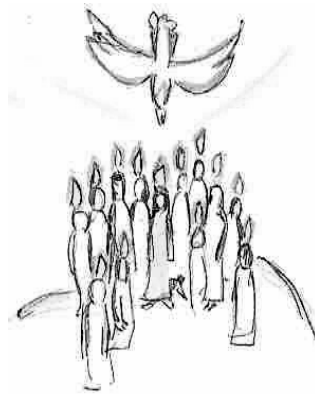
Day of Pentecost

23 May 2010

We live in a world torn by conflicting interests, jealousy, aggressiveness, and so many forms of enslavement. All this is the consequence of SIN, from the first to the latest sin that has darkened the horizon of mankind. Left to ourselves, we would have been unable to overcome such destructive forces. That is why God promised and sent the Holy Spirit, as the divine healing Power that can undo the tragedies of division, mistrust, and hatred brought about by human sinfulness.



As we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit over the disciples gathered in the Upper Room, let us open our hearts to Him so that we, too, may share in their wonderful experience. May the Holy Spirit fashion us to the likeness of Jesus and into a community characterized by mutual acceptance, appreciation, solidarity, and brotherly love.



THE MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

When the Son (Jesus) completed the work with which the Father had entrusted him on earth, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost (50 days after Easter) to sanctify the Church unceasingly, and thus enable believers to have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. This Spirit is the Spirit of life, the fountain of water welling up to give eternal life. The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of all the faithful. The Spirit prays in them and bears witness to them through their adoption as children of God. The Spirit leads the Church into all truth and gives unity in communion and in service.

The Spirit endows the Church with different **GIFTS: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe** (1 Corinthians 12) and directs it by their means, and enriches it with His **FRUITS: love, joy, peace, goodness, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, modesty, gentleness and self-control** (Galatians 5:22-23).

These **GIFTS** and **FRUITS** are given to us at Baptism and strengthened at our Confirmation.



Go forth now as Pentecost people, filled with the Spirit, dreaming dreams, and seeing visions of God's possibilities.



We go forth, knowing we are beloved and blessed by a God who never leaves us alone.

Go, to be surprised by the Spirit in all that you do and everywhere that you go.

We go, claiming our identity as Pentecost people-- people of wind and fire, dreams and visions, people filled with That most amazing and transforming Spirit. Amen.



**THE SEARCH FOR THE 2010 FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS
is in FULL SWING !**



The **First Canvassing** will be held on **Saturday, May 29, 2010, 6: 00 p.m.** at the Church Hall. The boy and girl candidates who would remit the highest amount of solicitations would be named the FCMM Reyna Elena and Constantino 2010. Entrance is \$ 7.00 inclusive of light refreshments. Tickets are now available from our FCMM Administrators.



St. Anthony of Padua is one of the most famous disciples of St. Francis of Assisi. He was a famous preacher and worker of miracles in his own day, and throughout the eight centuries since his death he has so generously come to the assistance of the faithful who invoke him, that he is known throughout the world.

JOIN US here at the FCMM for the ENGLISH TRIDUUM of MASSES

**on Thursday, June 10 – Saturday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.
and FEAST DAY CELEBRATION OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
on Sunday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m.**

STEWARDSHIP – “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

- John 14:26

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us and from us. It is good to know that when we are confused by our stewardship responsibilities we can call on the Holy Spirit to show us the way.



Your Offerings for the week ending May 16, 2010 totaled **\$ 1,432. 50**

Thank you for your continuing generosity !
God bless you always!!!



- ❖ To the **new arrivals** from the Philippines;
- ❖ To the **visitors** from other places;
- ❖ To those who have **been away and are back**;



We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of:

DULCE & JOHN ROBIN PANDY, TESSIE CORPUZ, MARICHU TAWAY, THE VALENZUELA FAMILY, BENITO MAGNO, IRENEO PACOL, WINIE, RUBY and CARISSA DE MESA, JOSEPHINE MOYO.



- ❖ Your prayers are humbly requested for all the **sick and suffering** members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, ELECITA ARACENA, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, ALFREDO

PADERANGA SR., ANTONIO FOZ, NORA ZABALA, JULIO MACARAIG, BEATA SANGALANG, FRUCTUOSA VELASQUEZ, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, EMELITA GASPAY, ANGELITA ZARAGOSA, FELIMON AMIAN SR., GERRIELYN ANN MASAYA, DAWN DELA PAZ, PABLITO DE CASTRO, MARIA MINDA MIÑON, RODOLFO REQUILMAN, FELICITAS GARCIA, C.G.A., JESS ALCAIDE, VERONICA DE LAS ALAS, DALMACIO AQUINO SR., ANNIE FORGET, JULIE PARADO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, MARIE FAUBERT. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially EUDALDO MOYO SR., ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Stop by or call the FCMM Office (514 387 – 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GRACES RECEIVED** offered by **JOSEFINA YABUT.**



United and Empowered by the Spirit

After the sin of Adam and Eve, and the universal perversion that enveloped mankind and which led God to purify it through the Flood, came the episode of the Tower of Babel – the third major disaster in human history. The construction of that tower intended to “reach the sky” and “to make a name” for its builders was no innocent architectural blunder. Rather, it was a proud revolt against God’s sovereignty and an attempt to supplant Him by organizing a godless society in which earthly values were supposed to be everything, to the exclusion of transcendent ones. The catastrophic result of that plan was of such a magnitude that the whole of mankind has ever since staggered under its crushing weight. The proliferation of languages mentioned in the Book of Genesis is just a partial symptom of a much deeper and more serious malaise: the pride and selfishness which sets man against man, group against group, nation against nation. Those who reject the authority of God soon become the oppressors of their kind. It is personal and social sin in its endless ramification of tentacles that continually threaten to choke individuals and societies. A shattered and scattered mankind endlessly renews the causes of its own undoing.

Nor is sin only a cause of division among individuals and nations. It is also a cause of struggle even within each individual sinner as it unleashes in him/her the quest for physical pleasure against spiritual values, and sows discord in the basic orientation of every person, as St. Paul pointed out (see Rom 7:15-24) and as each of us knows very well.

Only God can rid mankind of the plague of sin in all its forms. His “rescue plan” includes two interrelated stages: redemption through Jesus Christ; healing process and sanctification through the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ reconciled mankind with God and broke down the barriers separating Jews from Gentiles, and man from man. (See Rom 5:10 and Eph 2:13-18.) The Spirit makes the power of Christ’s Redemption present and operative in all corners of the world and for all generations, and thereby undoes all forms of devastation produced by sin. The Spirit is the one who heals the wounds caused by conflicting interests and binds into a harmonious whole the variety of human resources and efforts.

It is for such a purpose that the Risen Christ breathed his Spirit on his Apostles and sent it as a mighty wind to the whole community of believers on Pentecost Day. (See Jn 20:22-23 and Acts 2:1-4.) Thus he gave the whole Church, represented by its initial members, the unifying bond that alone can reconcile people with God, and among themselves.

From that moment on, Pentecost was revealed to the world as the anti-Babel event. And since the root of all mankind’s disasters is sin, the Spirit is given to the Church as the anti-sin power. The Spirit of love and unity counteracts the negative effects of hatred, division, rejection, exploitation . . . through the balm of forgiveness and trust. He builds up the “new man” by instilling in him a new faith, a new hope, a new love . . . Thus is the history of humankind transformed into a constant effort to undo the disaster of Babel, and to build up the Kingdom of harmony and love which Christ came to establish and which will find its completion in the “New Jerusalem” of the world to come.

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**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.**

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

**Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of
the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by
the same Holy Spirit to have right judgment in all
things and ever to rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



