Welcome

We are glad you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith Community, please contact our parish office at pastor@ololgc.org or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm Sunday 11:30 am Wednesday 8:00 am Thursday 5:30 pm Cucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

Confession Saturday 4:30 pm Wednesday during Adoration Any time by Appointment

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St. Mary 407 W. Pells Street Paxton, IL 60957

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am Wednesday 7:00 pm Friday 8:00 am Cucharistic Adoration Friday following 8AM Mass Confession Friday following 8AM Mass

St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street Loda, IL 60948 Mass Schødulø Sunday 8:00 am Tuesday 5:30 pm Conføssion Sunday 7:30am

JUNE 9, 2019 PENTECOST SUNDAY



When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

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Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Sick??

If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Dong at (217)784-4671 Emergency (630)456-5406

Marriage/RCIA

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DOLLARS AT WORK!

Just an update on parish projects! The hall basement has been drying and we are in the process of picking out new carpet and replacing bookcases for the RE classrooms. We will NEED HELP on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30PM for about an hour or two to move everything from the basement to the main level in the hall to prepare for carpet installation. If you are available, please call Patti in the office (217)784-4671 or email at pastor@ololgc.org so that we are sure that we have enough help. Again, a great service project for the older kiddos! There may or may not be ice cream :)

Father's Day Special Collection for Diocesan Priests' Care & Support

On Father's Day June 15-16, 2019, there will be a special collection to care for our infirm and retired priests. The money in this fund goes toward priests who need help with extraordinary medical expenses or suffer a catastrophic illness. It also provides for the care of the St. John Vianney Villa, home to several retired priests in the Diocese of Joliet.

Prayerfully consider making a donation to help our aged and sick priests as an expression of appreciation for all they have done in exemplifying Christ's mercy, through their spiritual guidance and celebration of the sacraments. We are grateful for your prayers and for your generous support of the Father's Day Collection for our aged and infirmed diocesan priests.



What is Pentecost Sunday And When Is It Celebrated

Pentecost is the day that the church was born. Christ was crucified, rose again, spent thirty days with His disciples, then ascended to heaven. Pentecost immediately followed. For two millennia, Christians have been celebrating the church's birthday with joy and exuberance. Pentecost Sunday takes place 40 days after Easter Sunday. Originally, Pentecost was a Jewish holiday what was held 50 days after Passover as one of the major Jewish feasts. Here's how it all got started.

Background of Pentecost Sunday

Believed to be the oldest feast in the Church, the story of Pentecost dates back to the first century A.D. The feast of Pentecost coincided with the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which occurs 50 days after the Passover (Deuteronomy 16:10). According to Jewish tradition, the Ten Commandments were given to Moses 50 days after the first Passover, which freed the Hebrews from their bondage in Egypt. As the Hebrews settled into Canaan, the feast became a time to honor the Lord for blessing the fruits of their labors.

Story of Pentecost

In John 14:16-18 Jesus tells His disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after Him:

And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like me—and he will never leave you. The world won't receive him because they can't see him or know him. But you will know him intimately, because he will make his home in you and will live inside you. "I promise that I will never leave you helpless or abandon you as orphans—I will come back to you! – John 14:16-18 (<u>The Passion Translation</u>)

The Book of Acts provides us with the starting details and events that took place to bring the church into being. Picking up the story right after the Book of Luke, 40 days after Jesus' death and resurrection, and 10 days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the promise of the Holy Spirit came to be. With 120 disciples who had been in a 10 day prayer meeting. We can find that in the second chapter of the Book of Acts:

On the day Pentecost was being fulfilled, all the disciples were gathered in one place. Suddenly they heard the sound of a violent blast of wind rushing into the house from out of the heavenly realm. The roar of the wind was so overpowering it was all anyone could bear! Then all at once a pillar of fire appeared before their eyes. It separated into tongues of fire that engulfed each one of them. They were all filled and equipped with the Holy Spirit and were inspired to speak in tongues—empowered by the Spirit to speak in languages they had never learned! – Acts 2:1-4

These events that took place in Acts, chapter 2 are what started the church. Crowds came to investigate what was going on and Peter spoke to them about Jesus later on in chapter 2:

Peter replied, "Repent and return to God, and each one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, to have your sins removed. Then you may take hold of the gift of the Holy Spirit. For God's promise of the Holy Spirit is for you and your families, for those yet to be born and for everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." – Acts 2:38-39

From the crowds, 3,000 realized the truth of Peter's words and became followers of Jesus. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit came and resulted in tongues, prophecy, miracles, salvations, and the birthing of countless churches.



POUR OUT CHURCH-SEPTEMBER 14/15 WEEKEND

Our Lady of Lourdes would like to participate in the **POUR OUT CHURCH** weekend and combine our efforts with other churches in Gibson City to help local residents. We would also like to make sure that anyone in our own parish that needs labor for a project is aware of this opportunity. If you would like to participate or know of anyone in need or places contact Patti in the office (217)704 4571 or pactor@clobe.com

of assistance, please contact Patti in the office (217)784-4671 or pastor@ololgc.org and she will get you on a contact list. Please prayerfully reflect on this opportunity to join in a weekend filled with service and the opportunity to work side by side with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish

office at 217-784-4671 or

pastor@ ololgc.org.

Calendar

Monday JUNE 10 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

JUNE 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3 Mt 5:13–16

> Wednesday JUNE 12 Weekday 2 Cor 3:4–11 Mt 5:17–19

Thursday JUNE 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26

> Friday JUNE 14 Weekday 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 5:27–32

Saturday JUNE 15 Weekday

2 Cor 5:14–21 Mt 5:33–37

Sunday JUNE 16 Most Holy Trinity Prv 8:22–31 Rom 5:1–5 In 16:12–15



What's the significance of the Holy Spirit? Why wasn't the Spirit more present to Jesus during his life?

Confused? You're not alone. To many, the Holy Spirit is the leastunderstood member of the Trinity, but there are insights to be gleaned from Scriptures.

The Spirit is prominent in the Old Testament, with many references. The "Spirit of God" is alternately seen as a divine force in the world, or as God



himself acting upon the earth or individual lives. In Genesis, this force is active at the creation. History, too, is affected by the Spirit, or "presence" of the Lord (Exodus 33:14–17). The Spirit is imparted to patriarchs, prophets, kings, and individuals who will shape history for the covenant people: Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Gideon, David, Ruth.

The Spirit is also evident in the New Testament. The Spirit "overshadows" the

Virgin Mary (Luke 1:35) and inspires the prophecy of John the Baptist (John 1:26). The Spirit is an integral part of Jesus' mission, beginning with his baptism in the Jordan (Matthew 3:13–17; Mark 1:9–11; Luke 3:21–22). By the Spirit's power, Jesus expels demons and heals the sick (Matthew 12:28; Luke 11:20). The Spirit is resurrected Jesus' gift to the apostles (John 20:22). Jesus' mission is complete when he sends the Spirit to the church at Pentecost (Acts 1:8; 2:1–4).

This brief review doesn't mean the mystery of the Spirit can be easily solved. God can't be fully explained, even by Scripture. Mystery invites trust, not comprehension! It's only when we give ourselves entirely to the Spirit's power in our lives that we begin to understand the significance of the Holy Spirit.

> -Fr. Samuel Maranto, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A Word from Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit is the fire of love burning in the Church and in our hearts, even though we often cover him with the ash of our sins. Let us ask him: Spirit of God, Lord, who dwell in my heart and in the heart of the Church, guiding and shaping her in diversity, come! —Pentecost Mass, June 4, 2017

Good News!

June 9, 2019 *Pentecost (C)* Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

In his bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*, Gary Chapman points out that a common way to show love is to give gifts. Perhaps Jesus' love language was giving gifts, because he sure did it a lot. He gave sight to the blind, power to the weak, food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, faith to the faithless, and love to the lonely.

One gift he wants to give us is the Holy Spirit. We read in Acts how the power of this gift of the Spirit transformed the early Church. Jesus wants to do the same for us.

When we were baptized, we received the Holy Spirit, and at confirmation we said yes to his spiritual gifts more completely. Yet for many, the power of the Holy Spirit is a pious thought rather than something we experience daily.

Here are a few ways to open your heart to the Sanctifier's inspirations: First, be grateful for God's gifts and inspirations. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux said, "What most attracts God's grace is gratitude, because if we thank him for a gift, he is touched and hastens to give us ten more." Second, practice detachment. If we cling to our possessions, viewpoints, and ourselves, there's little room for the Spirit to move us. Third, ask God for inspiration-then listen. God doesn't usually force himself on us, so ask him to come in more powerfully. Then practice a little silence and listen. You'll be surprised at how the Holy Spirit speaks to you.

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC