



[Jesus] said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”

JOHN 20:21

Spirited Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger, much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward?

Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To “live in the flesh” is Paul’s code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not “fall back into fear,” something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh. ●

Reflect

What situations or “triggers” cause me to act out of my baser instincts?

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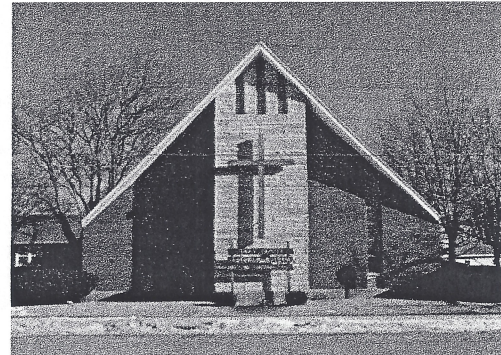
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St. Thomas More Site

302 Chestnut Street

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Holy Trinity Site

Parish Office

212 S Main Street

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Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site

in the Confessional between

10:30 am-11:15am

Church Office Info

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St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 9, 2025

Monday	6/9			† No Mass
Tuesday	6/10	9:00 am	STM Site	† No Mass
Wednesday	6/11	5:30 pm	HT Site	† No Mass
Thursday	6/12	9:00 am	HT Site	† No Mass
Friday	6/13	9:00 am	STM Site	† No Mass

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 14-15 2025

Saturday	6/14	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† Liz Olivero
Sunday	6/15	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Bill Jr. Waite

Pentecost – The Birthday Of The Church Founded By Jesus Christ

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost marks the definitive end of the Easter Season. It occupies a very important position in the Church's life and liturgical calendar. This is because it marks the beginning of the Church's missionary endeavor. Pentecost day is a day of renewal and empowerment.

Today we celebrate a great feast, when Christ fulfilled His promise to us. As Christ's disciples, every true believer has been empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the mutual love of the Father and the Son. He empowers us to go into our world to bring peace, unity, joy, love and salvation to nations.



In today's second reading, Paul makes a very important statement: *"No one can say Jesus is Lord, except through the Holy Spirit."* This means that it is God himself who enables us to recognize and accept the lordship of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Due to pride, it is difficult for Satan to acknowledge and accept the lordship of Christ. To say *"Jesus is Lord"* is to humble oneself. It means to accept Christ as the Lord and Savior of one's life. Truly, this is only possible through the spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit.

In the gospel, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon his disciples in order to restore their peace and to free them from the slavery of fear. Christ knew that the Holy Spirit empowers and liberates. So, the Spirit we have received, "is not the spirit of fear and timidity, but the Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline." (2 Tim 1:7)

According to our Catechism, the Holy Spirit empowers us, makes us strong Christians and soldiers of Christ (CCC 1302). This empowerment comes through the different gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit. Through them, we become bold to call God our Father (Rom 8:15), and above all, to proclaim to our world that Jesus Christ is Lord. Also, the Holy Spirit helps us to bear good fruits in Christ (Gal 5, 22). He leads us into the kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy.

Today, we must ask ourselves: "What does the Holy Spirit want me to do? Where is He leading me to?" It is important to reflect on these questions, especially now that our world has become so complex, and many of us seem confused. We must pay attention to Him. We must be docile to him. We must let him lead and show us the best way. (Excerpted from Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp., frcanicenjoku.com)

This Weekend's Visiting Priest

Fr. Martin Mwongyera was born in Nyakishenyi, Uganda in 1965. He was ordained in 1996. He now resides in Chillicothe, IL since 2022 and became Pastor of St. Edward Church in 2024. Again, we would like to thank Fr. Martin for his precious help.

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June 1st Weekend

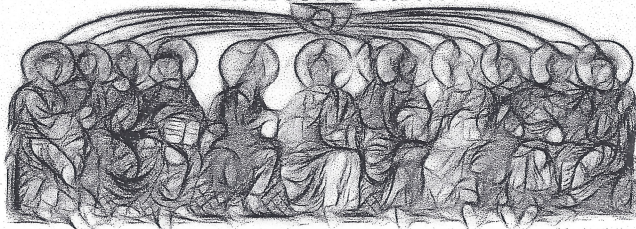
St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections: \$3046.00

HT site \$1,885.00

STM site \$1,161.00

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Confessions

No Confession on

Sat. June 14th

Dear Padre,

My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder, albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God's grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 9 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	June 10 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 1:18–22 Mt 5:13–16	June 11 <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3 Mt 5:17–19	June 12 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 3:15– 4:1, 3–6 Mt 5:20–26	June 13 <i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 5:27–32	June 14 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 5:14–21 Mt 5:33–37	June 15 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Prv 8:22–31 Rom 5:1–5 Jn 16:12–15



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Spirit...makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.... We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith...! [The Holy Spirit]...brings...the faith up to date: this is his job. [He] does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022